

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2023  
L.E. Phillips YMCA Indoor Sports Center

Present: Greg Helgeson, Bev Hilton, Sandy Johnson, Karen McDermott, Mike Mai (by phone), Judy Mirr, and Stacy Sommers.

Also present: Julie Booth, Eau Claire Parks and Recreation representative

Absent: Linda Nicastro, Harry Gordee, and Jeff Lorentz.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Greg Helgeson.

1. Secretary's report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 2022 meeting and the January 2023 meeting. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report. Mike reported that the Club has a balance of \$82,283.80, \$36,300 of which is earmarked for the court repair/resurfacing at McDonough Park. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Mike will check on the balance the Club has with Pickleball Central. Discussion took place regarding opening a money market fund with Club money. The Club could earn between \$70-80 per month in interest by putting money in a money market fund, and there are no penalties for early withdrawal. The money market interest rate is currently 1.65%, the interest rate the Club's money is currently earning is .5%. A motion was made and seconded to allow Mike to move money into a money market fund. Motion carried.
3. Valentine's Day event. Bev reported that the event was well attended and included door prizes, cookies, and a 50/50 cash raffle. Several people paid their Club membership prior to and on the day of the event so they could be eligible for raffle prizes. Lannette Hesse won the 50/50 cash raffle. She received \$165 and \$165 was deposited to the Club's treasury.
4. The hands-on CPR was canceled for February 23 and will be rescheduled for March 9 or 14, dependent upon the availability of Red Cross personnel. There is no charge for the instruction.

5. Shoe recycling. Bev reported that she learned about a company that accepts and recycles old sport shoes. The concept was well received by Board members, but more information is needed before a decision is made. It will be discussed further at the March meeting.
6. St. Patrick's Day celebration. A motion was made and seconded to hold a social event for St. Patrick's Day and to spend no more than \$200 for expenses/prizes. Motion carried. Karen, Judy, Stacy, and Bev offered to help with the event.
7. Update on Chippewa Valley Sporting Goods (CVSG) virtual store. Sandy reported on the logistics of having a virtual store through CVSG. People could order merchandise (tee shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts, hats, etc.) with the Club's logo on it. Merchandise would be ordered and paid for online. There could be a common distribution of merchandise. Greg will check to see if Powertec in Eau Claire offers something similar. Opening the virtual store could coincide with the clean-up day at McDonough Park. A motion was made and seconded to further explore the Club having a virtual store. Motion carried.
8. Ball sales. For some ball sales held in the past, the Club used the credit earned through Pickleball Central to purchase balls. A decision about future ball sales will be made after Mike gets the balance the Club has with Pickleball Central.
9. Newsletter. Newsletter content and frequency of distribution was discussed. Bob Brown will be approached to contribute to future newsletters. It was suggested that the Club look into purchasing software that could be used for the newsletter. Julie said one option was Canva. It is hoped to have a newsletter ready for distribution by March 10. Greg would like newsletter ideas sent to him by March 1. Dates for future newsletters will be discussed further at the March meeting.
10. A planning meeting will be held, Wednesday, April 12, from noon to 3 p.m. Greg will check with Amy about using a room at the Sports Center. The regular Board meeting for April is on the 19th. Going forward it was suggested that planning meetings be held after the October elections.
11. Regular Board meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month starting at noon.
12. Committee chairs. Karen distributed a list of current committee members. Greg would like to encourage non-Board members to serve as committee chairs. A

suggestion was made for committees to meet on the day of the McDonough Park cleanup. Several Club members were identified as potential committee chairs. Much discussion took place regarding the Skills, Clinics, and Lessons Committee as there could be a big demand for lessons, etc., when outdoor play resumes. This will be discussed further at the April planning meeting.

13. Paddle stacking and play expectation. People look to the Board to implement padding stacking. Several issues have arisen with individuals and their play expectations. It has been problematic when not all players are willing to mix in. Greg will address this in his newsletter column.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bev Hilton  
Secretary