

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Eau Claire, WI
Board of Directors meeting, Thursday, April 10, 2025
YMCA Indoor Sports Center, Eau Claire, WI 54701

ATTENDEES:

Karen McDermott, Pattie Rogstad, Mike Mai, Carol Wilczek, Carolyn Johnson, Dan Bee, Kathleen Skarvan, Steve Wood, Absent: Joe Neisinger, Scott Nicastro-USPA rep.

- 1) Call to order – 6:07 pm – President, Karen
- 2) Secretary Report – Kathleen
 - a) March minutes were approved.
- 3) Treasurer Report – Mike
 - a) Cash balance of \$99,264.11.
 - b) Collected final payment from City of Lake Hallie for Gower Park.
 - c) Collected donation of \$5,000 from Nicolet Bank for rebound wall at Gower Park.
 - d) Expenses: paid out monies to purchase rebound wall for Gower Park.
 - e) Continue to request donations for light poles, \$7,800 per pole.
 - f) Gower Park building update: estimated completion mid-June.
- 4) Membership Report – Steve
 - a) Current members, 678. 18 new members joined since March; 72 renewed since last board meeting.
 - b) 550 paid memberships and 128 not renewed. Estimating that we will receive another 60 renewals of the 128, and projecting 750 paid by the end of the year based on the previous year.
 - c) Non-paid members will be archived later in May (following distribution of the May CVPC newsletter) which means that they will no longer receive newsletter nor have access to the members only portion of CVPC website.
- 5) Strategic Plan Discussion (Dan and Carol)
 - a) Rescheduled for the May meeting since all new board members were not present for the review and discussion.
- 6) Indoor Play (IP) Discussion (Dan – Chair and committee)
 - a) Investigation of expanded indoor facility options continues; update planned for the May meeting.

7) Court Use Agreement and individual Waiver documents

a) The agreement was finalized by the board.

Action: Mike to send Agreement to Paul Mirr, attorney, to review before sending to Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS) organization for signature.

b) Individual Waiver

Action: Mike to ask our insurance carrier if an individual waiver is needed for our club and Lake Hallie versus the organization using the courts managing individual waivers for the participants. The Board believes that the agreement protects us.

Action: Karen to communicate to BBBS leadership that they should consider having their own individual waiver for participation in their event at Gower Park.

c) The fee for BBBS of \$1,000, discounted from \$1,440 was approved by the board as an one-time discount and an in-kind “donation” due the opportunity to promote benefits of CVPC membership to participants of the event. should consider having their participants sign a waiver of liability.

8) Open Store - Virtual store opened for CVPC logo wear and email sent to membership on April 10 and open through April 22.

9) Committee Updates

a) Facilities: (Karen update from John McDermott)

i) \$1,298.60 spent to date of \$2,000.

Action: John and Mike will send out information to seek donations to offset the cost to the club.

b) Fund raising – (Steve and Dan for Joe)

i) Raffle: 31 tickets sold to date. Club email will be sent next week to solicit additional interest. Board members are encouraged to get the word out to others on the raffle. Raffle drawing set for June 14 at the Summer kickoff event at Gower Park.

c) Skills and Lessons: Carolyn Johnson

i) Three sessions for Lake Hallie and Altoona (10th street) lessons, and drill group training signup have been strong.

d) Tournament: Carol

i) 30 people signed up for the Lake Hallie Open.

ii) World of Pickleball, with cash prizes, scheduled through the City of Each Claire at McDonough Park September 19-21.

e) Ambassadors – Kathleen

i) April 12 meeting scheduled at McDonough Park cleanup to reinforce responsibilities of committee members and codes for park facilities. We will no longer be locking courts at McDonough per the city’s request as the park is public. Harry Gordee has

had some communication with Steve Plaza from the city expressing our concerns about potential vandalism to windscreens and nets. Steve said that he would check into this situation further.

- ii) It was suggested at the board meeting that we 1) invest in hats or visors for Ambassador committee members for greater visibility on the courts, 2) that committee members assist with Gower Park whiteboard training and use for players, and 3) be a welcoming presence at Gower Park since it is a newer outdoor club location while continuing to welcome players at McDonough.

Action: Kathleen will order and distribute hats/visors and agreed to donate these for committee members and communicate white board assistance.

f) Social Committee - Pattie

- i) Good turnout for social gathering at Brewing Projekt.
- ii) Summer kickoff social – June 14 from noon to 3 pm. Bob Hume will provide pulled pork, and the Club will provide buns. Asking people to bring chips and desserts.
- iii) Activities for the Summer kick-off include: paddle demo day with sales allowed at Gower Park (four vendors have been identified to attend) and a 50-50 raffle hosted by Ambassadors.
- iv) It was suggestion from Club member to schedule a CVPC Night at the Express Baseball.

g) Leagues – Dan

- i) League play starts in May.
- ii) Working on a Challenge League (ladder league format) for singles.
- iii) Tuesday and Thursdays open round robins scheduled at McDonough.
- iv) Dan recommended and board agreed to explore a Teamwork makes the Dreamwork for Northwestern Wisconsin league, forming teams from different regions/geographies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Skarvan

Secretary