

Oct 28, 2024 | 📅 AAPA meeting

Board Meeting, Monday, October 28, 2024

2:00 pm Tennis Center

Attendees: Kevin McHugh, Bradley Martin, Cynthia Fortson, Heather Jarboe, Michele Newton, Cynthia MacDonald, Vickie Edwards

Minutes: August Minutes to be approved

Action items

- Board Officers
 - Agreed on the following positions to be held by board members
 - President- Cynthia MacDonald. She will monitor AAPA Facebook.
 - Vice President- Vickie Edwards
 - Treasurer- Kevin McHugh
 - Secretary- Heather Jarboe
 - Email monitor- Michele Newton

- Advisors to the board
 - Agreed to continue to have 3-4 advisors who can support the work of the board
 - Sue Barber & Pat Pino serve on the social committee
 - Lilly Garrett provides support from an historical perspective and provides lessons for beginner pickleball players
 - Joan Baird provides support from an historical perspective of the association

- Dues
 - Kevin made a motion and Vickie seconded the motion to keep the current AAPA dues structure for 2025. The motion passed. Individual memberships will be \$25./yr. Family memberships will be \$40./yr.
 - The board agreed to waive dues for members going above and beyond for AAPA
 - Lilly and Gary Garrett for teaching beginners
 - Joan and Robert Baird for hosting annual potluck and meeting
 - Frank Thornton for providing barbecue for annual potluck/meeting

- Mission of AAPA & Concerns re: Use of playing spaces- discussed awareness of members and non-members about benefits of joining AAPA. Agreed that folks may not be aware of all that AAPA does to support pickleball in the Athens area

(i.e. spaces to play that are available for free due to donations from AAPA)
Agreed to increase awareness of AAPA and benefits to the pickleball community.

Athens Christmas Parade

Discussed one way to increase awareness of AAPA is by having a float in the ACC Christmas/Holiday parade this year 2024. Cynthia F., Heather and Vickie agreed to work on the float. Cynthia F. agreed to fill out the application due Nov. 5 to ACC. Cost of the entry for the float is \$40.00

Donation to former AAPA President's family

- AAPA will make a donation to Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) on behalf of Nelda Van Schoick, previous AAPA president, whose daughter died from Friedreich's ataxia on October 15, 2024.

Donation related to Hurricane Helene

The Board was asked to consider making a donation related to the area devastated by Hurricane Helene. The Board decided against making such a donation outside of AAPA's immediate area.

Subcommittee to pursue adding pickleball courts

- Michele suggested we form a small subcommittee to work on communicating with Leisure Services about plans for future courts. She recommended we invite Paul Sinon and Les Shindelman to our Nov. 12th meeting to share their conversations with Leisure Services and provide recommendations to AAPA for next steps.

Community Day @ Bishop Park

AAPA will host a community day once a month at Bishop Park during the Farmer's Market to increase our presence in the community. The focus of these days will be on people who have little to no experience with pickleball.

- a) 3-4 AAPA members will provide lessons for beginners at the park
- b) AAPA will provide registration materials
- c) AAPA will give away magnets
- d) AAPA will advertise these community days in the Flagpole
- e) AAPA will provide board members with t-shirts to wear at these events