



## **Hershey's Mill Sports Committee Meeting Minutes 1/20/25 @ 1:00 via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Jack Bradley, Judy Dale, Sherry Kane, George Madden, Dave Nagurney. Excused: Mary Ann DeFalco and Lynn Mander. Guest: George Earle

**Meeting Minutes Approval:** Meeting minutes from 12/16/24 approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** In Lynn's absence, the Treasurers report was tabled until the February meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- Permits for the pavilion were delayed by the township. The work was begun but is now delayed by weather. It is expected that work will re-start when the wether tempers to allow concrete to be poured
- Last week's Sports Leader meeting went very well. The informal format was more successful, allowing for mingling and idea sharing. Attendees seemed to like the new gold name tags. Marie Derby received one for tennis to cover both tennis and paddle. A tag will be ordered for George Earle as our liaison with MA. It was suggested that there be another Sports Leader meeting in the spring to include presentations.
- The area around the old bocce courts needs to be leveled. George is hoping there will be another MA improvement project that will provide free fill material. Other options for that area were shared including sod, and rest room facilities. Any further discussion was tabled in Mary Ann's absence.
- The leaders of Paddle need to submit their requests through the Committee and not to bother Ed McFalls.

### **New Business:**

- Confirmation is needed that Lynn has access for the HMSC archive account.
- The Kinetic event on hips is scheduled for January 30, and there has been a great response. The Committee will organize coverage beginning at 9AM.
- Horseshoes/Cornhole, Bowling and Paddle have requested to have co-leaders of their groups: Kevin Barr and Dave Matthews, Betsy Towell and

Bill Vasquez and Marie Derby and Bill DeLaney respectively. Regarding Kevin Barr, he is a renter, but the owner has approved him being added to all HM lists. For the time being, Dave Matthews will continue as leader for Cornhole/Horsheshoes with Kevin helping him as needed. Betsy is now a homeowner since she has subsequently purchased in Springton although is not living there yet. While Bill Delaney does not play paddle at HM due to his level of ability, he is very active and organizes afternoon open play as Marie is still working. After discussion the Committee agreed to recognize Bill as co-leader of Paddle. Jack expressed concern that too many leaders can lead to miscommunication and confusion.

### **Requests:**

- Paddle asked for \$120 to purchase snow shovels. This was approved by the Committee via email.
- Paddle reported the need for a new net on Court #2 at a cost of \$300. Sherry asked if this was an MA expense. The Committee approved the request and will investigate reimbursement from the MA.
- Paddle asked \$50 for two clocks, outside & Green room. The Committee approved.
- Pickleball requested \$35 for a new charger and batteries for the blower used to clear and dry the courts. The Committee approved.
- Cornhole asked for \$40 for two sets of bean bags. The Committee approved.

### **Facilities:**

- Snow removal from the paddle courts continues to be discussed. HML cannot handle everything and operates with a priority list. As to the sports area, safe access is most important so clearing & salting walkways and boardwalks comes first. Cleaning Paddle courts is a low priority item. Pickleball prefers to clear their own courts. Jack advised that he was at the courts at 8:45 this morning and HML had already cleared yesterday's snow to provide access to Pickleball and were clearing access to paddle. He also advised that HML clears debris and leaves from paddle courts in the fall only at the start of their season. After that, paddle needs to clear courts themselves. This information will be communicated to the paddle leaders.
- George Earle advised that there is also new canvas tops for the awnings. These awnings are a solution and have worked well, but require continued attention. A permanent solution will be proposed in the next 2-3 year timeframe from the HM/BOD. Jack advised that the issues are with the poles and the structure itself more than the canvas. Dave said this project will be part of the 2026 budget process in June.

- The Cove walkway lights timer has been repaired.
- It appears there is still a problem with the timer for the lights on paddle court #1. George Earle was not aware of the “glow” and will have Ed McFalls have an Electrician look at it.
- The Committee discussed the plans for the Cornhole/horseshoe area. There is 40’ of clearance from the bocce courts to the parking lot. The current plan is for 2 horseshoe pits, one regulation 40’ long and one senior 30’ long, with 6’ between the pits which will have sideboards. There will be one area for Cornhole which will be 8-10’ from the parking lot. George Earle suggested (1) two regulation length pits for horseshoes with toe boards for shorter distances; (2) move Cornhole closer to the parking lot and move horseshoes further from bocce. Sherry commented that there are two Cornhole sets; Jack will determine if there is room for 2 Cornhole “courts” after the work being done in that area is completed. The Committee approved proceeding with these plans.
- George advised that going forward the wind screens on the tennis courts will be removed at the end of October as it is harmful to the tarps to remain up all year. They will be inspected at that time to determine if replacements are needed.

**Dates:**

- 1/30/25 – Kinetic Hips 10:00 – CC
- 2/14-2/20/25 – Pickleball food drive to benefit Chester County Food Bank
- 2/17/25 – Next HMSC meeting 1:00 pm