

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club



Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Eau Claire, WI

Board of Directors meeting, Thursday January 11, 2024, 730-900 am.

EC YMCA Sports Center, large conference room with virtual connection

Agenda

1. Call to Order 730 am.

Attendees:

- Greg Helgeson -virtual
- Karen McDermott
- Dan Bee
- Carol Wilczek
- Scott Nicastro-USPA Ambassador-virtual
- Carolyn Johnson
- Mike Mai-virtual
- Jeff Lorentz-virtual
- Stacy Sommers
- Pattie Rogstad – Secretary

2. Member Comments

None

3. Secretary's Report – Pattie

- Motion made to approve December 14th minutes, seconded, and approved.

4. Treasurer's Report – Mike

- More than half of our 2023 members of 500+ have paid for 2024.
- Donations of \$4830 have been received since our 2024 billing cycle started.
- The cash balance is \$32204.78.
- Motion made to approve treasurers report, seconded, approved.

5. Membership Report – Karen

- 509 memberships – 285 paid -224 not paid.
- \$50 Scheels gift drawing if renewed by 1/31/24.

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6. Ice Ball event (1/20/24) update – Karen
 - Fifty-eight (58) registrants
 - Cash or gift card drawing -\$40/session Motion made, seconded, and passed.

7. Club debit or credit card - Mike
 - Membership works and our hosting service requires a Credit/Debit card for payment.
 - Steve Wood had been paying and Mike recently reimbursed him.
 - Steve would like the club to pay directly going forward, Mike suggests CVPC would apply for a debit or credit card at RCU since that is where we do our banking.
 - Motion made for Mike to apply for credit card w/\$1000, seconded and passed.

8. US Senior Pickleball Tournament – Carol (age 50 and over)
 - Spoke with Ford Roberson (a founder of USSP) via phone call.
 - Responsibilities of CVPC to run tournament.
 - a. Use the software picketballbrackets.com.
 - b. No charge to be listed as a circuit event.
 - c. USSP provides support to list tournament-built into software (cost \$1.50/player may go up) Cost goes through to player.
 - d. No insurance provided by US Senior Pickleball (USSP) – recommended K&K insurance on top of CVPC insurance but not required.
 - e. Registration fee @ \$55 + individual event fee
 - f. Amateur event-no referees but can opt to pay referees.
 - g. Ex. Pay for balls, medals, shirts. Make about 50-60%.
 - h. Need PayPal or Stripe account to pay through software. CVPC has Stripe account.
 - i. USSP will help with tournament software if help is needed.
 - j. CVPC will run the USSP tournament.
 - k. No fee to USSP for running tournament.
 - l. Need to commit 5-6 months in advance of tournament. Registration should be 3 months before the tournament date.
 - m. Eighteen (18) courts -25players ea. court-450 players' max.
 - n. Most first tournaments would be 100 – 200 players.
 - o. CVPC board has decided to run local tournaments this year and look at USSP for next year.

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9. Club liability insurance - Mike

- Suggest we have insurance coverage that covers club sponsored events at all locations we are involved with. (LH, McDonough, YMCA sports center, Etc.)
- Coverage is required at LH per agreement. Mike will check and report to the board regarding premium. There was discussion about the start date as Hallie is not yet open.
- Concern raised about having insurance for the Ice Ball. Dan will check with Amy to see what coverage the YMCA has. Mike will explore options to have insurance in place for this event.

10. Engaging new players – Greg

- Greg wants to make sure new players are engaged and educated on how CVPC works.

11. Update on Committee descriptions / roles - Dan, Carolyn, Karen

- Drafts have been made for each committee describing chairperson roles and committee member roles.
- Need Court Ambassadors for both daytime and evening play.
- A meeting will be set up with all committee chairs and board liaisons to talk about roles, give directions and answer questions.

12. Lake Hallie, additional task assignments - Mike

Mike submitted the following information to the Board via email prior to the board meeting.

- Update on current progress at the construction site. Fall excavating is complete.
- There will be grading in the spring for the pond and parking lot.
- Senn will do blacktop work. ½ of their bill was paid to get us on the calendar in the spring.
- Work is being done on the understanding/invoicing of sponsors.
- Linda Nicastro has agreed to draft a letter of thanks that will go to sponsors. The first draft has been submitted to Mike for review. This letter will go out with the invoices.
- Bill and Mike have discussed signage and Mike has contacted Gaber Signs to get a quote.
- LH has been billed by the club for 2023 (this has been paid) and 2024. LH asked to pay this on 4/1/24.
- We should start preparing for the Grand Opening/Open House.

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- Committees should begin to think about how adding LH may affect them.
- Things to begin to give thought to: fundraising, wall of giving, donations for things we may want or need (i.e., benches).
- Karen suggested forming a task group to begin discussing the grand opening (invites, media, recognition of sponsors, events for that day, etc.)
- Mike's information/email will be saved on the CVPC laptop.

13. Update on MOU with Eau Claire – Greg

- Dan has had a detailed conversation with Steve Plaza about an MOU for CVPC use of McDonough Park. The general understanding is that McDonough Park is a public space and as such is reservable by other groups and not for the sole use of CVPC. The new MOU will be modeled after our new Lake Hallie one as well as other MOU's the City of Eau Claire has with other organizations at unique park facilities. The continued support of CVPC in daily maintenance and contribution toward major improvements will be explored as the MOU develops, but discussion at the 1/11/23 meeting indicates that we must get City commitment to be on and stay on the Long-Range City Plan for surface replacement. Another key aspect Dan will pursue will be the development of improved signage on pickleball and court reservations to allow for notification of all who use the facility.

14. PPA Tournament at LH

- Bill Bethke has requested that the board start talking about whether we want to be involved in a PPA tournament in late August or early September. He will be sending information to Mike who will forward it to the board when it is received. Decisions may need to be made in the next 2 or 3 weeks. Dave Markquardt will want to weigh in on this too when he returns from Europe next week.

Additional notes – Karen suggested expressing appreciation to Julie Booth for all the work she did for CVPC as she is retiring from EC Parks & Recs. She will send a card from the Board on behalf of the CVPC membership. Motion made, seconded, and passed.

15. Adjourn at 9:38am

9:00 am, Next meeting Jan. 25, 2024, 730 am.

Notes

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January 25th add Special committee for Gower Park Grand opening to Agenda.