

Athens AL Pickleball Association
Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Association
January 26, 2022 12:00pm
Athens Recreation Center, Athens AL

Attendance: 16 members in person & 7 members by email proxy.

The regular meeting of AAPA was called to order by Rhonda Weatherford.

Business Agenda:

1. Motion was made by Chase Spitzer to adopt the Bylaws as written, seconded by Fred Czerwonka, and affirmed by unanimous vote.
2. Motion was made by Fred Czerwonka and seconded by Diane Jones to elect officers' slate, and affirmed by unanimous vote. Officers' slate: June Holt, Sec-Treasurer; Chase Spitzer- Vice President; Rhonda Weatherford- President.
3. Discussion by Rhonda Weatherford regarding administrative status:
 - a. We are recognized by the USA Pickleball Association as the official club for Athens AL.
 - b. We have registered our name as an entity with the State of Alabama Sec of State.
 - c. We have applied for and received our Federal EIN number.
 - d. We are in the process of completing our application to become a 501c7 non-profit organization. We need an accountant to volunteer to file our annual 990 report. Please advise of any member who is an accountant.
4. Discussion by June Holt on membership & treasury status:
 - a. We have received 39 members as of 1/26/22.
 - b. We have collected \$780 in membership dues, & expended \$200 for USA Pickleball Association annual dues. We have a balance on hand of \$580.

Consideration of New Business

1. Bank Account Setup. June Holt requested authorization to setup a bank account for the association. Motion was made by Chase Spitzer, seconded by Fred Czerwonka, and affirmed by unanimous vote that June Holt be authorized to setup the account and to be named as signatory on the account.
2. Education Opportunities – Chase Spitzer to lead the effort to develop educational program to include 3 levels of play. 1st level- has never played, may not own equipment; 2nd level- has begun play but needs to know basics of play, how to serve, where to stand, how to score; 3rd level- needs instruction to be a competitive ready for tournament player. Chase will work to develop the educational program. 1st level available to anyone; 2nd/3rd level available to members only.

3. Evening Play- developing
4. Fall Tournament- Chase to chair committee for a Fall Tournament. Fred W to co-chair. Additional volunteers will be recruited.
5. Communications. We will employ push/pull/social as methods of communication. Email is our “push” and will be used for quarterly meetings & any business requiring a vote or sharing of large amounts of information. A web site will be launched for our “pull” method of communication and will allow members to pull info as wanted (general info, archive of meetings, information about play venues). Social media will be on FaceBook group page and will be used for general info but with a focus on play opportunities.
6. Outdoor Courts Proposal to Athens City- We intend to present a request to the city of Athens for use of courts at Big Spring. The proposal must include a business case & financial budget. This is a work in progress.
7. T-Shirts. Voted to select design # 1 (of 6 offered). The shirts will be available for purchase individually on Amazon. Rhonda to send links out to members.
8. Playing Guidance- a committee will be established to write guidelines for play etiquette, equipment use, sign-ups, and court rotations. Volunteers are needed for this task.
9. ARC New Indoor Courts- ARC declined to join the meeting at the last minute. Courts will open Wednesday February 2nd 9am-12pm. This Wednesday will be a standing multi-court day for AAPA. ARC will collect a \$3 per day usage fee for multi-court days from anyone who is not a paying member of ARC.

Meeting Adjourned 1:00pm 1/26/22