



Fall Meeting of the Hershey Mill Sports Group 2016 (HMSG)

The Fall Meeting of the Hershey's Mill Sports Group (HMSG) was held on Wednesday, September 14 at 2:00 P.M. in the HM Community Center. Roger Karr, Vice President, called the meeting to order, in the absence of Charlie Gentile who was ill, and Roseanne Havird recorded. Approximately 40 residents attended the meeting.

Roger called for a show of hands for approval of the minutes and the minutes were approved.

As our Treasurer, Reade Nimick, was on vacation Roger confirmed that \$3000 was in the HMSG budget.

YEAR REVIEW AND FORWARD:

- New Storage Shed was added and is located conveniently next to the courts.
- New flag and pole.
- Bottom of fences on all courts were repaired.
- Paddle courts were resurfaced.
- The new Bike Club was created since Spring.
- Don Evons presented the need for Activity Leaders for our Sports Program. A series of sheets listing the 8 volunteer venues needing 16 helpers was passed among attendees and 4 of the 16 slots were filled. Unfilled slots are listed below. Our 440 members represent roughly 20% of the HM population. Everyone was invited to visit the website to learn more about the Sports programs: www.hersheymill.org
- A website for listing members of the HMSG needs to be created.

CLUB REPORTS:

CPR – Phyllis Panico – The East Goshen Fire Department regularly provides ½ day training at a low fee.

BIKE – Seth French – The group of 27 men and women started in Summer, 2016.

They meet every Friday at 9:00 a.m. at Springton & Chandler entrance. Bicycle racks are needed. Request was made for donation of “used bicycles”.

MEN'S INTERCLUB: - Don Evons – Games take place at Tennis Clubs whose members provide stiff competition. HM needs more members as 3 courts need to be filled or we forfeit the game. Suggestion was made to recruit HM golfers who are members at the club but who don't live here.

TENNIS – Charlie Gentile – Courts are busy both in a.m. and p.m. of the day. Over 182 HM players are on the roster.

PICKLEBALL – Roger Karr – Three sports: Pickleball, Paddleton and Badminton use the same court areas with Paddleton and Pickleball played at the same time. Clinics will be provided for both of these sports in the future.

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HORSESHOES – New leader being recruited – Two pits are provided. Our goal is to have them set up by next year.

BOCCE – Bob Crowther (Bill Elder for 2017) – At the Thursday night tournament, only 16 people can play at a time, 150 people are interested. The annual tournament is under way, with final to be heard within the month. Jon Ford and Bill Elder defeated Don Evons and Bob Crowther in the finals of the 2015 tournament. Fun nights are provided and Thursday Tournaments are regular.

SHUFFLEBOARD – Open for Leadership

PING PONG/TABLE TENNIS – Allan Shaffer – The sport has grown continually since Spring and 23 people play on a regular basis with 37 registered. Play is Thursday, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Three (3) tables are available.

GOLF – Leadership open - Gathers HM Residents not members at HMGC to play at courses outside of HM.

SOCIAL – Sullivan House events. See HM website for activities.

WALKING – Leadership open – Phyllis Panico reported that information on the Walking Trails are located on the Community Bulletin Board. Permits for new walking trails have been acquired. Suggestion was made to put the “walking information” on the HM website.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new directory for HMSG will be available in two months. Names and sport of 450 people will be listed*. If anyone wants a copy before it is published, they should contact Charlie Gentile.

*Point of interest: the 450 members of the HMSG represent approximately 20% of all the residence who live in Hershey’s Mill, thus warranting the attention of the Master Association.

ELECTIONS: Don Evons was elected vice president and Roseanne Havird secretary.

BY LAWS:

The BY LAWS are listed on the HM website (www.hersheysmill.org). Direct all questions regarding them to Don Evons. They are in effect, and subject to comments, which would be addressed at the spring meeting.

FIVE YEAR PLAN:

Joe Bove, of the master association, spoke to the five year plan. He stated that this plan was presented to the finance committee in accordance with their procedure. They appreciated the effort, but no commitments were made. Everything relative to the activities is on hold until the effects of the new building are analyzed. Joe mentioned the walking path as well.

Don Evons made a slide presentation which is available on the web site and in the May issue of the Channel 20 Digest.

Every activity/sport needs to develop their plan for next year.

Finances: Don and Charlie have established a “Standing Committee” for Finances out of the HM Master Association. Over the past few years the Master Association has allocated \$300,000 to the Sports Group.

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Construction for the new building around the pool area is underway.

Plans for its use will be flexible over a 2-year timeframe until we understand how the space can be best utilized.

Shuffleboard: Will be moved

Table Tennis: Increase in participants will necessitate a new room.

Tennis: Courts need to be groomed & landscaped to improve appearance.

Bocce: Nothing has been approved yet for these plans.

Horseshoes: Have the pits set up by next year.

Anyone wanting to start a new sport activity should see Don Evons.

The survey results, of the possibility of a Fitness Center, was given by Joe Bove.

Over the years HM residents' input showed that less than ½ surveyed want one due to the presence of fitness centers in our surrounding community.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseanne M. Havird, Secretary