



## Hershey's Mill Sports Committee Meeting Minutes 2/26/2024 via Zoom

**Attendees:** Jack Bradley, MaryAnn DeFalco, Jack Hamilton, Sherry Kane, George Madden, Lynn Mander, Dave Nagurney, George Earle (BOD Liaison)

**Meeting Minutes Approval:** Meeting minutes from 1/15/24 were approved and will be posted on the web.

**Treasurer's report:** Lynn reported that as of January 31, the HMS checkbook balance was \$14,260.21 and the bowling account balance was \$2,079.18 for a grand total of \$16,339.39.

### **Old Business:**

- Independence Blue Cross (IBC) Sponsoring Memorial Day Celebration & All Residents meeting. Sherry reported that IBC is expected to make their final decision in late March as to what events they will be sponsoring this year. She will be in touch with them and report additional information when available.
- Dr. Taylor Seminar and Clinics – On April 9, Dr. Taylor of Kinetic Physical Therapy of West Chester will be giving a seminar on “Preparing for the Upcoming Season” followed by 15 minute reserved clinics at the Community Center. Dave, Jack B, Jack H and Sherry have volunteered to help.
- The second annual food drive for the Chester County Food Bank (CCFB) was a great success. Sponsored by the Hershey's Mill Pickleball Nation and championed again by their leader – Dawn Kowalchuk, 997 pounds of non-perishable food and cash donations totaling \$615 were donated this year to the CCFB. Thirty nine Pickleball players made it happen from baking, decorating and distributing cookies to notecard writing to picking up the donated food at 3 locations for 7 days to packing and delivering the food to the CCFB. In fact, the two year total stands at over a ton of food and over \$1,000 in cash donations! Our special thanks to Dawn who was the heart and soul of this successful and much needed project.

## **New Business:**

- Platform Tennis Update - George Earle reported that Chris Popper has volunteered to lead Platform Tennis. Chris will be replacing Jack Bradley who has done an excellent job this winter as the interim leader. Chris will be invited to the next HMSC meeting. An end-of-season party will be held on the afternoon of April 6.
- Injuries on the Courts – Lynn opened a discussion about falls on the Pickleball, Platform Tennis and Tennis courts. While rare, there is a growing concern about safety of the players and what the leaders can or can not do to protect the players. The players “right of self determination” was discussed. It was agreed that George will raise the issue with HM/BOD at the next meeting regarding HM liability and any actions (e.g. signs, letters). Sign verbiage will be sent to Ed McFalls to include in the BOD discussion.
- Stretch Program for all Sports – It was agreed that an emphasis should be placed on stretching before players go onto the courts. Dawn Kowalchuk has been in discussion with Dr. Taylor of Kinetic Physical Therapy to tentatively hold two stretching session for Pickleball players. On April 16 and rain date 18th, Dr. Taylor and J.J. are scheduled to educate HM volunteer trainers on the proper stretches before Pickleball play. The trainers will then instruct the Pickleball players at a later date. The old bocce courts will be used for the instruction and a safety railing will be installed next to the bocce court area that will be used.
- Spring Season Sports Timetable – Sherry is gathering the sports kick off times and special events. Jack is gathering the facility prep requirements to support season opening. Sherry will email it to all HM residents.
- HMHOA.COM Email System – Hershey’s Mill has recently purchased the domain name: HMHOA.COM All standing committees (Sports, Woodshop, etc.) are asked to use this new email system. The purpose is to have one email address where all HM business is originated for each Standing Committee and also one place as a central repository where all documents will be stored permanently in the cloud. The Committee Chair, Secretary and Treasurer should have the ability to originate emails as they most frequently send emails with Sports business.
- Upcoming CPR Program – For the past few years, Barb Trimble has done an outstanding job heading up the CPR program. Following the passing of her late husband, Kirk, Barb has decided to join her family in Florida. Barb will be greatly missed. MaryAnn has agreed to be the new CPR leader and announced that the program will take place in the Community Center on

April 11. There will be two sessions: the first from 1:00 to 2:30 and the second from 3:00 to 4:30.

- HMCTV Foundation Grant Process – Sherry mentioned that there is a new grant application form which she has emailed to all Hershey’s Mill residents. She also said that each standing committee is limited to one grant totaling \$1,000 annually per committee. CPR will be considered as a separate entity.

**Facilities:**

- Pickleball – The courts power washing was submitted to the HM/BOD as a maintenance item. Players will paint the practice wall (AKA the Green Monster).
- Tennis – The nets & windscreens have been removed for the winter and stored for safe keeping. The wind screens and nets will be put back up by Eddie and Jim McGinn.

**Requests:**

100 Franklin summer Pickleballs - \$187.19. Unanimously approved.

- Paint and supplies to paint practice wall (labor free) - \$200.00. Unanimously approved.
- Platform Tennis balls - \$119.98. Unanimously approved.
- Purchase 1 paddle to bring total 8 - \$125.00 each. Unanimously rejected.
- Material for Hershey’s Mill Safety Railing for Stretch Program – No charge for labor - \$125.00. Unanimously approved.
- Three Stretch Out Straps for Hershey’s Mill Stretch Program - \$18.00. Unanimously approved.
- Lynn will order new checks thru ED McFalls \$TBD.

**Dates:**

1. 3/18/24 - Next HMSC Meeting, Zoom, 1:00 to 3:00.
2. 4/9/24 - “Preparing for the Upcoming Season” Seminar and Clinics, Dr. Taylor of Kinetic Physical Therapy, Community Center, 1:00 to 4:00.
3. 4/11/24 - CPR Classes, Community Center, 1:00 to 2:30 and 3:00 to 4:30.
4. 4/24/24 - All Residents Spring Meeting, Community Center, 1:00 to 2:00.
5. 5/19/24 - HM Spring Community Open House, 1:00 to 4:00.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30