

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board
Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2022
YMCA Indoor Sports Center

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

Also present: Linda Nicastro, USPA ambassador, and Julie Booth, City of Eau Claire Parks and Recreation representative.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Vice President Tom Guelzow.

The following items of business were discussed.

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report. Mike M. summarized the treasurer's report. The Club has funds totaling \$38,267.32. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. There were no comments, questions, or concerns from Club members.
4. Committee reports.
 - a. Skills, Clinics, and Lessons. Linda reported that there has been a great deal of interest in lessons and skill building. Twenty-four people signed up for beginner lessons in May and another 24 have signed up for June lessons, with a waiting list. A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$300 for balls, ball hoppers, and cones to be used for lessons and drills. Motion carried.
 - b. Tournaments – deferred to Julie Booth's update.
 - c. Volunteers—deferred to Julie Booth's update.
 - d. Social Events. Penny reported that the Social Committee will be assisting at the June 25 tournament. People from that committee will be helping register players, distributing the goody bags, and assisting in other areas where needed.

- e. Facilities and Maintenance. Harry and Mike will set up tents and a membership table for the June tournament. They will also see that the courts are blown off and that the nets are at the appropriate height.
 - f. Court Ambassadors. Sandy reported that ball markers with smiley faces on them can be used to identify court ambassadors. The ball markers can be affixed to a hat or shirt. A motion was made and seconded to spend \$100 for the ball markers. Motion carried.
 - g. Organized Play. Bev reported that organized play begins on Tuesday, June 7 for the novice/inexperienced players and on Thursday, June 9, for the more experienced players. Play begins at 6 p.m. at McDonough Park. Decks of cards which are used to determine partners will be available in the lost and found box.
 - h. Fundraising. Tom will follow up with Steve Plaza regarding grant money from the City of Eau Claire. He also reported that sufficient funds have been secured for the purse money for the June 25 tournament.
5. Upcoming events.
- a. Planning meetings for the June 25 tournament will be held on June 8 and 22. Friday, June 24, will be a workday at the McDonough Park to prepare the courts for the tournament.
 - b. Ladies night at McDonough Park is postponed until July.
6. Locks for the McDonough Park bathroom and storage shed. Much discussion took place regarding locking the new bathroom located near the courts. Harry reported that a lock with a number keypad could be purchased for \$700. Users would need a four-digit code to unlock the lock. Harry will check into whether a time lock is available. Locking the bathroom was tabled for the time being. Once the storage shed is in place, the type of lock for it will be determined.
7. Recap of Savers fundraiser. Bev reported that a total of \$319.44 was raised. Those funds were direct deposited into the Club's RCU account.
8. Tournament update. Julie reported on the number of people registered for the June 25 tournament. Participants are coming from several states. All of the men's divisions have filled. In addition, at this time mixed 3.5 is full with eight teams, mixed 4.0 is filled with eight teams, mixed open has four teams, women's 3.5 is full with eight teams, women's 4.0 has four teams, and the women's open

division has zero teams. Julie is still looking for volunteers to serve as court monitors.

Several other items related to the tournament were discussed.

- In the men's category, there was no 4.5 division. A motion was made and seconded to add this division. Motion carried.
 - Because there were no women's teams registered in the open division, a motion was made and seconded to roll the purse money of \$700 to a future tournament. A motion was made and seconded to combine women's 4.0 and 4.5 divisions. Motion carried.
 - A motion was made and carried to allow a women's team to compete in the men's open division. Motion carried.
 - Vendors. Pickleball Rocks and Gear Box will have booths at the tournament. There will also be an ice cream vendor at the event.
 - A motion was made and seconded to get one porta potty for the tournament. Motion carried.
 - Julie will get quotes on special awards for the winners in addition to medals.
 - Media promotion for the tournament was discussed. Tom will bring this up at the next tournament planning meeting.
9. Pickleball Central reward money. Mike reported on the credit the Club has with Pickleball Central; it will be used to purchase more pickleball balls.
 10. Court maintenance. Senn Blacktop submitted a bid of \$103,000 to redo Courts 1-6. Tom will check with someone he knows to get a bid on fixing the cracks on those six courts.
 11. Tom shared a tentative five-year Club roadmap that highlighted Club goals (repair of courts, tournaments, webpage update, electronic membership, indoor tournament, court lighting, enhancements at McDonough Park, fundraising, and expansion of indoor facilities).
 12. Other.
 - Tom will clean the ball machine which will be kept in the storage shed at McDonough Park.
 - It was agreed that compiling a tournament planning book would be a helpful resource.

- Prior to Board meetings, Sandy will email updated membership and committee lists to the Board members.
- Sandy asked about the cleaning and replacement of supplies in the new bathroom at McDonough Park. Julie will follow up on this.
- Julie is meeting with Club Member Tim O'Riley on May 24 regarding the tennis courts at Owen Park in Eau Claire. Two tennis courts could be striped to make four pickleball courts. Tennis could still be played there. The pickleball club at the university could potentially help with the project. Portable nets would be used for pickleball.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton, Secretary