



## **HMSC All Residents Spring Meeting Minutes**

**April 24, 2023 at the Community Center**

**Attendees:** MaryAnn DeFalco (via Zoom), Bob Gottschall, George Earle, Jack Hamilton, Sherry Kane, George Madden, Lynn Mander, Dave Nagurney

**Opening Remarks:** Dave welcomed all the attendees and then explained the mission of the HMSC. Dave introduced each committee member and explained their responsibilities. The committee members (and their responsibilities) are MaryAnn DeFalco (Community at Large), Bob Gottschall (Facilities), Jack Hamilton (Secretary), Sherry Kane (Communications), George Madden (Website), Lynn Mander (Treasurer) and Dave Nagurney (Presiding Committee Chair). Dave introduced George Earle – the new liaison between the Master Association Board of Directors and the Sports Committee.

**George Earle:** George thanked Dave and the sports committee for the opportunity to serve. He spoke about his involvement with the East Lawn Project and how it is scheduled to be completed before Memorial Day.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lynn Mander reported that as of December 31, 2022, the HMS checking account balance was \$16,230.19 which included the Bowling checking account balance. The balance as of March 31, 2023 (including the Bowling checking account balance) was \$16,935.67. Lynn thanked Jeff Smith (the Bike leader) for his hard work in reconditioning many bikes donated by HM residents, selling them and donating the proceeds of about \$8,500.00 to HM Sports treasury.

**Communications:** Sherry Kane reemphasized that there is never a charge for any resident (or guest sponsored by a resident) to use any of the sports facilities. Sherry also spoke of the ease of using Skedda (the online reservation system) in making reservations to use any of the facilities.

**Summer Holiday Events:** MaryAnn DeFalco enthusiastically reviewed plans for Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day. The festivities will follow the successful holiday events of last summer, kicking off on Memorial Day (May 29). In addition to other munchies, that event will include the player's favorite – the now famous Long Island Hot Dog. The charge will remain at \$5.00 per person.

**Facilities:** Bob Gottschall reported that work on the East Lawn Project has begun in earnest. The expected completion date for the first phase of the program is May 29 or sooner. Bob also paid a moving tribute to his good friend, Karl Grentz. In addition to being the President of the Master Association today, Karl served as liaison between the MA Board of Directors and the Sports Committee for over two years. Among other accomplishments, Karl was instrumental in making the East Lawn Project a reality. Karl (via Zoom) thanked Bob and the committee for the opportunity to serve the sports community.

### **Sports Leaders Update:**

**Bike** – Jeff Smith reported that the summer riding season has been set. There will be two rides a month with the first taking place on May 17. On the afternoon of June 10, representatives from Pedego E-Bikes will come to the Mill for the third time. E-Bike demonstrations will take place and those residents wishing to do so will have the opportunity to test ride an E-Bike after signing a waiver.

**Billiards** -- Chip Dascanio stated that billiards continues to grow in popularity. Open Play is Monday through Friday at 3:00 PM.

**Bocce** -- Carroll Thompson reported that all the upcoming clinics have been filled and there is now a waiting list for each. Sign-ups for the annual league play will take place beginning May 1 and ending May 15. The finals will again occur in September.

**Bowling** – Jeff Taylor mentioned the Palace Lanes in Downingtown is where the action happens. Jeff said the emphasis is on fun. Betsy Towell reported that there are two seasons. This year, the first season begins October 17 and ends December 19, and the second season begins January 2 and ends March 26. A total of 110 residents played the last two seasons and more are expected to play the coming two seasons.

**Corn Hole** – Chip Dascanio said interest continues to grow in this new and exciting sport. They are looking forward to completion of their new location on the East Lawn.

**CPR/CHOKING/AED Classes** – Barbara Trimble reported that there will be 4 CPR/CHOKING/AED classes at the Community Center in May. The classes will be funded by the HMC-TV Grant Program and will be free to all attendants.

**Horseshoes** – Chip Dascanio said several residents are looking forward to the start of the summer season in the new location on the East Lawn.

**Paddle Tennis** – Joe Maranella talked about the successful winter season which ended with a social on April 22. While the official season has concluded, residents are encouraged to play year-round. Paddles and balls (which Joe showed samples of) are stored in a trunk beside the court on the left. Residents are encouraged to wear protective goggles.

**Pickleball** -- Dawn Kowalchuk reported that the number of active players continues to increase in the fastest growing sport in the US. Spring hours for Open Play are: everyday 9:00 AM to noon and Monday through Friday 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. All levels of players are welcome. There will also be New Player Clinics and “Stroke of the Day” Clinics starting in May.

**Shuffleboard** – Shuffleboard is also looking forward to their new courts once they are finished on the East Lawn. Sandy Decker is the new leader replacing Roseanne Havird who led the successful Shuffleboard program for years.

**Table Tennis** – Bob Schullery reported that the new Robot ball machine is being used frequently by veteran players and newcomers alike. Bob is hopeful that there will be a room dedicated to Table Tennis in the expanded Community Center so that the two new tables will be set up permanently allowing residents to play at any time.

**Tennis** – Marie Derby reported that the Tennis courts were power-washed and re-sanded. The courts now look like new. Clinics will be offered this spring.

**Tennis: Inner Club** – Tom Flannery reported that there are 10 teams in the Inter-Club league. There will be 4 home matches on Wednesdays during May, June and July. Practices are held Mondays during the season.