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PRINCETON VILLAGE

Minutes HMSG Spring Meeting.
May 22nd, 2019

STATE OF THE HMSG 2019

The year started off on a sad note, with the passing of Reade Nimick on February 22nd. Reade has lived in The Mill for over 20 years, was an avid squash player, belonged to Bob Bevan's Thursday morning tennis group and chaired a bible study. He and I lobbied to move the 8:00 time slot back to 9:30 and threatened to come in our PJ's if it stayed at 8:00. He had been the HMSG treasurer for 8+ plus years and provided the comfort of our funds being in good hands.. In September of 2018 he and Pam sold their home in Lincoln village and moved to Wellington. Always a gentleman and added a touch of class to our organization and The Mill. He will be missed.

In March, we lost another valued person in Bruce Sellers. Many do not know him, but all have been effected by him. He was the guy that fixed what was broken or built things from scratch. He always had a smile on his face and a demeanor to be envied. He was not employed by Hershey's Mill but always seemed to be here. I worked with him for many years and never ceased to be amazed at his talents, from designing and building the bocce courts to running a back hoe when installing the sidewalks. I will miss his smiling face.

Unlike years past, the 2019 spring meeting is a shift away from the traditional report by the management and activity leaders, The meeting is being replaced with an activity EXPO format. The purpose is to attract more HMSG members and invite those residents who are not members. This report covers those subjects which will not be on display at the EXPO.

Some would say, "everyone knows who we are and what we do". I would argue that 50% of the residents do not know what we do!

I would also argue that, of our members, few know "all" we do.

The EXPO will provide the opportunity to see "all" we do, plus what is new for the 2019 season. As an enticement, there will be free wine and snacks. "Bring a Neighbor"

We have new representative for the HMSG, on the MA BOD. It is Karl Grentz and he is a true supporter of of the HMSG. Welcome and thank you Karl. He has already made his presence known by encouraging the other presidents to communicate with their residents. In addition, he recognizes the importance of the marketing of "life style" both within the community and to the outside world. He feels the importance of the HMSG deserves a full time attendant.

I have announced that I am retiring as the HMSG president. Having served in different capacities of president for 8+ years, it is time to pass the baton to those who see a vision beyond mine. It has been a wonderful ride and were it not for the volunteers who step forward, we never would have seen the tennis group of 2010 become the HMSG of today. THANK YOU.

Petitions for the office must be in my hands no later that July 10th. Step forward and experience new friends, and emotional rewards.

Gary Habbersett has replaced Reade and his report will follow. Because of Reade's passing and Gary stepping in in January, and with the election for treasurer scheduled for this September, as was advertised and agreed to, the next election for treasurer will be in 2021. I would be remiss if I did not mention the financial success is primarily because of Nancy Sullivan and Sharon Kope and their tireless effort associated

with the socials, John McGinty's membership drive and our sponsors, Wagner Real Estate and John Clarke Realtor.

John DeVol report will cover the facilities, both the maintenance and additions. His efforts are just making us better each year. Below is a summary of accomplishments since our meeting last fall and committee reports.

Elections: Because of Reade Nimick's passing and Gary assuming the treasurer's role in January, that office will not be up for election until 2021.

The office of president is up for election and the filing date is July 10th, 60 days prior to the Fall meeting, in accordance to our bylaws. (See attached) Please submit to Rosanne Havird, 353 Devon Way.

Treasury:

Gary Habbersett assumed the responsibility in January, upon the death of Reade Nimick. The year end balance was \$11,362.73. We have had sponsorship donations of \$2,450.00, leaving a May balance of \$15,023.94. This does not include the Memorial Day receipts of \$536.00 and \$350.00 additional memberships. Nor does it include the cost of hats, visors, cups and a couple hundred dollars of EXPO expenses. The net from the EXPO is approximately \$1,000.00. The bike club donated \$200.00 by selling a donated bike, after Dick Wright made some minor repairs.

HMSG Facility Report of Tuesday May 14, 2019

An early and dry spring enabled a jump start on spring maintenance to our facilities. After several years of complaints the tennis and bocce courts received a major mold removal and tennis grooming. The tennis courts are now in great shape awaiting inner club competition. Bruce Sellers and his son scraped the mold off the courts on their knees. A sad ending came a week after when Bruce had a major heart attack and died almost instantly. He was only 60 and to all appearances in good shape. He was a fan of tennis and a key worker for Hershey's Mill. He will be missed.

The polar bear pickle ball group played through the winter most any day above 40 degrees. The only loss was activity on the paddle courts. With the growth of pickle ball, paddle requires a large player base to full fill its destiny at Hershey's Mill. Some are asking the value of our paddle courts.

The anticipated elevator for the community center has been postponed, which has postponed the promised second pool table. In spite of the lack of facilities Joe Silio's team had numerous meets and successes.

The biggest addition to our facilities over the winter was the tennis pavilion. Shade for tennis has been needed ever since pickle ball took over courts 1 and 2. With the addition of Karl Grentz as our liaison with the master association things seem to be happening. Once it was approved it went up fairly quickly. I am confident that the shade it offers will be an attraction for more play and spectators. A formal dedication is planned for the Play Day Thursday after the May 23 EXPO.

Our facilities advocate are always open to suggestions. I have heard of desires for lights for bocce, and shade for shuffle board. Thoughts!! Any others?

The EXPO

Through a lot of hard work by a lot of people, the first EXPO was a success. We had over 200 attendees, of which at least 40% were new to the HMSG. Bocce picked up over 100 new potential players, and pickleball an additional 40+.

CPR had too many registered, which means a second session will be offered in the near future. The membership drive was a hit, with the offer of hats, visors and coffee mugs. While membership is free, most people donated to the cause. Please see the additional amenities to our facilities. (facilities report above). Anyone who has ideas for improving our amenities, please feel free to contact any HMSG board member or John DeVol.

HERSHEY'S MILL SPORTS GROUP

CANDIDATE FILING PETITION FOR THE THE OFFICE OF

PRESIDENT

NAME: _____

VILLAGE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

CELLPHONE NUMBER : _____

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Two (2) year term commence September 11, 2019 concluding September 2021.

Elections will be held on September 11^h at the annual HMSG fall meeting, September 11, 2019.

Petition must be filed with the secretary of the HMSG no later than July 10, 2019. Return this petition to Roseanne Havird at 353 Devon Way.