

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board
Board Meeting Minutes (Closed Meeting)
January 23, 2022
YMCA Indoor Sports Center

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

USPA Ambassador present: Linda Nicastro.

Also present: Amy Peterson-Foss representing the YMCA Indoor Sports Center.

The meeting was called to order by Club President Judy Mirr at 1p.m.

1. Judy told those present that the purpose of the meeting was to address a situation in which a Club member (male) has repeatedly made unwelcomed and inappropriate remarks to another club member (female). The offended individual reported the incidents to Amy after trying unsuccessfully to deal with the situation herself. Reports regarding the inappropriate remarks have been made to the YMCA Sports Center, the Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club, and the Eau Claire Police Department. After initial reports were filed, other individuals came forward to report similar incidents that occurred at the Indoor Sports Center, McDonough Park, and the YMCA in Chippewa Falls.

It was stated that pickleball is all about good sportsmanship and that inappropriate behavior initiated by any individual is not to be tolerated. Even if the offender is banned from the Y facilities, he could play at McDonough Park. The City would need to take action to ban the individual from playing there.

A recommendation was made to have Amy communicate to the offender that he is not allowed at the YMCA Sports Center and the YMCA in Chippewa Falls.

An email and letter will be sent by Judy to the offender indicating his Club membership will be terminated. A follow-up meeting regarding this will be held January 31, 2022, a 4 p.m. at the Indoor Sports Center. The offender will be allowed to attend this meeting.

It was noted that the safety of all Board members needs to be a consideration.

2. Linda asked Board members for articles for the next newsletter.
3. Special open play will be held on Valentine's Day.

Following no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton, Secretary