



HMSC All Residents Spring Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023 at the Community Center

Attendees: MaryAnn DeFalco, George Earle, Bob Gottschall, Jack Hamilton, Sherry Kane, Lynn Mander, Dave Nagurney

Opening Remarks:

- Dave opened the meeting by welcoming all those in attendance. Dave introduced each committee member and explained their responsibilities. 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 liaison between the Master Association Board of Directors and the Sports Committee. George talked about what a pleasure it had been to work with Karl Grentz who recently resigned as President of the Master Association Board. George worked closely with Karl on The Village Green project from start to completion.
- The bocce/shuffleboard pavilion has been put on hold due to the large and unexpected expense of the storm management program which has taken precedent.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn reported that as of August 31, 2023, the HMS checking account balance was \$12,983.06 which included the bowling checking account balance of \$442.04. Lynn thanked Jeff Smith (the Bike leader) who along with Rob Upton reconditioned many bikes donated by HM residents, selling them and donating the proceeds, about \$8,500, to the sports treasury.

Sports Safety: Dave spoke about the importance of safety when playing sports at Hershey's Mill. On October 4 at 9:00 AM, Dr. Andrew Taylor of Kinetic Physical Therapy in West Chester will give a seminar in the Community Center on racquet sports injuries. The seminar will be followed by free clinics given by Dr. Taylor and Dr. Gabe Kresge, to residents who reserve them in advance. Other safety measures at Hershey's Mill include: First Aid Kits at the Pickleball/Tennis area and the bocce/shuffleboard area and an AED in the Cove;. Information was given on how to program your smart phone in case of emergency (ICE).

The Village Green:

- Sherry explained The Village Green concept. Originating in England in the Middle Ages, The Village Green was a gathering place for residents. The same will be true for The Village Green at Hershey's Mill. In addition to the finished bocce and shuffleboard courts and horseshoe pits, future plans include a fire pit, benches, picnic tables, a large pavilion and restrooms. The Village Green is sure to be enjoyed by residents, their friends and families for years to come.
- Sports Flags: Sherry reported that the day before summer holiday celebration, sports flags will appear at the Sports Complex along Chandler Drive heralding the fun, food, fellowship and sports activities that will occur the following day.

Sports Leaders Update:

Bike – Jeff Smith talked about the growing popularity of the bike club. Among the many rides this past summer were: Perkiomen Trail; C&D Canal Trail from Delaware City to Chesapeake City; Schuylkill River Trail from Conshohocken to Philadelphia; Lehigh Valley Gorge Trail (Jim Thorpe Bike Train); and the Delaware Canal Towpath.

Billiards -- Chip Dascanio reported that billiards has Open Play Monday through Friday at 3:00 PM. The billiards room is conveniently located next to the library on the lower level of the Community Center.

Bocce -- Carroll Thompson reported that the summer season had more residents competing in league play than ever. There were a total of 12 groups of 18 players – a total of 216 players. The championship match was held September 9 in front of an enthusiastic crowd. Congratulations to the winners: Ralph Saccomandi and Ann Sinding and to the runners up, Dave and Sue Matthews.

Bowling – Led by Jeff Taylor and John Cvinar, bowling has two seasons, the first season starts October 10 and the second season begins in next January. Over 100 residents have signed up for the first season of league play. The action takes place every Tuesday at the Palace Lanes in Downingtown.

Corn Hole – Headed up by Chip Dascanio and Dave Matthews, interest in corn hole continues to grow. There are 2 platforms that can be set up anywhere.

CPR/CHOKING/AED Classes – Barbara Trimble will lead two CPR/CHOKING/AED classes October 27 at the Community at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM. The classes will be funded by the HMCTV Grant Program and will be free to all attending.

Horseshoes – Under the leadership of Chip Dascanio and Dave Matthews, the horseshoe pits now have a permanent home on The Village Green next to the bocce courts. There are lighter weight horseshoes as well as the standard weight horseshoes.

Paddle Tennis – Bob Gottschall (the interim leader) reported that the winter season begins with Open Play on October 2. From October through March, Open Play will occur Mondays through Fridays at 2:00 PM, Saturdays at 9:00 AM and Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. Balls and paddles will be provided. And protective eyewear is strongly recommended. Any paddle player interested in the leadership role is asked to contact Bob Gottschall.

Pickleball -- Dawn Kowalchuk reported that the number of active players continues to increase in the fastest growing sport in the US. Current 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. The new player Clinics and “Stroke of the Day” Clinics were well attended in 2023 and will continue in 2024.

Shuffleboard – Sandy Deckard reported that shuffleboard is going strong this fall with many new players enjoying the game. Open Play is held Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:00 AM and will continue into mid-November.

Table Tennis – Dave Kagan and Bob Schullery stated that many players are enjoying the robot ball machine. Recently, the two new tournament tables were put to good use when Hershey’s Mill hosted a scrimmage with Hillview Adult Community.

Tennis – Dave Clewell reported that it was a very active summer season with Open Play 6 days a week. The ball machine was used frequently this past summer. A number of clinics were held during the summer headed by Cookie Maranella

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.