

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club
Annual Club Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2022
L.E. Phillips YMCA Indoor Sports Center

Forty-eighty members of the Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club were present.

The following items of business were discussed.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Judy Mirr at 6:30 p.m.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2021 annual meeting. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's report. With Treasurer Mike Mai absent, Mike Peterson presented the treasurer's report. Mike explained the income and expenses for the fiscal year. At the end of the fiscal year, May 31, 2022, the Club had a balance of \$35,811. A motion was made and accepted to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
4. Judy Mirr presented the president's report. She highlighted several events that took place the past year. Indoor play was busy for 2021-22. Winter activities included a Valentine's Day celebration, pickleball clinics for members, and ball machine lessons. In the spring a Savers fundraiser was held which coincided with opening up the McDonough Park courts and park cleanup. Fifty club members volunteered to help with the Eau Claire marathon in May. A water station was installed at McDonough Park, along with a bathroom and storage shed. Tuesday/Thursday round robins were very popular during the summer months. Clinics and lessons were popular as well. The tournaments the Club had hoped to have (June and September) were not held. Courts were resurfaced at Lake Hallie and new courts were built in the Town of Lafayette. It is hoped these courts will relieve some of the congestion at the courts at McDonough Park.

Linda Nicastro summarized the lessons that were offered throughout the year. One hundred twenty individuals took lessons. Skill groups and individual lessons were also held and raised \$2,000. It was announced that lessons will be held in November at the Indoor Sports Center.

Judy recognized the individuals involved in organizing the Play for Pink event held in November. It was a very successful event with proceeds going to Marshfield Health System. The money will be used for individuals in need in the Chippewa Valley.

5. Sandy Johnson gave a membership update. The Club realized a 20 percent increase in membership, going from 311 members to 373. She also thanked individuals who volunteered on various committees and encouraged more people to get involved with Club activities.

Judy Mirr reported that the Board recommended keeping Club dues at \$25 a year. A motion was made and seconded to keep the Club dues at \$25 annually. Motion carried. Dues are for the calendar year.

6. Maintenance report. Mike Peterson presented the maintenance report. He and Harry Gordee were very instrumental in maintaining the courts at McDonough Park. He hopes to have more Club members involved in unlocking the courts and keeping them clean. Some vandalism took place at McDonough Park. Players are reminded to lock the courts after play has concluded for the evening. All unclaimed lost and found items were taken to Goodwill. Mike also reported that an AED was installed in the bathroom at McDonough Park with an alarm going off when the door to the AED is opened.

Sandy Johnson, Mike Peterson, Dan Szymanski have been unlocking the Indoor Sports Center so that play can begin at 7 a.m.

7. Bev Hilton introduced the individuals nominated to be elected to the Board (Candyce Gray, Greg Helgeson, Carolyn Johnson, Jeff Lorentz, Mike Mai, Karen McDermott, Mike Peterson, Dave Rowe, and Marty Wood).
8. Judy Mirr asked if there were nominations from the floor for the election of Board members. There were no nominations from the floor.
9. Greg Helgeson, Club representative to the City of Eau Claire for the repair/resurfacing of the McDonough Park courts (courts 1-6), provided an update on the project. The repair will consist of filling the cracks, applying a thin layer of asphalt over the courts, and repainting the courts with the same color. This is a short-term fix at a cost of approximately \$48,000. The long-term fix would be total court replacement. The Club will use \$25,000 of Club funds for the project and will seek donations from Club members for the balance. Greg

went on to explain how he personally benefits from playing pickleball. He also answered questions raised by Club members.

10. Election results. The following individuals were elected to serve a two-year term on the Board: Greg Helgeson, Jeff Lorentz, Mike Mai, Karen McDermott, and Stacy Sommers.
11. A drawing was held for four individuals to receive a free, one-year Club membership. The four receiving free memberships are Cleone Jeager, Jane Kulberg, Mike Paulsrud, and Greg Strozinsky.
12. Other.
 - The Club donated funds to Lake Hallie for new nets and posts.
 - It was asked why pickleball isn't played at the indoor tennis center and it was explained that it is for tennis only.
 - Members are encouraged to mail donations to Mike Mai or give them to a Board member.
 - Judy Mirr listed locations for indoor play in the Chippewa Valley.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bev Hilton, Secretary