

## **Athens Area Pickleball Minutes**

Board meeting December 12, 1:00pm

Tennis Center

**Members Present:** Lilly Garrett, Vickie Edwards, Diane Strong, Kevin McHugh, Ian Bassett, Tom McEnaney, Janelle McCain, Kris Bakowski, Owen Bullard, Steve Bryant, Jerry Tolbert, Penny Adams,

**Absent:** Polly Crumbley, Joan Baird, Pam Benson, Citizen Group: Valarie Fagan

Start meeting 1:00:

Approve November minutes: Janelle motion, Vicki 2nd

**Treasurer's Report-Kevin** - not much going on, few bills for nets, balls. Tax forms have been filed for 2023. Insurance renewal should be Jan/Feb timeframe.

**Membership-Kevin** - Should be at 500 members by year end

- Change lockbox combination - combinations will be change beginning of Jan/2023
- Late membership registration? - was one late membership - will monitor to make sure there isn't any inconsistency going forward

**Leisure Services/Equipment Report** - Tom McEnaney - windscreens at SEC were fixed, pine needles are supposed to be blown weekly and it's not being done. LS will change combinations when requested.

All set on balls for the time being, 39 new indoor balls each to Heard and Lay - lava red. 100 outdoor and 100 indoor balls were purchased for HCM in Oconee for \$317. People in Oconee contributed \$280 towards the balls. 8 new replacement nets were purchased and can be used as needed.

Satterfield courts are still scheduled for resurfacing in Spring as tennis courts and temporary pickleball courts.

No response from LS on trees/shade/pine straw at SEC courts

**Communication** Facebook Group-Polly Crumbley - Kris spoke for Polly, 447 facebook members, want to figure out how to drive up AAPA membership from here.

**Ambassador** - Janelle McCain - Janelle resigned from USA Pickleball Ambassador position citing lack of benefits to AAPA. Bringing commissioners to the park was discussed to see the issues with facilities and abundance of play. Some new rules will come out Jan 1, we are examining if a pdf could be found with the rules for members. New rules highlighted areas include spin serve, color of clothing and calling the score.

**Over 60 League Play** - Kevin McHugh - Kevin stated that if interest didn't pick up after the holidays we could drop this off the agenda.

**Citizens Committee - Valerie**

- Clarke Central - still waiting on lines, will be tennis nets with pickleball lines
- Willie Greene - facility won't work for pickleball due to lack of bounce on the floors, possibly could be use for drilling with a machine. Facility is mostly booked at this point and may go private if county doesn't act to acquire the facility in some form.

Diane just got another cookie - stating this one was for lunch.

## Old Business

- Information box at Bishop Park - Lilly said it was removed and not sure by who. We'll be checking the box out there and asking the park.
- Nets left at Boys and Girls Club - JT said he couldn't see anything there but it was very dark and they acted like they didn't even want him in the building - unfortunate.
- Kevin is checking alternate storage locations with Marcus Smoot - getting exact location and cost if we were to switch. Janelle stated that for the \$20 per month savings, it wouldn't be worth it if the location was inconvenient.

## New Business

- Ray Akridge is now IPTPA certified Level 1 instructor. This is for beginners and rate is \$50/hr - can be split by multiple attendees. 3 others in the area offer lessons: Tom Senyitko, Marc Gallant, and Michelle Milliman
- Tim Rogan has brought up the issue of a glare coming off the baseball area at certain times of the year. He has proposed putting something on the fence to block the glare. Decision was made to stick with the windscreens as a background. *(EDIT: Proposed building a louvred wall outside of the fence - LS won't allow anything else to be attached to the fence including two layers of wind screen as it puts too much weight/pressure on the fence. TR)*
- UGA is in the process of changing 2 tennis into 8 pickleball courts - nothing in stone yet, but apparently discussions are happening. Any help AAPA could be was offered to them.
- Mailchimp email was sent out late. Had to download Chrome to use mailchimp instead of Safari like in the past.
- Kris raised the issue of having a shaded area at SEC and was going to check with Hiawassee to get pricing
- Ian asked to get a definition of our short term and long term goals so we can provide our purpose as well as the membership fees purpose to members. All members are asked to come up with goals for the association so we can all be on the same page. These will be sent to Lilly and discussed in January. Very frustrating going to the same people over and over and getting nowhere, need a united front.
- Kevin stated the amount of money we have in the bank and funds collected is not jeopardizing our 501c3 status.

2:45 Penny made a motion to adjourn. Ian second.