

**Athens Area Pickleball Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 14, 2022**

**Members Present:** Lilly Garrett, Kevin McHugh, Ian Bassett, Vickie Edwards, Joan Baird, Polly Crumbley, Penny Adams, Tom McEnaney, Jerry Tolbert, Steve Bryant, Janelle McCain, Kris Bakowski

**Members absent:** Diane Strong, Owen Bullard, Pam Benson

Lilly Garrett called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. A motion was made by Penny Adams to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled board meeting. Kevin McHugh seconded it and the motion passed unanimously. Tom McEnaney made a motion to approve the minutes from the annual meeting held on October 11<sup>th</sup> and Steve Bryant seconded it. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report**

Kevin McHugh submitted a budget for the next fiscal year to the board. Tom McEnaney made a motion to approve it. Vickie Edwards seconded it and the motion carried.

Kevin said that the net expenses for the canceled pickleball tournament were approximately \$450. These expenses were the costs incurred from the Pickleball software company and from the PayPal fees we had to pay when people registered.

Lily Garrett presented a bill for approximately \$282 for a utility cart for Heard Community Center. This was to replace a cart that had been damaged which AAPA originally purchased. Janelle made a motion to pay this invoice and Ian Bassett seconded it. The board approved the payment of this bill.

**Membership**

Kevin stated that we are at 489 members and he hopes that we will be at 500 by the end of December. He had put a notice on the Dinkers group encouraging those that weren't members to sign up. That didn't result in many new memberships. Janelle suggested that he add a post with the direct link to the website for people to join. Steve Bryant suggested an incentive for the 500<sup>th</sup> member that joins. The Board agreed that the 500<sup>th</sup> member to join would get its dues refunded.

Membership brochures will be reprinted and distributed to playing locations. Lilly said that she placed a box with information at Herman C. Michael Park but it has gone missing.

**Election of Officers**

The new slate of officers for this fiscal year is as follows:

Lilly Garrett, President

Ian Bassett, Vice President

Kevin McHugh, Treasurer

Tom McEnaney, Secretary

Kevin McHugh made a motion to approve this slate of officers and Vickie Edwards seconded it. The motion was carried.

There are several standing committees for AAPA. Those committees and their chairs are:

Hospitality - Joan Baird

Membership - Kevin McHugh

Facilities and Equipment - Tom McEnaney

Communications - Polly Crumbley

Tournaments - Diane Strong

## **Facilities and Equipment**

Tom McEnaney will be ordering more indoor balls for Herman C. Michael Park and Lay Park. He will also be ordering some new nets.

Trevor Ross will no longer be at Heard Park as the director there. He has been promoted and will now have an office at Bishop Park overseeing many different areas. They are interviewing candidates to take his place.

Satterfield Park is still scheduled for resurfacing but we don't know exactly when that will take place.

It was suggested that come spring, if our number of players continues to grow, it might be necessary to institute paddle stacking at Southeast Clarke Park.

Joan Baird will check in with the Boys and Girls Club first of the year to see if there is a chance to get back in there to play in the mornings. Jerry Tolbert offered to go by the club to see if any of our equipment might still be there.

## **Ambassador Report**

Janelle said that Virginia McKenna and Lu Harris-Champer played doubles at the National USA Pickleball tournament in Indian Wells last weekend. They won a silver medal. Lu also played singles and won a bronze medal.

Bill Hess, the regional ambassador, sent some information to all ambassadors in the state to see about setting up a tournament that would be just for USA Pickleball members. It is to encourage individuals to join USA Pickleball. Janelle said she has had a hard time finding out how many people are actually USA Pickleball members in our area and didn't think that type of tournament would yield enough participants in Athens.

Janelle had previously reported that we were not going to be involved with the Athens Christmas Parade this year but will look at the possibility for next year.

## **Citizens group**

Valerie Fagan reported to Lilly that Jon Ward at Clarke Central was going through with painting the pickleball lines on the tennis courts at Clarke Central. Once that is done, he will let us know about the details of playing there. The courts would not be available during school hours.

## **COTA/Jennings Mill**

Lilly Garrett and Joan Baird met with Robin Stevens and Brenda Rogers from the Clarke Oconee Tennis Association (COTA). Robin and Brenda shared that it was difficult to get a letter of agreement signed with Athens Clarke County for usage of the tennis courts. They also said that in order for them to have a sanctioned tennis tournament that they needed 30 dedicated tennis courts in four locations maximum.

Jennings Mill now has 8 designated pickleball courts. They are also offering a \$50 a month dues fee to play pickleball.

## **New Business**

Lilly Garrett is going to set up a Group Me group just for board members and advisors to get information out quicker.

Lilly and Gary had an interview with Jim Bass of the Red and Black. The article they are doing is going to be in the *Ampersand* which is a quarterly publication of the Red and Black. The reporter also went to Southeast Clarke Park and took photos. There, he talked with Steve Bryant, Tom McEnaney and Kevin McHugh. Everyone stressed to him that it would be nice to make the tennis courts across from married housing on the UGA campus into dedicated pickleball courts.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.