



Hershey's Mill Sports Committee Meeting Minutes 9/15/25 @1:00 via Zoom

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

Excused: Dave Nagurney,

Meeting Minutes Approval: Meeting minutes of 8/18/25 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn advised that there is \$12,570.57 in the general sports account and \$1,467.73 in the bowling account, for a total of \$14,038.30.

Old Business:

- The discussion of the Bylaws was tabled until the October meeting. Sherry will recirculate her document incorporating all the changes proposed by the Committee members.
- Thanks to cost sharing by the Board and HMCTV, the three new AED's have been purchased and should be delivered by the end of the week. An electrician will do the installation. The AED's need to be out of direct sunlight; however, the cabinets holding the devices are waterproof. Jack advised that for the pickleball pavilion, the unit can be installed directly on the side of the small shed in front of the bulletin boards. A shelf will need to be cut or moved and electric will need to be run from the other side of the pavilion. For the VG pavilion, it can be mounted on a post close to the parking lot side where there is an electrical outlet. A backing board 16" wide x 17" tall (or so) will need to be made and painted or stained. The backer board can be mounted to the post and the AED to the backer board. The Woodshop may be able to help. When all is complete, Sherry will create a map showing the location of all AED's in the community. Judy will follow up with the Golf Club as to the AED's it was considering for installation on the course.
- MA Update – George Earle reported that he has been authorized to proceed with the design and bid process Sports Complex Restrooms in the Old Bocce Court area. The target date for this project is Spring, 2026, There is no update on the old bocce court area. Jack advised that the newly seeded grass is not being watered sufficiently and may need reseeding.
- Labor Day was a successful event, with over 300 residents in attendance. The raffle, 50/50 and baking contest went very well. The event raised \$798, including \$168 from the 50/50 and \$630 from the Chinese auction. The food truck sold its required quota. The issue continues of attendees "raiding" the pickleball potluck tables. Mary Ann suggested that the potluck be set up in the walkway up to the storage shed at future events.
- The pig and chicken roast was another successful event. The wait list was cleared. There were a few minor hiccups but nothing major. The Committee expressed its appreciation to the residents who help out with registration and food service. We raised \$746.49 which includes a \$700 donation from Kinetics.
- Mary Ann reported that the CPR classes are scheduled for October 8 at the Community Center, with one morning class and one afternoon. Sherry will communicate to the community about the importance of learning not just CPR but also use of the AED's which will also be covered in these classes. The cost is \$15 to cover materials which is refunded if the registrant attends. Registration fees that are forfeited are donated to the American Red Cross.

- There was discussion about the recent Kinetics presentation on bending, lifting and stretching. Twenty-six residents attended, and Jack questioned if they are worth the time and effort involved. Judy commented that, while working the event, she observed that the attendees were not sports players. The Committee then discussed whether these events should continue and, if so, be sponsored by the Sports Committee. Similar to the vaccination clinics that are run by the Technology Committee, Kinetics is a community wide event, as are the CPR classes we sponsor. The Board might consider establishing a Health and Wellness Committee for these functions.
- The Walking Group will start up again this afternoon after a hiatus due to the hot weather.
- Currently the Sports Committee sponsors the Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day events, the pig and chicken roast, four CPR programs (two in the spring and two in the fall), and four Kinetics presentations. The Committee discussed the amount of manual labor involved in the Holiday events and decided that, going forward, we should hire help to set up and break down these events. It was suggested that members of the golf pro shop and/or club dining room staff might be interested.

New Business:

- Lynn will email all sports leaders soliciting summaries of their sport's activities. This information will be included in the annual Fall Sports Summary.
- Bocce playoffs have just begun.
- Tennis sponsored a wooden racquet tournament. Funds were collected and spent on drinks and snacks. Lynn will request an accounting of these funds.

Facilities:

- Platform tennis prep for fall will be done to include tree trimming. There have been complaints about loose boards, but that is no easy repair as you cannot just fix isolated boards. The courts were fully repaired two years ago, and a request was submitted to the Finance Committee to consider this work again in 2026.
- The sinkhole on tennis court 4 was repaired, and two trees were removed.
- The door on the shuffleboard shed has been repaired.
- The wind screens and canopies at the bocce courts need to come down. Hopefully they will be usable and safe for next year. Our request for permanent structures was tabled until 2027.

Requests

- Tennis has requested a table. There is one behind the pickleball shed they can have. - APPROVED
- Tennis - \$53.43 for two rakes to better groom the courts. Jack contacted Jim McGinn who advised these rakes will not damage the courts. These were purchased already without authorization. This resulted in extensive discussion within the Committee on purchases made without prior approval which violates our bylaws. Approval was postponed until Lynn receives information on the expenditures for the wooden racquet tournament. TABLED
- Pickleball requested 100 winter pickleballs \$231.61 - APPROVED

Dates:

- 10/8/25 – CPR classes
- 10/20/25 – Next HMSC meeting 1:00 pm in person
- 11/3/25 – Kinetics presentation – Staying Active in Winter

The meeting adjourned at 3:05PM.

Judy Dale, Secretary