

Board members: Lilly Garrett, Kevin McHugh, Ian Bassett, Tom McEnaney, Janelle McCain

Advisors: Kris Bakowski, , Joan Baird, Steve Bryant, Jerry Tolbert, Penny Adams
Citizen Group: Valarie Fagan

Absent: Vickie Edwards, Diane Strong, Polly Crumbley, Owen Bullard, Pam Benson

Start meeting: 1:04

Kevin motion to approve January amended minutes with Valerie Fagan duplicate name removed.
Penny second

Treasurer's Report-Kevin

- Flowers for Jim Conglose's funeral.
- Approve \$500 each donations to Lay and Heard park gyms
- Approve \$250 donation to First United Methodist Church
- Tom motion, Janelle 2nd
- Janelle motion for Lilly to spends up to \$250 as needed, Jerry 2nd

Membership-Kevin

-Membership is growing and we're looking at 500-550 members. Still trying to resolve issues with mailchimp vs members. Janelle suggested possibly putting it out on group me to see who isn't getting emails

Membership-Vickie

- Set-up tables at SEC or Bishop once a month for information and registering?
- Spring Fling will not be held at SEC this year but at Dudley Park, April 1.

Leisure Services/Equipment Report-Tom McEnaney/Ian Bassett

- Report on meeting with Kent Kilpatrick and Trevor Ross about trees surrounding SEC
- Satterfield re-construction

Leisure Service agree trees are an issue, offered to purchase a blower for AAPA if we wanted to keep debris off the courts. Agreed maintenance is bad. Kent Kilpatrick is getting with resurfacing company since there are crack and holes in SEC and Bishop park.

Leisure Service is set to vote to approve reconstructions of Satterfield in the beginning of March. They will not sway on their 3 tennis courts there and AAPA will be submitting requests on making better use of the space by creating 10 temporary courts and additional requests

Court reservations.

Out of curiosity Kris tried reserving court #4 at Bishop Park for Wednesday, Feb. 15,
9:00-10:00am

The response was: That court, along with 4-9, are reserved that morning for COTA play. There are courts 1-3, near Sunset Drive, that are available on a first come, first serve basis you are welcomed to use.

Tom also found that Bishop Park tennis courts are being reserved by private schools, and out of county private schools.

Apparently 4 of the out of county school reservations were moved elsewhere but no explanation on out of county schools reserving public courts.

Communication Facebook Group-Polly Crumbley

No report.

Social Committee-Joan

Akademia Night, Dink Responsibly- Jerry Tolbert

Jesse Houle, Dist. 6 commissioner was able to attend

45 total. Jessie Houle suggested speaking with the commissioner responsible for Satterfield's district if we wanted to make Pickleball courts there and to promote youth development.

Said he would back it if she was for it.

Galentines luncheon invitation hosted by Nelda Van Schoick was sent out by mailchimp.

Will try to have a luncheon in March – Joan is checking on her church for a possible location.

Maybe a brewery for another gathering in April – decide in March meeting.

Citizens Committee-Valerie

- Clarke Central – working on building a pickleball program with school (Dr. Ward). USA pickleball offers \$300 scholarships to promote school pickleball
- Willie Greene – courts don't seem to work for pickleball,

Old Business

- Suggestions for our 10 years of pickleball in Athens – Sept 2013 was the start, Kris is developing a logo, possibly have a tournament
- Roy Carroll found out that the Boys and Girls Club does not open until 1:00pm so there is no one on duty in the morning. So BGC isn't available at this time.
- Also checked into maybe having access to Clarke Middle School for the summer, but they are going to do a major construction project over the summer.
- Ashford Orthopedic Specialists? Lunch social talk? Haven't heard back yet.

New Business

Janelle reported on a meeting with the classic center for a possible future pickled peach tournament. Construction is scheduled to finish Spring 2024. There is a potential for 25 courts, indoor. Have to decide if this is something we want to do.

- Clinics-Penny – Tom Senyitko would need to know more detail before providing pricing.
- First United Methodist Church would like to have a pickleball session for the kids on one of their VCS days. (FYI Kim Sharp lost her balance at FUMC and broke her wrist.) Lilly and Gary will head up the kids sessions.
- Has been suggested to hold a membership only tournament in memory of Jim Conglose. This would be done at Jennings Mill or indoors if it was to happen. JT will check on court rental fee for Lay Park

Ray Akridge is asking for a support letter from AAPA board to Leisure Services to instruct on Leisure Services courts.

After discussion the board felt that we really do not have control over public courts. That it is between Leisure Services and any certified instructor to come to an agreement about a contract or permit to give lessons on the public courts.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm