

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board
Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022
YMCA Indoor Sports Center

Board members present: Penny Graham, Bev Hilton, Sandy Johnson, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Mike Peterson, Tom Guelzow II, and Harry Gordee.

Also present: Linda Nicastro, USPA ambassador; Julie Booth, City of Eau Claire Parks and Recreation representative; and Mitch Johnson, Club member.

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by President Judy Mirr.

The following items of business were discussed.

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report. Mike M. reported that to date the Club has funds totaling \$36,639.96. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. Eau Claire Dells tournament update. Mitch Johnson brought the Board up to date on the June 25, 2022, tournament. There is still room for players to register in all categories. Women's and mixed 3.5 have the most entrants with 7 each.

Julie reported that she emailed previous tournament participants to see if they're willing to enter. Mitch will market the tournament to Minnesota players. Volunteers will be needed the day of the tournament, and Julie will reach out to past volunteers to see if they are again willing to help. Many Club members have expressed their willingness to help. Mitch also reported that enough money has been raised for the payouts (first through third places in the open divisions). The major tournament sponsors are Dave Markquart, Chippewa Valley Orthopedics, C&M Home Builders, and Scheels. The sponsors will be recognized and thanked for their generosity. Entry fee money will not go towards the money needed for the payouts but will be used for other tournament expenses. There will be no rain date for the tournament.

4. McDonough update. Nets and windscreens will be put up on Thursday, April 21. Mike will give a short talk to volunteers prior to putting up the windscreens to make sure everyone knows the proper height of them and how they should be secured. Judy will address the volunteers and explain to them the initiatives that have been accomplished at the park and what we hope to accomplish in the future. Sandy will take care of the membership prizes.

Cleanup of the park will take place on Thursday, too, along with collecting donations for the Savers fundraiser. Tom has secured a covered trailer for the donations and will deliver them to Savers on Saturday, April 23.

Julie reported that the bathroom will be put in place the first week in May. A bike rack has also been installed.

5. Considerable time was spent scheduling ongoing pickleball activities on the calendar for the next 12 months. The activities included suggested dates for the following: Board meetings, lessons, round robins, special play geared around holidays, and tournaments. Activities can always be added as needs/interests arise. The calendar will be included in the monthly newsletter.

Board members also collaborated on a Club vision, missions, and goals worksheet. Linda suggested the following regarding a mission statement: "Our mission is to promote the game of pickleball and its many benefits by providing inclusive, respectful, and welcoming pickleball for all ages and skill levels throughout the Chippewa Valley." If the Club were to adopt this mission statement, it will need to be voted on at the annual meeting.

6. Other:

- A lost-and-found tote-type box will be put on the courts near the center door on the south side. If players are missing items, this is where they should look for them. Lost-and-found items will no longer be put in the yellow storage box.
- Linda updated the Board on lessons and skills and drills. Lessons for beginners will be offered in May and June and will be held on two consecutive Mondays at McDonough Park.
- Bev gave an update on round robins which will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning in June. Tuesdays will be for the

- novice/beginner players or and Thursdays will be for the more experienced players.
- A motion was made and seconded to purchase mats that will be put inside the courts by all gates to reduce the amount of sand coming off players' shoes and getting onto the courts. Motion carried.
 - Once the storage shed is installed, the ball machine can be stored in it. Individuals desiring to use it need to be trained on it.
 - A means for storing the AED at McDonough Parks needs to be explored. In the past it has been stored in the yellow storage box, and easy access to it has been a concern. It was suggested another training session be held on its use.
 - Judy reviewed the results from the membership survey that was conducted a few years ago. Many of the needs expressed by members in the survey have been achieved. It was felt that at this time there is no need to survey the members again.
 - Linda suggested that a time slot be allocated at Board meetings for members to express any issues, concerns, or suggestions they may have concerning the pickleball club. She also suggested having a ladies night of pickleball once a month at McDonough Park. Both suggestions were supported by the Board.
 - Discussion took place regarding a former Club member. A motion was made and seconded that Mark Homp be barred for life from ever becoming a member of the Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton, Secretary