

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board
Board Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2022
McDonough Park, Eau Claire

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

Also present: Linda Nicastro, USPA ambassador; Jeff Lorentz and Bill Bethke, Club members; and Tim Huebner, Pavement Consulting Services.

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by President Judy Mirr.

The following items of business were discussed.

1. Secretary's report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report. Mike M. reported that the Club has a treasury balance of \$39,371.83. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. Open discussion from Club members.
 - Club Member Bill Bethke reported that, in his opinion, there aren't enough courts to support the growth of pickleball. Courts are being redone in Lake Hallie and the Town of Lafayette (Chippewa Falls). The six courts in Lake Hallie will be resurfaced and will have new net posts and windscreens. The Village of Lake Hallie will pay one-third to one-half of the expense with a local businessman paying the remainder. The work is expected to be done in September. A motion was made and seconded that the Club purchase the new benches for the Lake Hallie courts at a cost of \$2,400. Motion carried. In the Town of Lafayette there will be three dedicated pickleball courts with two additional courts on the current basketball court. Lessons could be offered at both locations which would take the pressure off of holding them at McDonough Park.
 - Club Member Jeff Lorentz mentioned that there are two new courts in Rock Falls. He also expressed his concern over donation solicitations.

4. Court restoration update. Judy welcomed Tim Huebner from Pavement Consulting Services. Tim inspected the cracks and low spots on the original six courts (1-6) at McDonough Park. His company could clean the cracks, fill the cracks with epoxy, level the courts where there are low spots, and repaint the six courts. There are 750 feet of cracks on the six courts. The repairs would have a one-year guarantee and could last 15-20 years. The repairs would take about a week to complete. Tim was asked to provide references from jobs his company has completed. He agreed to do this and will give them to Tom Guelzow. The current estimate to do the repair work is approximately \$35,000. By April 1 of 2023 he could provide an estimate for having the work done next year as it is anticipated the cost of materials could increase between now and then. If the Board decides to proceed with the project, Tim was hopeful that it could be done in early June of next year. The current cost to fix the concrete flaking where needed on the net posts on courts 7-12 is \$2,500. Additional discussion will take place at a future date regarding moving forward with the court repair project.
5. September Pickleball Palooza tournament update. After considerable discussion, a motion was made and seconded to cancel the September tournament this year due to unforeseen circumstances. Motion carried.
6. Website. Mitch Johnson was approved to be the Club's new webmaster. The changes for the refresh of the website would include lesson and membership registration, a new look, Facebook information, and improved communication from the website to the Club. It needs to be determined if Mitch will maintain the website once the updates are made or if someone else will need to do it.
7. Committee reports and calendar update.
 - Linda reported that the July lessons were well attended and that 15 people have indicated an interest in taking lessons in August.
 - It is hoped that power will be installed in the storage shed by the end of July. This will allow the ball machine to be stored in the shed and charged there.
 - Once the contents of the yellow box have been moved to the storage shed, the yellow box will be the new lost and found box and will not be locked.
 - A table was purchased to be used for lessons and other events.
 - It was requested that hooks be added to the inside of the storage shed.
 - Pickleball Picnic in the Park will be held August 10 at McDonough Park from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants can bring their own lunch; the Club will provide root beer floats at no charge.

8. Indoor play. Options for indoor play beginning in the fall will be discussed at a later date.
9. Other discussion.
 - To recognize his generous contributions to the sport of pickleball, a motion was made and seconded to make Dave Markquart a life time member of the Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club. Motion carried.
 - Thicker cork is needed in the kiosk to make it easier to post information/pictures.
 - The Red Cross can offer a hands-only CPR training at no cost.
 - Harry reported that he has looked into boxes for mounting the AED on a wall in the new bathroom. A motion was made and seconded to spend approximately \$200 to purchase a box for mounting the AED. Motion carried.
 - Since there is a second bathroom at McDonough Park, the new bathroom will continue to be locked from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. The time may be adjusted next year.
 - Blowing the courts cannot start before 7 a.m.
 - The library in Chippewa Falls asked if the Club would provide a one-time pickleball clinic in August or September in Chippewa Falls and wanted to know what compensation the Club would want. Linda was also contacted by Altoona's Parks and Recreation Department regarding lessons and the cost. The cost of both requests will be discussed further.
 - Judy mentioned that playing pickleball indoors under a black light could be a potential fundraiser. Penny mentioned that Club members need to know how money raised at fundraisers will be used to benefit the Club.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bev Hilton, Secretary