

# MINUTES

## Southeastern Michigan Pickleball Association

### Annual Meeting

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June 15, 2022 | 7:30 pm | Meeting called to order by Lee Fedel

Meeting Held at VFW Pavilion - 1545 E. Lincoln Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067

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#### In Attendance (based on sign-in sheet)

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Abbey, Perry	Gackebach, Eric	Piccolo, Ann
Adair, Nancy	Goldstone, Caren	Proctor, Michael
Antoff, David	Gonzales, Paul	Reardon, Eric
Bevilacqua, Patrick	Gustine, Bill	Roberts, Don
Bevilacqua, Susan	Haller, Katie	Schrode, Dan
Bondy, Ed	Hatley, Jeff	Siersma, Heather
Brown, Jean	Hofmann, Torsten	Skokos, Karl
Burnette, Rick	Holeman, Sharon	Soller, Lisa
Chinoski, David	James, Karen	Solomon, Mark
Chlebek, Kelly	Kessler, Amy	Standerfer, Deb
Collier, John	Kessler, Sue	Sternicki, Chet
Condevaux, John	Larkin, Kate	Stipanovich, Daniel
Cremeens, Blair	Long, Kim	Taggart, Fiona
Cremeens, Morn	Lucius, Jan	Taguchi, Fumi
Dabbs, Stephanie	Mackowski, Pam	Talerico, Mark
DeLaRosa, Renee	Mauro, Andre	Utter, Mark
Della-Lucia, Mike	Mauro, Millie	Vaughan, Carla
Dykla, Britt	Mooney, Denise	Vaughan, Ed
Egan, Ken	Neal, Leon	Verellen, Keith
Elias, Aseel	Nepi, Lisa	Walton, Mark
Fedel, Anna	Notarantonio, Jennie	Whiteside, Rose
Fedel, Frank	O'Neal, Brian	Xu, Helen
Fedel, Lee	Pasbjerg, Elaine	
Foreman, Cathy	Pasbjerg, Steve	

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## Board

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### **Current Board Members:**

Lee Fedel - Acting President (term expiring at the end of this meeting)

Lisa Soller - Secretary/Communications

Brittany Dykla - Treasurer (term expiring at the end of this meeting)

Stephanie Dabbs

Heather Siersma - former president (June 2021-May 2022)

Paul Gonzales (term expiring at the end of this meeting)

Julie Dykowski (term expiring at the end of this meeting)

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## Approval of Minutes

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The minutes from the last annual meeting were approved.

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## Amendment of Agenda

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There was a motion to amend the order of the agenda to move the nomination and voting on Board Members to be addressed first. It was seconded and approved, and the nomination and voting process commenced.

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## Elections

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### **Membership voting results: SMPA 2022 Board of Directors**

- Anna Fedel
  - Blair Cremeens
  - Brian O'Neal
  - Carla Vaughan
  - Frank J. Fedel
  - Heather Siersma
  - Jeff Hatley
  - Perry Abbey
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## Treasurer's Report

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Brittany Dykla gave the financial report for Jan - Dec 2021. She said SMPA is in a great position financially.

Revenues included ~\$25K (tournament), ~\$14K (leagues), ~6.3K (memberships).

Expenses included ~\$22.8K (Whittier repair), ~\$7K (tournament).

Net increase of ~16K.

Gross increase 21K.

In response to an attendees question, Heather Siersma mentioned that within the next 5 years, both locations will need to be repaired, costing approximately \$200K.

\*see addendum for more financial information

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## Ladder Leagues Committee Report

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Heather Siersma gave the report for the Ladder Leagues Committee. There were 11 leagues during the 2021 outdoor season plus 4 during the 2021-2022 indoor season. Beginning in October of 2021 and running through April 2022, SMPA partnered with Peachtree Tennis Club to provide mixers, drop-in play, and leagues indoors. In aggregate, SMPA membership increased to approximately 500 members due to the summer league expansion and the indoor winter partnership. In November 2021, a survey was sent out to the general membership soliciting feedback on several items including SMPA's leagues programming. As a result of the survey responses, the existing Tuesday morning ladder was altered to serve the 50 and over age group which was the most suggested league modification.

The first session of the 2022 outdoor leagues season had 388 registrants for 168 league spots for session one. Session two registration was pending as of this annual meeting's date.

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## Publicity Committee Report

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Stephanie Dabbs did not give a report but passed the microphone to Lisa Soller for the tournament committee report.

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## Tournament Committee Report

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Lisa Soller gave a brief report about the status of the annual pickleball tournament preparation, noting that as of the meeting, there were roughly 200 players signed up.

Lisa Soller gave her verbal resignation from the SMPA board of directors at this time.

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## Beginner Clinic Committee Report

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Just prior to the microphone being passed to Paul Gonzales to give an update on the different beginner clinics, Stephanie Dabbs gave her verbal resignation from the SMPA board of directors.

Paul Gonzales then reported that there was a beginner clinic for Upton Elementary School 4th and 5th graders during their Tuesday lunch hour four weeks in a row in May/June 2022.

He continued that a beginner Clinic was hosted at Whittier on Tuesday nights in June, there were about 35-45 people at each session.

He concluded that there was a beginner clinic on Friday, June 10th at Upton where about 35 people showed up. They were so enthusiastic that they did not care that it was raining, but the session was concluded for safety reasons.

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## Maintenance Committee Report

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Brian O'Neal (committee member) spoke about some of the smaller projects that have been addressed related to the court surfaces, as well as that he planned to get in contact with the company responsible for court maintenance.

Frank Fedel (committee member) mentioned that SMPA needs volunteers to help open and close the courts.

\* see addendum for more court maintenance information

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## New Business

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The ladders for session 2 for the 2022 outdoor season registration will be available soon. The registration will be on SignUpGenius.com and the link to it will be made available shortly.

Two new signs went up regarding the rules for the courts. These signs were written and put up by the city of Royal Oak.

\* see addendum for more court rules information

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## Comments, Announcements, Other New Business

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The SMPA contact information currently is the email address: [SMPA.MI.2022@gmail.com](mailto:SMPA.MI.2022@gmail.com)

The old SMPA website is currently undergoing reconstruction, and will hopefully be fully functional soon.

A survey about having two membership meetings annually rather than one was discussed.

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## Next Meeting

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The next membership meeting date is to be determined.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m., and passed unanimously.

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# ADDENDUM

## Treasurer's Report

- \* Gross revenues during Heather Siersma's presidency increased from about \$32K to about \$53K.
- \* The financials reported on were compiled by Paul Gonzales and Heather Siersma.
- \* Heather Siersma's comment on the court repair cost came from meetings with VTech Construction.

## Maintenance Committee

- \* These smaller projects primarily involved Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 court crack repair, both arranged by Heather Siersma.

## New Business - Court rules

- \* SMPA had been invited to contribute rules suggestions due to the city by April 2022, but a rules committee formed by Heather Siersma in 2021 could not agree on rules the city would approve as the city required the courts be open to all players except for during permitted events.