

Athens Area Pickleball Associations
Minutes
June 12, 2023

Board Members Present: Vickie Edwards, KevinMcHugh, Tom McEnhaney, Janelle McCain, Andrew Baker

Advisors: Kris Barkowski, Owen Bullard, Penny Adams, Steve Bryant

Citizens Group: Valerie Fagan

StartMeeting: Approved May minutes.

Treasurer's Report: (Kevin) Nothing new to report.

Membership: (Kevin)

Current membership at 460. Purged around 150 from the old roster. Gaining about 20 new members per month. Hope to be back to 500 by year end.

Leisure Services/Equipment Report: (Tom)

1. ACC did not accept our offer to contribute 20K to Satterfield resurfacing and converting to permanent pickleball courts.
2. Tom sent a letter to OC with details for new courts at Herman C Michael per their request. The county is taking under advisement with no further discussion.
3. New nets (only) are available for Bishop Park and Satterfield. Nets are currently lasting about 1 year.
4. All facilities are good on balls. No balls will be given to JMCC or UGA.

Communication: (Polly)

Facebook currently has about 620 followers. No issues to report.

Social Committee: (Joan) Not present.

Will discuss the next social event at the July meeting.

Citizens Committee: (Valerie)

1. The board voted to donate 2 used net systems to Clarke Central. Janelle made motion and Kevin seconded. Valerie is meeting again with Dr. Ward. He is committed to moving forward with the program.

2. Trey Varnum has completed his Level One Certification and has obtained the required insurance. Volunteers will be needed to assist with teaching. Discussed having a paddle donation drive in the future.

Old Business:

Still waiting to hear back from ACC Leisure Services about rule and etiquette signs at courts.

New Business: (Janelle, Andrew)

Both met with Tim Rogan earlier that morning to discuss updating/re-creating our AAPA website. Tim has been managing the site for years without compensation. Andrew has reached out to a local website developer to get a quote to create or update the existing site. Features would include better payment options for dues and tournaments, a dedicated enhanced mobile site and links to social media. The site would be more modern and user friendly. Tim had suggested removing unvisited pages and focusing more on Places We Play. Also a new site would take us out of HTML and provide more relevant content, graphics and links to other useful information. We have asked Tim for a quote to do the upgrade as he is not interested in providing that level of free. A new site at a higher level could cost upwards of \$3000. The members present agreed it was money well spent and would benefit everyone and draw new memberships. More discussion will be at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.