

**SOUTH HAVEN PICKLEBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2024**

LOCATION: 615 St. Joseph Street, South Haven, Michigan

OFFICERS 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

CALL TO ORDER: 1:31 P.M.

MOTION TO MODIFY AGENDA UNDER NEW BUSINESS IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS TO REMOVE JOHN KOLENDA

Move to adopt: Nancy Hillegonds
Second: Jim Robison
Motion passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—

Motion to Waive Reading of Minutes and adopt: Tricia Hudson
Second: Jim Robison

Motion passed unanimously

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Senior Center will be close for two weeks around holidays; approved for after hours play at standard \$5 per person

Will need identify person to open and close during after hours play; schedule of play will be determined by staffing availability

After hours play remain open to paid SHPC members only

Currently SHPC has 261 paid memberships

Sue Catherman is working on the website behind the scenes; she has written a preamble describing the services the club provides and highlighting what dues are used for—i.e., purchase of balls, nets, banners, etc.

The system has been “fixed” so members will receive notice when their membership expires—while there is still some confusion about renewal, this is a Wix programming issue and the solution is not easily resolved

There continues to be requests to adopt a schedule for specific groups—i.e., ladies play, intermediate play, open play—-the requests seems to center on rotating times—Mike to explore how this might work—-will discuss at a later meeting

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mike Marcus presented two sets of financials:

SHPC has been closed

SHPC, INC. is now governed by the by-laws of the new corporation and all funds have been transferred to that bank account

Currently there is approximately \$7,000 in the account

Financials attached

Motion to Accept: Jim Robinson

Second: Rosemary Fitzer

Passed unanimously

Update: Bobbi Otto, CPA has filed paperwork for Club’s status as a 501(c)(3)—approval is still pending. Until the IRS approves our application the Club is limited in receiving donations

OLD BUSINESS

RIVERWOODS PROPERTY: Jim Robinson

There was a steering committee meeting held on October 22 at the Maritime Museum; organized by Scott Reinert; 16 representatives from various organizations who are stakeholders in the project—i.e., SHPBC, Baseball, Dog Park, etc.

The restrictions on the property are for OUTDOOR RECREATION ONLY—meaning no indoor recreation facility will be permitted

Final approval for the transfer of land from the DNR Trust Fund to SHARA is not yet finalized; nor has there been a purchase agreement or an agreement on a purchase price; DNR has indicated they will work with SHARA to make the financing work—(possible lease-to-purchase option if funds not available for outright purchase)

Any grants from the DNR for funding to develop this area, are due APRIL 1, 2025—if successful with our application the funds won’t be released until project is underway—

The goal is to apply for maximum funding amount through DNR of \$400,000 with local matching funds in the amount of \$100,000—the grant is structured as a “reimbursement”—must show funds spent on project for which grant was issued; DNR will reimburse.

The combined amount of \$500,000 has not been allocated to any proposed Riverwoods project.

There is another steering committee meeting scheduled for December 9, 2024—once a final plan for the property has been approved by the steering committee is will be subject to a public hearing for discussion, likely sometime in January.

Once layout is in place, there also a requirement for an environmental impact study

HOLIDAY PARTY—Rosemary Fitzer

Holiday Party scheduled for December 10, 2024 at the Senior Center—6:30 to 9:30
Committees have been established similar to last year's event

SHPC organized an evening a bowling on Saturday, October 12, 2024; 27 people attended with 18 bowling

TOURNAMENTS—Tricia Hudson and Jim Slattery

Halloween tournament was held on October 24, 2024
There were 24 participants of varying of levels

Tricia mentioned adding an civic component to these tournaments—-to be discussed later as an agenda item

NEW BUSINESS

In Memoriam

1. Motion to donate \$200 in memoriam on behalf of Steve Heuser—Rosemary Fitzer

Second: Jim Robinson

Motion passed unanimously

2. Motion to delete consideration of in memoriam donation on behalf of John Kolenda at the request of the family—Rosemary Fitzer

Second: Jim Robison

Motion passed unanimously

Outdoor Nets: replaced three outdoor nets (\$75 per); the rest will be refurbished

Calendar 2025:

1. General Meeting Date: Monday June 16, 2025
2. Summer Picnic: Wednesday, August 20, 2025
3. Holiday Party: Friday, December 5, 2025 (pending approval from Senior Center)

AED Purchase and Training

Club to purchase equipment and keep at outdoor Courts

Red Cross charges approximately \$1,100 per person for training

Mike to investigate other lower cost options for training

Court Dividers

Senior Center is willing to purchase two sets of net dividers; dividers will hang from wire cable

Total approximate cost for nets and hardware: \$400 to be split between Senior Center and

SHPC

Shelves/Coat Hooks

Diane has approved a plan to adjust the seating and to hang coat hooks; SHPC will assume that cost

Comments and Announcements:

Jim Slattery reported on comments that pink balls are being lost in orange kitchen; want to replace with yellow balls;

Mike to put together a survey of different ball options and have players rank preference; results will be forthcoming

Adjournment: 3:24

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