

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Eau Claire, WI
Board of Directors meeting, Thursday, May 14, 2026
YMCA Sports Center, Eau Claire, WI 54701

ATTENDEES:

Mike Mai (Treasurer), Karen McDermott (President), Carolyn Johnson, Scott Nicastro (USPA Rep),
John Rehrauer, Pattie Rogstad, Carol Wilczek (vice president) Joe Neisinger
Absent: Mike Phillips, Kathleen Skarvan (Secretary)

1. Call to Order-Karen 8:00am

2. Julie Dorhorst Non-Profit Organization: **Reach Out and Read** Fund Raiser

- Overview: In partnership with clinicians, **Reach Out and Read** leverages the well-child visit, using books and shared reading to support caregivers in fostering early literacy and healthy relationships with infants and young children. The only literacy model endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Reach Out and Read annually serves 4.8 million children across every U.S. state.
- Tournament to raise money for the program. Rec and competitive with all 3 events. Bid to play with “local celebrity” and have two people who are interested.
- Sept. 11- propose to rent 8 courts for 8 hours at Lake Hallie
- Julie left the meeting
- Further discussion:
 - Karen suggested possibly lowering the court rental fee as this is their first attempt at trying this event and they are starting small.
 - Need to be sure that they have our club waiver for players and certificate of insurance
 - Board discussion about the fee
 - Board discussion about cancellation of event due to inclement weather or not enough participation.
- Motion was made and approved to secure 8 courts for Reach Out and Read at 50% less because they are non-profit for Sept 11 for 8 hours. No charge if event needs to be cancelled. Carol will coordinate with Julie.

3. Rob Schmidt Indoor Facility Update-

- Overview: Facility site will be Badger Liquor Warehouse, 5400 Old Town Hall Rd: Will take 43,000 sq ft with 24 and 27 ft high ceilings, there will be 13 courts. Visit Eau Claire showed him some other vacant land sites, met with Altoona also, decided to use existing Badger warehouse, and visited with Bill Bethke for ideas. Partnering with Phoenix Taproom and Kitchen which will be located there and will be their second location in EC. Best case scenario will open in January otherwise March. Rob is still working on monthly membership

rates and is thinking there will be 3 tiers. There may also be some initial buy-in, lifetime, all-inclusive memberships. Rob will keep the club updated as he makes these decisions. He is also open to ongoing discussion about CVPC members receiving discounts to play and working with the club to be an alternate site for tournaments if needed due to weather.

4. Secretary Report-The board approved the April secretary's report.

5. Treasurer Report-Mike

- Mike reviewed the treasurer report
- The board approved the treasurer's report.
- Lake Hallie payment: Motion made for the treasurer to make the decision when the annual fund for court repair/resurfacing is due. The board approved.
- Old six courts at Lake Hallie: Mike presented a proposal to fix cracks and add fencing to make the courts individually fenced like the new 12 courts. This will require moving out the four perimeter court net posts, as well as repainting and linings those courts.
- Mike requested the \$15,000 for repair and changing fencing and board approved.

6. Membership Report (Deadline for renewal)-Karen

- 149 people not renewed
- Karen will send out final renewal notice with a deadline of 5/31
- Current total of 596 paid memberships

7. Adopt Board Norms

- Board norms were presented again and adopted

8. McDonough Task Force Update-John

- Consultant's report was submitted to the Task Force by TKDA and the Task Force put together their recommendations for restoring the courts at McDonough. Greg Helgeson will send both reports to Karen who will distribute them to the board members. Task force is requesting to have a separate Board meeting before the next meeting to discuss the report.

9. Date for RCU 10K presentation

- Will not know our results until later this month on May 27 at 4:30pm at RCU Phoenix Park when the checks will be awarded by RCU.

10. Committee Updates

- Social-Pattie
 - Summer Kick-off is set. Waiting for a final count.
 - Play for Pink-Sandy Johnson is concerned about a nonprofit (CVPC) raising money for a nonprofit.

- Health and Wellness and Fundraising-Joe
 - AED training was done at McDonough.
 - Altoona Fire Chief, Mark, possibly will do the AED training at Lake Hallie.
 - Brick project at Hallie: will put on Facebook and email information to begin buying bricks.
 - Donors Board-Met with Mike to identify all donors that will be on the board. Need to go through it for accuracy and then will submit it to Chippewa Sign to get a sample.
 - Signs for the light posts and awnings will be done.

11. Organized Play Discussion (Budget, fees, etc.)

- Karen would like to rescind the current agreement on portion of fees used for league social and change it to Mike Phillips proposal, \$1,000 total.
- Both suggestions were approved by the board.

12. Request for Proposal for club clothing items

- Will look at this further.
- Carol and Pattie will send out email to club members to see if there is any interest.

13. Join the Chippewa Chamber discussion

Will join for a year.

14. Review Hallie Court Use Agreement, who uses, non-profit fees, how many events-Karen

- Will send out a copy and we will review at next meeting.

15. RAIL (action items)-Joe

- Will be put on the agenda for June.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wilczek