October 19, 2023, DAPP Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:05PM by Sandi Metz.

Motion made to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Meeting minutes were approved.

Attendees:

Sandi Metz, Bob Bradley, Carol Kozar, Heidi Wilson, Tammy Wilson, Genia Smith, Michelle Hunt, Robin Burke, Karen Courtney, Kenya Allan, Lisa Nadler.

Piney Update:

Piney construction is almost complete. It is not open for play. Gates are up. No locks on gates yet but locks will be put on them so that no one tries to play until the courts are complete. PLEASE HELP INFORM PLAYERS NOT TO USE COURTS UNTIL CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

Elections:

Sandi was asked by the 2022 board to make DAPP more inclusive in 2023. She would like us to continue to expand participation.

Elections are coming. A nominating committee has been formed. Candidates for board seats will be announced by Nov 8. Anyone can nominate someone or nominate themselves.

There are four Officers and five At-large Members. Going forward, the At-large Members will form subcommittees. Each will be responsible for one of the following committees:

1. **Durham Parks and Rec (DPR) Liaison**

   Main contact between DPR and Board. Works with DPR on future plans for pickleball in the area, communicates DPR info back to DAPP and community.

2. **Community Representative**

   Responds to incoming emails requesting information about where to play/how to learn/etc. Organizes and coordinates free community activities (for example, new player meetups, informal evening play by rating, up and down the river events, etc).

3. **Instructor Representative**

   Represents the interests of instructors (these are folks who coach or lead clinics for payment). Works with DAPP and DPR to arrange court space, coordinate reservations, etc.

4. **Fundraising Tzar**

Organizes and oversees fundraising activities, and helps set priorities for spending money.

5. **Events Organizer**

Leads and coordinates non-free DAPP events such as tournaments.

The website contains a link to election information. Voting will occur Dec. 8-15.

Durham Sports Commission (DSC) meeting:

This commission runs events that bring people to the city (and thus promote Durham) and events for the people of the city. One idea is to run a summer pickleball camp for kids. DSC suggested DAPP start by collaborating with Boy's and Girl's Club. Another idea is to get funding for pickleball shoes for kids. Triangle Pickleball is also a funding option and could be contracted. DAPP wants to do something in particular to help kids in Durham. DAPP will actively work on this starting in the new year.

Treasury report:

Michelle stated DAPP has roughly $6,900 currently that can be used for whatever the DAPP decides.

Questions:

Meeting was opened up to questions.

Q: What has DAPP funded for Piney?

A: DAPP gave $22K to DPR for court dividers. DAPP has agreed to fund benches, shade, windscreens and other items based upon community survey results.

Q: What are the plans for Piney Woods?

A: Piney Woods Grand Opening is being planned with DAPP and Durham Parks and Rec. The plan is to have the event on the last Monday or Tuesday of October in the afternoon. Bathrooms close November 1 through the end of March so want to hold the grand opening while bathrooms are still available. There is a plan to have a raffle. Tickets will be handed out to individuals that come to the grand opening. Hoping to get instructors to offer free lessons, and other items that can be raffled off. If you have anything to raffle or know someone that would be willing to make a donation, please reach out to them.

Q: What about bathrooms for the winter?

A: DAPP would like to potentially fund a Port-O-John at Piney for the winter. This will be discussed at a future date.

Q: Is DAPP a non-profit?

A: DAPP is currently incorporated as a Non-Profit in NC.

Q: If people donate things to DAPP can they get a tax donation?

A: Not at this time but Michelle is working on paperwork to do the paperwork to be an IRS 501(c)3.

Q: What's the deal with the new lighting at Bethesda?

A: There is feedback that the new lighting at night is particularly bad on the middle court. Some folks feel the lights have gotten worse. Others feel the lighting is about the same. There are also problems with 3 lights that DPR has tried to get repaired a number of times.

Q: Can the windscreens at Bethesda be extended on the 4th side?

A: DPR decided (with community input) that there will not be windscreens on the side facing the parking lot. This is considered a safety issue.

Robin expressed appreciation and acknowledged the extensive commitment, time and effort put forth by Sandi as president. Sandi has spent significant personal time bringing DAPP to the next level. Tracey, Michelle and others have made significant contributions. The board wanted to thank Sandi, Tracey, Michelle and all the volunteer members of DAPP for their efforts this past year.

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting which was passed. The meeting ended at 5:45PM.