



Hershey's Mill Sports Committee Meeting Minutes

5/19/25 @1:00 via Zoom

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

Meeting Minutes Approval: Meeting minutes from 4/21/25 were approved. Dave requested that the minutes not be posted on the website until 6/1.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn's advised that there is \$12,493.25 in the general sports account and \$1,274.39 in the bowling account. The Committee discussed the amount of money in the bowling account above and beyond what is need to pay the first week's alley charges. After discussion, it was decided to leave the bowling account intact. Platform tennis has not yet purchased the summer balls. The Committee expressed its appreciation to Jeff Smith and the bike group for their generous contribution of \$1,622.90 from the bike repair program to the Sports Committee. This sum is not yet reflected in the account balance. Since 2020, their donations have totaled over \$10,000. It was suggested that any interested Committee members join one of the upcoming bike rides.

Old Business:

- The all-residents meeting on May 15 at the VG Pavilion was very successful. The meeting began with a ribbon cutting for the new pavilion facility. Attendance was higher than in past years, with approximately 35 residents in addition to the sports leaders and MA members.
- The pickleball resurfacing project is scheduled for mid-July or early August. The final proposal and center strap recommendation will be discussed at the May 29 BOD meeting.
- George E. reported that the electrician is working at the pavilion today. There was a discussion about bathroom access as the Cove is the nearest facility and is being locked this year at 7:30pm when the pool closes. George had lobbied the Board for a bathroom as part of the pavilion project and will continue to do so. This is a safety issue and impacts the entire HM community not just the sports community. The Committee discussed the possibility of a bulletin board in the pavilion with guidelines for usage, a QR code to view scheduled events, etc. Dave and Sherry will put together a proposal which George will submit to the Board. There was discussion about the possible need for a social committee to manage Holiday parties. Sherry reminded this Committee that the concept of a Social Committee was denied by the Board when we previously proposed it. The Committee revisited the issue of recognition plaques on the picnic tables, and it was decided that Dave will give recognition to the Woodshop and to HMCTV in his next Guide and Digest article. A question was raised about the need for an AED at the Pavilion, given that the nearest is in the Cove which is not only too far away but also locked when the pool closes. George M. will do research on exterior AED's.
- George E. is waiting on an estimate from HML for work at the new Stretch Zone. The cost of a mat may be prohibitive.
- The 2026 budgeting process will begin in July. There was a discussion about replacing the current temporary awnings at bocce and shuffleboard with permanent structures. This will be an item for the 2027 budget as George E did obtain new canopy top covers last year, which were installed this Spring.

Lynn will contact the sports leaders regarding their wants and needs in 2026. Further discussion will be at the June meeting.

- Sherry reported that Kinetics is planning four programs. Dates and topics are: 9/11/25 2-4 - Bend/Pickup, 11/13/25 Active in cold weather, 11/20/26 Body Part, July or August, 2025 DTBD, Stretch. There may be an adjustment to the Body Part date to coordinate with Lynn's interview of Bruce Cook on the Spine and Parkinson's.
- Memorial Day planning continues. We have the water and everything else that may be needed. The raffle items are in hand. In addition to raffle ticket sales at the welcome tent, Betty Turner will also be selling at the pickleball pavilion. Any name tags ordered will be available for pick up at the Information Tent on Memorial Day.

New Business:

- Sherry advised our bylaws have not been reviewed in 4 years, and revisions are needed. She will circulate the current bylaws to all committee members, and any suggested revisions should be returned to Sherry by June 2. Sherry will present the marked-up By-Laws to the Documents Committee for review and comments and present to the BOD for approval.
- Sherry reported that she has not been able to locate a food truck available for Fourth of July. Otherwise, this event will be similar to July 4th events in the past with individual sports planning potlucks, as they chose. There will not be an Information Tent. HMCTV offered to underwrite the cost of a band for Labor Day. After discussion, the Committee voted against having a band due to logistics. It will be suggested that Jack Keeley talk with the Pool Committee as that might be a more appropriate venue.
- Lynn reported that a new Walking Group is being organized to begin June 2. The plan is to start Mondays and Thursdays at 4pm. Participants will meet in the tennis court parking lot and walk the lagoon path at their own pace and distance. Sherry will send HM NEWS emails about the new group.
- Dave reported on a proposal from Dawn Kowalchuk to host a sports themed fundraiser to benefit the Chester County Hospital Auxiliary. The sports complex would be used for team and round robin competitions, and outside sponsorships would be solicited. This could establish a bad precedent and would also have to be approved by the MA. After discussion, the Committee voted against hosting such an event at HM.

Facilities:

- Jack advised that we are waiting for grooming of the bocce and tennis courts.
- Jack reported that platform tennis has requested repair of some loose boards. A request has been submitted to George E. for Board approval.
- There has been no definite answer on the question of a second fan in the pickleball pavilion. Jack thought this was to be coordinated with the electrical work at the Village Green pavilion.
- First aid supplies need to be restocked along with evaluating the condition of the first aid kits. There should also be a first aid kit in the Village Green pavilion.

No Requests

Dates:

- 5/26/25 – Memorial Day
- 6/16/25 – Next HMSC meeting 1:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 3:15PM.

Judy Dale, Secretary