



Hershey Mill Sports Group -Winter Meeting Minutes

December 22, 2016

Minutes

A Winter Meeting of the HMSG Activity Leaders and club officers was held on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the HM Community Center. Don Evons, President, called the meeting to order and Roseanne Havird recorded. Present were: Reade Nimick, Jack Keely, Joe Carrone, John Cunningham, John De Vol, Roger Karr, Demi Koslowski, Yvonne Carter, Seth French, Dick Wright, Jack Hamilton, Allan Schaffer, Dave Clewell.

Prior to the discussion of topics below a review of the progress of the sports added this year as well as a brief overview of some of the problem areas was presented.

Budget:

Activity leaders were encouraged to compile a "budget wish list" for their sport and not to be shy about doing so. Reade reported that approximately \$3000 was in the bank account for HMSG. A discussion followed on the group's need to raise money. At the present time social events are our main funding source. Minimal profit made from these events is inadequate for meeting expenses incurred by Activity Leaders. We can't expect the HM Master's Association to provide monies for running the various sports. They have been very generous for providing large items like additional tables for Table Tennis, new tennis courts, additional pickleball courts, landscaping sport areas etc. There has also been a sharing of costs between HMSG and the Master's Association for certain items such as the new flag pole.

Various suggestions for finding additional revenues were discussed. A group of members volunteered to meet and discuss options for involving the HMSG membership in donating needed funds. These members are:

Jack Hamilton, Allan Schaffer, Roger Karr, Joe Carrone, John Cunningham

HM Guide & Digest Article & Club News

Roseanne presented the guidelines for submitting articles and club news to the

HM Guide & Digest. Don will coordinate the 'articles' for the monthly Publication and Roseanne will keep the Activity Leaders informed of the monthly club news schedule. Members were encouraged to submit photos of 2 megabits in size (high definition).

Five (5) Year Plan

At the request of the HM Master Association a 5-year-Plan was prepared. Don presented his suggestions in the handout "Wish List for HM Sports Group". Note that on page 4, D. Paddle – The Wording "Heated storage room" will replace "Warming Hut". Kitchen cabinets and sinks are need for this room and we prefer them to be donated from sources like those remodeling their kitchen or businesses who have some they wish to discard. Perhaps we can get the services of a HM handyman to do the work. Electrical outlets and rough plumbing for sink are also a needed. We are awaiting the outcome of the request as we speak.

Everyone was asked to study the plan and offer their thoughts.

Don suggested not submitting ideas until 2018 that are affected by the proposed parking issue. The 2017 wish list should include only those items not affected by the parking issue.

Shuffleboard: Yvonne Carter is the Activity Leader for this sport. Ed McFalls Is looking into framing the shuffleboard courts & floating cement in the 6" Frames.

Table Tennis: A 3rd table is ordered.

Tennis: Acquired the broom, have access to a golf cart and the fence cutting provided the opening. Courts are groomed (swept clean of leaves etc.) as needed.

Grass Area:

New uses for grass areas was shared and these included possibly

- having picnic tables where Shuffleboard is today, and building a gazebo in this area to provide some shade.
- moving the Pickleball courts to this section and returning the pickleball courts to the Tennis area.

-Since the new pool building will be open 24/7, the architect for the new building sees the need for 50% of this grass area for parking. 2017 will be considered a 'limbo year' while we look at this issue. While we wait, the 2017 budget will be available to use on our wish list.

New Activity Building - 2020

This will be built where the Bocce Ball is now located. See the list of thoughts on the last page of the 5-year-Plan about suggested use of this building.

HMSG Website

Discussion centered on the complexity of scheduling the growing use of the various sport venues. A HMSG Website would improve communication with members and make more efficient use of the Activity Leaders' time.

Activity Director

As Hershey Mill events increase we need to consider hiring a person whose responsibilities could also include those of the pool, and HMSG Activities /Social Events. (A Social Director position existed 30 years ago when Mr. Woolrich was here but it was cut.)

New Volunteers for HMSG:

John De Vol – Maintenance Facilities. John will receive our reports of problem areas in our sport. Problems can be submitted that are short term or long term.

We all should be diligent for our overlooking our own activity areas.

Yvonne Carter – Yvonne praised the Member Address Listing Mary Lou Perry compiled on the 450 existing members of the HMSG. The discussion which followed underscored our need to have a website where the listing could be available for members. A way needs to be found where members could make corrections as well as provide security for the information entered. Perhaps a 'password' system could be put in place. (Carol Campanelli's name was given as a resource for finding someone to do this for us. Also Gordon Walton's was mentioned as a contact for this job.)

Tennis: John Cunningham

Bocce: Joe Carrone

New Vice Presidents:

The HMSG duties have been divided among the 4 Vice Presidents:

- Seth French Joe Carrone
- Jack Keeley Jack Cunningham

2017 – New Plans

Bike – Seth French/Dick Wright

Weekly rides on Friday and Tuesday have been added.

Dick provides group with Trail Rides.

They have shut down for the winter and will open again in April.

Two trail rides will be provided this summer starting in May.

Today 31 names are on their biking list.

Bocce - Joe Carrone: There is a need to draw more people into Bocce. Since most people have the physical capacity to do this sport we'd like to see more participate. There will be an early get-together in the Spring with socials held regularly.

Social – this past year has not been a good year for the socials. The Summer Social was cancelled because the goal of 50 could not be met. The Holiday Celebration in December at Sullivan House was a success. Events for 2017 are planned for Spring/Fall/Holidays: Memorial Day, 4th July, Labor Day. Deadline for registering will be firm. Volunteers are needed and Demi will remind the Activity Leaders to ask their members to volunteer to serve in the socials. Eight (8) or more volunteers are need for each committee.

Paddleball: Jack will use weekly email reminders to Paddleball members. A nucleus of new people registered for the sport.

Table Tennis: Allan sees the possibility of Tournaments with teams outside HM in the near future. The third new table makes this possible.

Tennis: Dave Clewell – The sport will be advertised more on Channel 20.

- **4 o'clock men's group (7-8) meet every day.**
- **Monday mornings – 9:30 - Round Robin**
- **He hopes to reduce the intimidation felt by new HM residents to joining the tennis teams. Now there are 150 signed players and of those 50 are active. Free tennis Clinic will be provided in the Spring.**

Pickleball: Tournaments will continue to be provided.

The meeting ended with the group thanking our president, Don Evons for all he does to provide vision and leadership to the Hershey Mill Sports Group.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

**Respectfully submitted,
Roseanne M. Havird, Secretary**