

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2022, 1:30 PM  
McDonough Park

Present: Penny Graham, Harry Gordee, Bev Hilton, Sandy Johnson, Mike Mai, Linda Nicastro, and Mike Peterson.

Also present: Club Members Kathy Abens, Debbie Ellefson, Kathy Krueger, and Kathy Preston.

With the absence of the president and vice president, Club Member Sandy Johnson called the meeting to order.

The following items of business were discussed.

1. Discussion from Club members. Kathy Abens expressed concerns she and other Club members have about equitable court time when the courts are busy. When the courts are full, there have been times when 25-30 people are waiting to play. Not all players realize that after playing a game, they need to get off the court to let another group play. Kathy has also observed that some players are territorial when it comes to the court they wish to play on. She would like to see a system implemented that would allow for fair play for all players as it relates to court access when the courts are busy. A number of players signed a petition indicating their support of the issue Kathy presented. The petition is attached to the minutes. Kathy would like to see a procedure in place by the time outdoor play is resumed in the spring of 2023. A paddle system is one option to consider. Her concerns were welcomed by the Board and will be discussed further at another Board meeting.
2. Secretary's report. Sandy suggested a correction be made to the August meeting minutes relating to the role of the club member working with the companies bidding for the court resurfacing. The correction will read "The individual will serve as an advisor to the Board and will work with the companies interested in submitting a bid for the court resurfacing. The City of Eau Claire will accept the bids, not the Club." A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes once corrected from the August 17, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's report. Mike M. reported that the Club has a treasury balance of \$39,941.81. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Mike also reported that Federal Form 990 for exemption has been filed.
4. Reports:
  - Skills/drills/lessons. Linda reported the last lessons of the year will be held on Thursday, September 20, in Altoona.
  - Tournaments. Linda and Sandy played in a tournament in Weyerhaeuser, Wisconsin. At the tournament they met an individual who runs tournaments. This person could serve as a resource for future tournaments the Club may sponsor.
  - Social events. Penny reported that the Social Committee will be helping out at the Play for Pink fundraiser.
  - Facilities/Equipment.
    - ◆ It was reported that the City of Eau Claire approved to accept up to \$48,000 for the court resurfacing/repairs. If the bids are greater than \$48,000, approval from the City may be needed. The City needs the money for the cost of the work before awarding the bid. A motion was made and seconded that a representative from the City of Eau Claire be invited to attend the Club's Board meetings. Motion carried. Greg Helgeson, the Club member serving as the advisor regarding the court resurfacing, will also be invited to future meetings to provide updates.
    - ◆ Harry and Mike reported additional assistance is needed for court maintenance.
    - ◆ Harry reported that the cork used for posting pictures and other things in the kiosk won't be replaced because of the cost.
  - Court ambassadors. Sandy reported that she has purchased additional bag tags for new members and will determine dates for their distribution.
  - Organized play. Bev reported that groups are organizing play on their own.
  - Fundraising. No report. It was suggested a special meeting be called specifically to discuss fundraising for the court repairs.
5. Upcoming events.
  - The Play for Pink fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, October 4, with a rain date of Wednesday, October 5. An email asking for raffle prizes will be sent to Club members. To date, a \$500 donation has been received, along with a number of raffle prizes. A motion was made and seconded that anyone is eligible to buy tickets for raffle prizes and not be limited to Club members. Motion carried.

- The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26, at 6 p.m. at the YMCA Indoor Sports Center. Bev will contact Amy from the Sports Center regarding a room reservation. A motion was made and seconded to give away four 2023 Club memberships at the annual meeting. Motion carried.
6. Lake Hallie courts update. At the August Board meeting, a motion was made and approved to donate \$2,400 for court benches for the Lake Hallie courts. Bids for the court resurfacing and net posts and nets came in higher than anticipated. The Club was asked if the money the Club approved to spend on benches be used instead for permanent net posts and nets. A motion was and seconded made to increase the donation to \$2,500 and that it be used for permanent net posts and nets. Motion failed.
  7. The Paypal option for paying for Club dues needs to be added to the Club's website. Sandy suggested that Venmo be an option for payment too. It was also suggested that the Club needs an email address so that all Board members would receive emails.
  8. Indoor play. Heavy indoor play is anticipated at the Indoor Sports Center. After regular indoor play starts, less popular play times needs to be determined so that people can be encouraged to play during those times. This would help take the load off the early to mid-morning hours. Amy from the Sports Center will be invited to attend Board meetings held on the months people are playing indoors. Having league play at the Sports Center has been suggested to Board members. This could be run through the YMCA.
  9. The Nominations Committee for the upcoming elections to be held at the annual meeting will consist of Harry, Bev, Judy, and Tom.
  10. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:31. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Bev Hilton, Secretary