

AGENDA/Minutes for Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Annual Membership Meeting,

Oct. 3, 2024, 630 pm, YMCA Indoor Sports Center, 3456 Craig Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54701

1. Call to order - President Greg Helgeson
 - Club President Greg Helgeson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
 - All board members except Carol Wilczek are present.
 - The membership quorum of 5% was met.
2. Introduction of Board members - Greg Helgeson
 - Greg introduced current board members: Stacy Sommers, Pattie Rogstad, Jeff Lorentz, Mike Mai, Karen McDermott, Carolyn Johnson, Dan Bee, and Scott Nicastro (nonvoting member and USAPA representative). Carol Wilczek was absent.
3. Announcement of Board members stepping off - Greg Helgeson
 - Election of Board members. The Board has three outgoing members, Greg Helgeson-President, Stacy Sommers-Vice President, and Jeff Lorentz.
 - a. Election for three open board positions.

The Nominations Committee reported that five individuals agreed to have their names on the ballot. These individuals are Steve Wood, Joe Neissinger, Kathleen Skarvan, Julie Hasenberg and Connie Bethke.
 - b. Greg asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were made from the floor.
 - c. Nominee introductions and statements were made. Mike Mai gave Connie Bethke's info as she was not in attendance. The four other nominees were present and presented their bio's.
 - d. Voting - Papers ballots were distributed. Greg will email the results of the election to members.
4. Vote on 2025 membership dues: Board recommends \$25 Voice vote.
 - Motion made by Pam Craker to raise the fee to \$30. Motion seconded. Motion approved.
5. Secretary's Report - Pattie Rogstad Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the October 2023 annual meeting. Motion carried.
6. Treasurer's Report - Mike Mai
 - Treasurer Mike Mai reported that as of September 12, the Club had a treasury balance of \$35,106.39. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
7. Membership Coordinator Report - Karen McDermott
 - Membership Coordinator Karen McDermott reported that to date the Club has 626 members, an increase of 24% over the previous year.
8. Committee Reports

USA Pickleball Association rep, Lessons / Skills, Facilities/Equipment, Tournaments,

 - A. **Court ambassador:** Carolyn Helgeson reported the following:
 - Met with Court Ambassadors to go over their role and handed out a printed sheet

with all their duties, codes and

- location of emergency equipment.
- Ordered smiley face clips for the ambassadors to wear on the courts, so they are recognizable and wrote a
- message in our newsletter so people know who they can ask for help.
- Made fliers to hand out at our booths that talked about our club and its mission.
- Made table signs for our booths with our club logo.
- Recruited volunteers to staff our booth at the Academy for Lifelong Learners at UWEC on June 4th.
- Recruited volunteers to staff our booth at the Eau Claire County Well-being Fair on June 26th and 27th.
- Recruited volunteers to staff our booth at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center Resource Fair on September 17th.
- Recruited volunteers to for the Northside Hill Neighborhood Association picnic to show the McDonough neighbors how to play pickleball.

- B. **Facilities/Equipment:** John McDermott reported McDonough Park opened in April and replaced windscreens and rollers. Volunteers help blow off courts each morning. Paddle stacks were repaired @ McDonough. Fence Hooks for Bags @ McDonough and LH were added. Volunteers prepared LH-windscreens and painting. Ball baskets were donated by a lady's morning round robin group. Volunteers are needed to take down both courts.
- C. **Fundraising/Grants Committee:** Vicki Hoehn was absent, Stacy Sommers presented that there was not a lot of activity other than ball sales and sneakers.
- D. **Organized Play:** Steve Wood reported:
- Tuesday and Thursday round robin events at McDonough, beginning in early April, we have had 17 weeks of very well-attended round robins on each night.
 - Implemented the CVPC DUPR Club in the Spring. Currently have 224 members in the CVPC DUPR Club who have active DUPR accounts.
 - CVPC League play was started with the opening of the new Lake Hallie courts. Organized four leagues (Men's evening, Coed morning, Ladies' evening, and Mixed Doubles evening). The total number of players for all leagues is 121, collecting over \$1,800 in league fees-\$1250 was used for banquet expenses).
 - A lot of the new memberships are driven by these organized play opportunities. All the events we have held that require registration (Thursday DUPR and the Leagues) have required membership in CVPC and there a lot of new members joined to participate.
- E. **Skills/Lessons:** Carolyn Johnson reported the following:
- 5 sessions completed.
 - 1 rescheduled for next week (Rain)
 - 3 sessions Altoona 50/58 people attended
 - 2 sessions McDonough - 48 people attended
 - 1 session Gower Park- 18 signed up.
 - total-116
 - Lessons offered at \$20

- The possibility of another larger group of lessons.
- Challenges-difficulty securing instructors and assistants.
- Eight people committed but then were not able to teach/assist.
- Checked into Youth Lessons: EC Parks and Rec have been offering lessons for several years for youth.
- This summer 4 sessions, 4 days/week offered in June and July.

F. **Social Committee:** Lisa Bee gave a summary of social events held throughout the year.

- A social event was held at the Brewing Project.
- The Club also hosted its third annual Play for Pink fundraiser in October of 2023. This year's event is scheduled for October 8, 2024.
- Emails will be sent out about future events.

G. **Tournament Director:** Carol Wilczek was absent. Echo Santos gave an update.

- First year CVPC managed the tournaments-previously done by EC Parks/Rec
- Four tournaments scheduled for summer 2024-2 played/2 cancelled
- **Dells Open** (June 22,23)
 - Two age ranges (18-29 and 50+), three skill levels (3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 and above), three events (men, women & mixed)
 - 134 players registered (66 female/66 male)
 - Most from WI, nine from MN and a few from Arizona, Nevada & Iowa.
 - 266 matched in two days on 12 courts at McDonough
- **USSP Senior** (July 27,28)
 - Age range 50+, four skill levels (3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 and above), three events (men, women, mixed)
 - 121 players registered (55 female/69 male).
 - Most from WI, seven from MN and a few from California, Florida, Arizona, and Nevada.
 - 213 matches in two days on 18 courts at Gower Park Lake Hallie.
- **Minor League Pickleball (MLP) tournament** (August 17,18)
 - Canceled due to low registration
- **Pickleball Palooza** (September 7,8)
 - Canceled due to low registration.
- Summer of 2025
 - WI Senior Pickleball Classic will be played again.
 - Discussion of PPA tournament here next year.
 - Tournament directors recommend only having two tournaments in 2025.
- **Volunteers are needed to help with creating digital flier for advertising, posting digital flier on social media, and organizing the complementary snack and water table**

9. Recap highlights of past club year (Oct. 5, 2023 – Oct. 3, 2024) - Greg Helgeson

- Greg recapped all last year's highlights. LH new courts, Board started a strategic plan. CPR and AED training was provided for members.

10. CVPC Strategic Plan - Dan Bee

- Highlighted that we needed a plan in place to move forward. Dan and Carol started a strategic plan. We validated our mission statement. We made a vision statement for 5-

10 years down the road. CVPC will be the leader (see flyer). [Strategic Plan CVPC 9 24 24 Summary 1 page.docx](#)

11. Questions from membership? Moderated by Greg Helgeson
 - Bev asked about McDonough and put us to the top of their list. Bev Hilton asked about the future of McDonough in light of the new courts being open at Hallie. A discussion ensued and some members expressed concern that McDonough might be left behind.
 - Bill Bethke reported that Market and Johnson are donating labor for the new building at LH.
12. Door Prizes - Karen McDermott
13. Adjourn @8:32pm

Respectfully Submitted

Pattie Rogstad

2024 Secretary