

**Athens Area Pickleball Association Minutes**  
**Board Meeting, Monday, March 11, 2024**  
**12:00pm The Georgia Club**

Board Members present: Kevin McHugh, Cynthia Fortson, Vickie Edwards, Andrew Baker, Marc Gallant.

Advisors present: Lilly Garrett, Penny Adams, Joan Baird

Social Committee present: Pat Pino

Absent: Brant Jones, Victoria Hunter, Polly Crumbley, Pam Benson, Sue Barber, Valerie Fagen

Minutes: January minutes approved. There was not a February board meeting.

**Treasurer:**

Vickie reported new membership and renewals have reached 602. She will send out another reminder to past members who have not renewed yet.

We have about \$63,000 in assets at this time.

Penny Adams has volunteered to send out the magnets and information letter to new members.

**Leisure Services:**

- Display box at Southeast Clarke Park (SEC) has a missing window slide that will be reported to Leisure Services so it can be replaced. Until it is fixed we cannot put anymore AAPA brochures in the display box.
- Kent Kilpatrick has informed Kevin that work on the Satterfield tennis courts has been pushed back again. Leisure Services is looking into getting more bids on extra improvements at that location such as the parking lot, soccer field and baseball field.
- Penny Adams reported that Pittard Park basketball court in Winterville can be used for pickleball. Kevin and Valerie met with the Winterville mayor, Kevin feels that 3 pickleball courts can fit the basketball court footprint. The board has already approved supplying nets, balls, and a lock box at that location pending Winterville's approval. Penny will get a quote for lining the courts. Marc Gallant gave Penny the contact information for the company that did the courts at Jennings Mill.
- One of the rule banners at SEC is missing and needs to be replaced. We do not need permission from Leisure Services since they already approved the last banners.

**Facebook**

The Athens Georgia pickleball Facebook page should not be used for self promotion. Instead once a month Polly Crumbley will post a list of certified instructors and their contact information as long as they are AAPA members. They will also be listed on the Athens Area Pickleball Association website under Resources.

**Social Committee:**

- Pat Pino reported that the Pot luck at Lay Park gym on Feb. 2 was well attended.
- Next possible tailgate will be after a Thursday Bishop Park round robin. Date TBA

**Old Business:**

- **Fun Round Robin Tournament held at** Heard Park gym, Friday, January 26, 2024 raised \$170 that will be donated to the Heard Park gym.

**New Business**

- April 20 tournament “Score for Children” to be held at Jennings Mill. AAPA will sponsor by donating balls for the tournament, since Children First is a non-profit organization. The balls will be returned for use at the open play locations. Will advertise the tournament and ask for volunteers. Kim Platt is the director and contact.
- May 3-5 tournament “Dinko De Mayo” to be held at Athens Country Club. AAPA will sponsor by donating balls for the tournament, since Love Craft is a non-profit organization. The balls will be returned for use at the open play locations. Will advertise the tournament and ask for volunteers. Terry Poling is contact person.
- AAPA makes a yearly donation to the indoor open play locations as a thank you for letting us play there without charging us a fee. It would be \$50 an hour to rent the gyms at Lay Park and Heard Park. Motion made by Vickie Edwards and seconded by Kevin McHugh, approved by board. \$500 to Lay Park Gym, \$500 to Heard Park Gym, and \$250 to Athens First United Methodist Church.
- Cynthia Fortson will look into the cost of a folding barrier to keep pickleballs from rolling under the bleachers at Lay Park.
- Website improvement. A list of suggestions was sent to Jeff LaFaye and Andrew Baker. Some of the suggestions have already been addressed. It is a work in progress but communication is important.
- Website information that we want posted under Resources will be a list of AAPA members that are certified instructors and their contact information.

No further business meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.