

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Eau Claire, WI
Board of Directors meeting, Thursday, January 9, 2025
YMCA Indoor Sports Center, Eau Claire, WI 54701

ATTENDEES:

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

*Attended virtually

1. Call to Order – Karen McDermott, President
2. Secretary’s Report – Karen presented in Kathleen’s absence
Minutes of December 12, 2024, were approved as presented. Carol agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Mike
 - a) Action: Karen will resend sponsorship email mid-January.
 - b) Cash ending balance \$66, 049.18
 - c) Treasurer’s Report was approved as presented.
- 2) Membership Report- Steve
 - a) 648 members currently
 - b) 393 have renewed, over 60%, reminder email will be sent on Jan. 15 for renewals
 - c) Joe asked about using a posted QR code to simplify membership renewal or get new members to sign up. Discussed where to put the poster.
- 3) Revised Lake Hallie Summary Agreement Posted on Website
 - a) Approved posting agreement summary to website under “member’s only” tab
 - b) If anyone questions the LH agreement, they will be referred to the Village of Lake Hallie
- 4) Follow up on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with City of Eau Claire – Dan and Karen
 - a) Karen and Dan met Jan. 6, to review the draft MOU.
 - b) Following Dan’s review of the draft MOU with the board, Scott mentioned that the courts belong to the city. They need to maintain them and it is their responsibility to keep them safe and usable. He does not think that the MOU should include our involvement in the things that the city is responsible for. Need to relook at the MOU details and be cautious about accepting terms that reduce the City’s responsibility. An example: anything that includes the Club improving the City’s structure(s) is a liability for the Club and not a good idea. The city needs to recognize their obligation to this park.
Discussion followed and revisions were made to the MOU draft.
 - c) Action: Dan will provide our MOU revisions to the City of Eau Claire, Steve and Pat, next week for their review and their attorney.
- 5) Sub-Committee - indoor play ideas/options - Dan
 - a) The Strategic Plan needs to address the fact that we do not have enough facilities in the winter. Agreed to form a subcommittee to study options and potential plan to expand indoor court capacity.
 - b) Sub-Committee - Steve, Kathleen, Carolyn, Joe and Dan (Leader).
- 6) Membership Form revisions and member benefit listing for form and website - Steve

- a) reviewed the sample form.
 - b) Action: Steve will revise the paper form and have it available at ISC, Hallie, and McDonough, and at scheduled lessons.
- 7) Waiver form at membership renewal/join and for organized play events
- a) Action: Steve will check to make sure that there it is a required electronic signature for new members before payment can be made.
 - b) Action: Mike will check to see if renewed members need to sign the waiver every year.
- 8) Fundraising Ideas and discussion - Joe
- a) What do we need to raise funds for?
 - i) Light Poles \$7800
 - ii) Shed \$5000-7000
 - b) Cash Raffle-" Mega" Cash Raffle
 - i) 100 \$100 tickets-keep \$6000 give \$4000 or any other way to divide
 - ii) 200 \$100 tickets-keep \$12,000 give \$8000
 - iii) drawing on April 15th
 - iv) generate a substantial amount of cash quickly
 - v) Action: Mike will investigate what our license requirements are
 - vi) Continue discussion and set direction at the February meeting
 - c) Donor Match Program
 - i) Is there someone/company out there that would match the dollar amount that we raised?
 - d) Music Festivals
 - i) Help at music festivals for fund raising was discussed and a decision was made not to pursue.
 - e) Food truck outside of Festival Foods
- 9) Policy for use of Hallie courts for outside organization events – add to February agenda
- 10) Follow up – Big Brothers, Big Sisters event – add to February agenda
- 11) Begin Discussion on security issues at lack Hallie (locking courts, camera system – add to February agenda
- 12) Slack training and decision about using – add to February agenda

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Skarvan, Secretary