



Hershey's Mill Sports Committee Meeting Minutes

3/17/25 @ 1:00 via Zoom

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

Meeting Minutes Approval: Meeting minutes from 2/17/25 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn's advised that there is \$14,066.13 in the general sports account and \$2,354.17 in the bowling account. Invoices are outstanding for the 15 replacement chairs ordered for the tennis/pickleball pavilions. The checking account balance is down approximately \$1,000 so Lynn suggested continued careful consideration in funding new requests. The bike repair clinics are supposed to resume and may be a source of some additional funding.

Old Business:

- The pavilion roof will be completed by the end of this week. Two ceiling fans will be installed as part of the electrical work. The Committee discussed the appropriate number of ceiling fans – 2 as proposed or 3. Installation of the gutters will take one additional day. HML will do the landscaping. No events have been scheduled yet but, when the work is completed, scheduling will be on Skedda. The Committee expressed its appreciation to George and to the MA for supporting and completing this addition to the Village Green.
- Jack prepared a drawing of the old bocce area, both as is and as hoped. The thought is that the right court would be removed and the left court would become the stretching area. The area should be enlarged, and the boards and rails need to be replaced with something more permanent such as stainless steel with padded covers on the rails. The mats also need to be replaced. In addition, the zone should be zero entry for safety and improved accessibility for all residents. The area needs to be graded, and durable Stretch instructions should be posted. Kinetics is interested in doing additional demonstrations once the area is complete. George will present a proposal to Ed McFalls and to the MA once this Committee has agreed on the final design.
- Sherry reported that the price for name tags has increased to \$13 each. Order dates will be from April 21-May 14. The Name Tags will be available for pick up at the Information Tent on Memorial Day.

New Business:

- The bocce group has inquired about any planned maintenance to the courts prior to the start of the season. This Committee does look over all courts on a cyclical basis, usually at the start of the specific sport's season, to determine any needs. George and Jack will share any information on maintenance with the bocce leaders. The bocce leaders have made a change to the league. There will now be a Masters and a Social division. Masters will be those teams that won their division and participated in the playoffs in past years. Due to the growing number of players, clinics will be limited to beginners only this year. Team signups will begin on April 21, with play starting May 20.
- The HM Spring open house is May 18. The feather flags will be displayed at the sports area. As part of his normal sports leadership emails, Dave will encourage them to get their players out during the open house hours. Dave will provide Lynn with the most recent HMSC brochure, and Lynn will print out 50 copies for Jack Keeley. It is believed that Jack K. has the HMSC poster board. The Committee discussed the need for new drone photos for the brochure. This will be suggested to Jack Keeley. George M. can update the brochure with new ground shot photos.
- Sherry will contact Kinetics about their 2025 demonstration schedule and request that they include programs at the stretching area targeting all sports and all HM residents who may not participate in our sports programs but could benefit from stretching exercises appropriate to their physical conditions.
- Jack Bradley will email all sports leaders regarding needs for their Memorial Day events. Mary Ann will check on our supplies. Feather flags will be displayed, and the canopies and tables will be set up in the old bocce area. There is no conflict with pool events this year, but the pool will be notified that HMSC will not be providing hot dogs so residents using the pool will not expect food to be available.
- The HMSC checking account needs a cosigner. George Madden was nominated and approved to be added to the account, along with Lynn.
- The Woodshop has again donated \$1,000 to the HMSC. Dave and Jack abstained from the Woodshop vote on this endowment to avoid any conflict of interest. After discussion, the Committee agreed to put these funds toward the purchase of 4 hexagon shaped picnic tables near the new shade pavilion. A grant application will be submitted to HMTV for the additional cost of the tables. Lynn, George and Jack will survey the area to determine possible locations. Each table will have a small plaque acknowledging the support of the Woodshop, Sports and the TV station.
- Sherry will send out an email from the Technology Committee to all residents recognizing the many volunteers who make the HM sports program work.

Sherry will ask the sports leaders for the names of their volunteers at the start and end of each season.

Facilities:

- Jack reported that the awnings for bocce and shuffleboard will be put up the third week of April. The bocce balls and score clocks will be out in early April. Thanks to Bob Milano and the Woodshop for refinishing the bocce clocks. The windscreens for Tennis and Pickleball will also be hung.

Requests:

- Pickleball has requested a second fan for the pavilion including a timer. The Committee discussed the value of replacing the old fan while installing the new one. Total cost would be about \$1,200. The Committee agreed this is a capital expense. However, the Sports Committee will cover the cost for 2 new fans with timers and request reimbursement from the MA. This project should be coordinated with the electrical work at the new shade pavilion.
- As part of the resurfacing of the courts, Pickleball leadership submitted a request to add net straps to keep the nets at the legal height. This is the right time to install center straps. George and Jack submitted considerable research on the pros and cons of center straps. The Committee voted to approve this work as part of the resurfacing project. Dave advised that resurfacing is a capital improvement funded by the MA, and he believes there are extra funds in the budget which would pay for the straps.
- Pickleball requested approval to purchase 2 new pick-up tubes. The Committee approved the request.
- Tennis has requested a new net for Court 4 to cost about \$400. There was discussion as to whether this is maintenance or capital improvement. The Committee voted to approve and pay for the new net and then submit for reimbursement from the MA
- Tennis submitted a request for a new hitting wall at a cost of approximately \$6,000. This is a capital improvement and should be part of the 2026 budget submitted to the MA. In order for Dave to submit this request, the tennis group will need to provide data as to the number of players and the amount of usage anticipated. While we do have a ball machine which is used, it is not the same type of practice as a wall. A second option the tennis group considered was a temporary hitting net, but those nets may not be substantial enough for the level of play. Judy will work with the tennis group to gather sufficient information on these options.

Dates:

- 4/21/25 – Next HMSC meeting 1:00 pm
- 5/18/25 – HM Spring Community Open House 1:00-4:00 pm
- 5/26/25 – Memorial Day