

**SOUTH HAVEN PICKLEBALL CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING—TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Sawyer, President
Betty Johnson, Vice President
Mike Marcus, Treasurer
Nancy Hillegonds, Secretary
Jim Robinson, At Large
Rosemary Fitzer, At Large

CALL TO ORDER:

Motion: Mike Sawyer
Second: Betty Johnson

Called to order: 5:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2023

Motion to Waive reading and accept as presented: Mike Sawyer
Second: Betty Johnson
Motion approved

REPORTS:

President:

1. Preferable way of commenting to Club Members is through website. Team Reach is primarily a scheduling tool and should be used sparingly for mass communication or individual conversations/comments
2. Dues run calendar year from June 1 through May 31. This year (2023) renewal notices have gone out. Reminders will be sent to those who have not renewed.
3. After hours play at the Senior Center has generated \$4,500 to the Senior Center (\$5 per person for after hours play). Must be a member of the Club—the after hours play also allows for players who are not “seniors” to have access to court time.
4. This year three new nets were purchased for outside courts at a cost of \$1,137; and \$1200 for balls (both indoor and outdoor)
5. Three “public” nets have remained available at the tennis courts for anyone wanting to play after Club hours—7 a.m. - noon
6. Banners, magnetic signs and business cards were purchased for use during the 4th of July Parade and Blueberry Festival
7. SHPC won award for “Most Enthusiastic” entry at 4th of July parade
8. Recently South Haven Visitors Bureau has agreed to post pickleball and hours and location of play on their website.

Treasurer:

2022-23 Memberships— 162 \$3,240
2023-24 Memberships— 188 \$3,640

Total Membership Fees \$6,880
Gifts 2022: \$108

TOTAL INCOME \$6,988.00

Expenditures:

Online Processing Fees \$230.56
Website Fees \$352.82
Pickleball Equipment \$2,014.81
Marketing—Parades \$144.46
Social Gatherings \$187.38

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,903.03

NET INCOME \$4,084.97

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report: Mike Sawyer

Second: Betty Johnson

Motion approved

Jim Robinson: Status of Permanent Courts

1. High school has been good—but we are crammed. Six courts but often there are often many more players than the courts can accommodate.
2. Efforts to partner with Moose Lodge using some of their property for permanent courts was not feasible.
3. A “marketing” document has been presented outlining the Club’s history and the investment other shoreline communities are making in permanent courts.
4. Working to identify underutilized city-owned park property that would be suitable for Courts

Nancy Hillegonds:

1. Picnic great success. Estimate that over 100 members attended.
2. Thank you to **Mike Sawyer** for providing his personal gas grill (and working quickly to change venue to Stanley Johnson Park from Kids Corner based on weather report that showed hottest day of the summer) and **Denny Love** for cooking the hot dogs.

3. Thanks to everyone else who contributed to make this a great event — especially **Rosemary Fitzer**

Rosemary Fitzer:

Club apparel was ordered through Little Oscars. Lindy was very helpful in setting up our “on-line” shop. There are a few extra available for those who missed the ordering window.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Annie Brown and **Joe Reeser**, candidates for Mayor.

Both gave presentations on their platforms for additional recreational facilities in the City.

OLD BUSINESS:

A statement was submitted by **Cathy Duda** thanking everyone for their participation in the 4th of July and Blueberry Festival parades.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Betty Johnson** is resigning her position as Vice President due to a move out-of-state.
2. There are five positions for which nominations will be accepted: Vice President (vacant), Treasurer (Mike Marcus, incumbent), At Large (Jim Robinson, incumbent), At Large (Rosemary Fitzer, incumbent), At Large (vacant)
3. Nominations have been received as follows:
 - a. **Jim Slattery** to replace Betty Johnson as Vice President
 - b. Renomination of **Jim Robinson**
 - c. Renomination of Mike Marcus
 - d. Renomination of **Rosemary Fitzer** for At Large
 - e. Nomination of **Tricia Hudson** for open At Large

Motion by Nancy Hillegonds to accept candidates as presented

Second: Mike Marcus

Motion Passed.

4. **Sue Catherman** has volunteered to assume website responsibilities
5. **Lou Adamson** is running a Pickleball Referee Training Program. Anyone interested should contact him.
6. **Jim Slattery** and **Tricia Hudson** will be exploring setting up some mini-tournaments
7. Big thank you to **Bruce Covey** and **Larry Phillips** for coordinating the dates of play on Team Reach

8. Will be running lessons again this fall—65 people on wait list. Over 160 went through lessons last year.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Rosemary Fitzer
Second: Nancy Hillegonds

ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 p.m.

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