

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2023, 12 Noon  
McDonough Park Pavilion

Present: Harry Gordee, Bev Hilton, Sandy Johnson, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Jeff Lorentz, Karen McDermott, Linda Nicastro, and Stacy Sommers.

Also present: Club members Bill Bethke via phone.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Greg Helgeson at 12:01 p.m.
2. Member comments. Via phone, Club Member Bill Bethke updated the Board on the court expansion at Lake Hallie. The proposed plan will be presented to the Lake Hallie Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission at its meeting on August 28. Club members are welcome to attend the meeting as a show of support for the court expansion. Harry, Judy, and Mike volunteered to attend the meeting. Bill also brought attention to the fact that money will be needed in the future for upkeep of the courts (repainting, crack repair, etc.) It was suggested that the PB Club enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Village of Lake Hallie. Linda offered to draft a document outlining what the Club can do to support the courts in Lake Hallie (lessons, clinics, leagues, etc.).
3. Secretary's report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Motion carried.
4. July 20 to August 16, 2023, treasurer's report. Mike reported that the Club has a balance of \$71,585.60. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Mike also reported that Federal Form 990 to the IRS was filed and accepted. The Club's raffle license has been renewed.
5. Membership report. Karen reported that at present the Club has 467 members. Signing up online is continuing to work well. If members are unable to download the newsletter, it is available on the Club's website.
6. Parks and Rec – no report as Julie Booth was not present.
7. USPA ambassador report. Linda reported the following:
  - The Kickstart Youth Grant sponsored by USA Pickleball and Franklin Sports was approved. She received 30 paddles, 50 balls, targets, and court tape. A game

plan needs to be established to get youth involved in learning and playing pickleball. It was suggested to have a kids' morning on a Saturday at the McDonough Park courts. Something similar could possibly be held at the Indoor Sports Center. Both Greg and Jeff reported that individuals have approached them about lessons for kids.

- Dennis from the Rice Lake pickleball club notified her that the round robin our Club was invited to in Rice Lake has been postponed.
- Linda and Scott will be attending a USPA Ambassador Conference in Springfield, Missouri.
- A bylaws change was shared with the Board. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to have three-year staggered terms for Board members. Motion carried. Members will be informed of the change at the annual meeting in October.

8. Committee reports.

- a. Court Ambassadors. Jeff reported that several younger people have started playing pickleball at the McDonough Park courts.
- b. Facilities/Maintenance. Harry reported that he and Jeff had made gate repairs. He also reported that the stool was stolen from the bathroom near the courts. A new one is on order. A barrier will be put in place between courts 1-6 and courts 7-12 when the court repair/resurfacing is taking place. Three to four regular volunteers have been helping blow off the courts.
- c. Fundraising/Grants. No report.
- d. Organized Play. Stacy reported on a special event planned on Labor Day. It will be limited to 16 women and 16 men. He anticipates it will run for 3-4 hours on Labor Day morning at McDonough Park. Stacy also reported that the Wednesday evening ladder league has been popular. The Tuesday and Thursday evening round robins are also well attended. The DUPR rating system was discussed briefly.
- e. Skills/Lessons. Judy reported that two more lessons are scheduled, one in Lake Hallie on August 21 and the other one on Labor Day at the McDonough Park courts. Intermediate lessons may be offered later in September.
- f. Social Events. A social event will be held after the court repair/resurfacing has been completed. A pickleball swap may be held in conjunction with it. The date for the social will most likely be after the September tournament.
- g. Tournaments. Volunteers are needed to help at the September Pickleball Palooza tournament.

9. Old business.

- a. The court repair/resurfacing of the courts at McDonough Park is scheduled to start August 21. On Saturday, August 19, the nets and posts will be taken down

on Courts 1-6. Players can bring portable nets and play on those courts on August 19 and 20. Starting August 21, Courts 7-12 will be the only available courts.

- b. A date for the ribbon cutting following the court repair/resurfacing will be determined after completion of the project.
  - c. Pickleball Palooza tournament will be held September 9. Julie has advertised the tournament and registrations are coming in.
  - d. The annual meeting will be held October 5 at the YMCA Indoor Sports Center. Stacy, Sandy, and Judy volunteered to serve on the nominations committee. Four positions on the Board need to be filled. Greg will draft an agenda for the meeting. Bev will email Board members the minutes from the 2022 annual meeting.
  - e. Dates for the 2024 US Senior Pickleball Tournament were discussed. The dates of August 6-8 were suggested with August 13-15 as the alternative dates. The location of the tournament is yet to be determined.
10. New business.
- a. Play for Pink will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, October 17, at the Indoor Sports Center. Bev will confirm this with Amy. Karen, Bev, Sandy, and Linda will do some initial planning for the event and will ask other Club members to help.
  - b. Sandy reported that details for indoor play at the YMCA Indoor Sports Center are being worked out. She also reported that she picked up 50 hats in five different colors from Chippewa Valley Sporting Goods. The hats will be available at the September tournament for a donation of \$25.
11. Content for the September newsletter was discussed. Karen hopes to get the newsletter out in early September.
12. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Bev Hilton, Secretary