

SOUTH HAVEN PICKLEBALL CLUB MINUTES — — FEBRUARY 20, 2024

TIME: 2:30 P.M.

LOCATION: MIKE SAWYERS HOME

PRESENT: Mike Sawyer, President
Jim Slattery, Vice President
Mike Marcus, Treasurer
Nancy Hillegonds, Secretary
Jim Robinson, At Large
Rosemary Fitzer, At Large
Tricia Hudson, At Large

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 2:30 by Mike Sawyer
Unanimous approval

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**—-with additions:

- a. Community Service Project
- b. Modify after hours play
- c. Minutes posted to website

Motion to Amend: by Tricia Hudson
Second: Nancy Hillegonds

Unanimous approval to amend agenda

Motion to approve: Jim Robinson
Second: Tricia Hudson

Unanimous approval

III. **REPORTS**

PRESIDENT: Will purchase new outdoor balls by Selkirk—guarantee for a year without breakage; will order 3 dozen—-

TREASURER: Mike Marcus

See Financials—-

Motion to Accept: Mike Sawyer
Second: Rosemary Fitzer

Unanimous approval

As point of information: After hours play for 2023 generated \$7200 to the Senior Center—will continue to keep track for 2024

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Property Acquisition: Nancy Hillegonds reported on a conversation she had with the Recreation Passport Division of the Department of Natural Resources regarding repurposing a parcel of property—that discussion with DNR was no longer relevant based on new developments which are:

Riverwood's Property—

DNR owns and has agreed to sell to SHARA 50 acres located off of 2nd Street between Blue Star Highway and 196.

Purchase price to be determined by DNR

SHARA met the morning of February 20, 2024 to approve the process to purchase property

DNR to meet April 1 to approve the sale

SHARA will develop master plan for those 50 acres which might include but not limited to PB courts, dog park, pavilion, etc

Utilities installed—water and sewer

Property has encumbrances—

Grant request would be submitted April 1, 2025

SHARA looking for \$1 million grant to level

B. Banners/Sunshades

Banners will still be made for outside—need permission to clip on to fence

Jim Slattery has sun sails for club's use to provide shade during summer play

Mike Sawyer to speak to the school to seek permission to have them installed during play

C. Holiday Party

Rosemary Fitzer reported the holiday party was a great success; due in part of several committees who were tasked with certain activities

Rosemary to compile holiday parties and picnic format/information to be replicated in the planning of future events

D. Tournaments

Tricia Hudson—two completed; one coming up

Saturday, March 14—“Banger Tournament”

Each tournament has been “sold out” in terms of participants

Future tournaments to be determined

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal to change SHPC to 501(c)(3)—Charitable Organization

Mike Marcus—Talked with Andrew Barnes, attorney

His advice was to set up a separate entity —

His costs approximately \$2000 plus \$100 filing fee (redo bylaws; file articles of incorporation)

Roberta Otto, accountant—to determine what record keeping would be required

Mike Marcus—no requirement to get approval of club membership just board approval

B. Recreation Millage

City Council will be asked on March 4 to allow a proposal for a 1/2 property tax mil to be placed on ballot—SHARA leading the effort

Purpose strictly recreational—and will be promoted as such

To be divided three ways; SHARA; City; School—
Jim Robinson and Mike Marcus to attend March 4 City Council to speak in support of this effort

C. —Picnics

Monday—August 19—Rosemary Fitzer to check Stanley Johnson Park availability

D. Holiday Party: Friday, December 6, 2024; pending approval by Senior Center

E. Parades—4th of July; Blueberry—General consensus is to participate in each

F. Club renewal notification—

Dues will renew on member's anniversary date (previous minutes indicate we were moving to an annual renewal of June 1 for everyone—the website cannot accommodate this change)
Will have to reconcile who is a paid member at time of annual meeting; make sure they are a paid member if they want to vote
Members will receive an email message alerting them that their dues are payable

G. Summer challenge court —

Mike will set up meeting with School to discuss several items—ie., additional courts and as stated above the use sun shades-
No objection in general to identifying one court as “challenge”; likely on M-W-F; separate baskets to be used
Information and instructions to be posted at court

H. Community Service

Tricia recommended finding a way to combine Pickleball events—ie., tournaments, parties—with a community service component—
No objection to effort to identify ways the Club can participate in service projects—but merits further discussion at some future date

I. Additional “After Hours” Play—

Request to open up Tuesday night play from 5-8 p.m.
Will depend on: Senior Center approval **AND** a commitment from an authorized player to open and close

J. Minutes and Financials to be posted on website—

Motion Mike Sawyer to post all minutes and financials to website
Second Jim Slattery
Unanimous approval

K. Motion to Adjourn

Jim Slattery, motion
Rosemary Fitzer, second
Unanimous approval

Adjourned: 4:25 p.m.

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