

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Eau Claire, WI
Board of Directors meeting, Wednesday, September 9, 2026
YMCA Downtown, Eau Claire, WI 54701

ATTENDEES:

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

*via conference call

1. Call to Order-Karen 7:58 am
2. Member Comments - no members in attendance.
3. Secretary Report-Kathleen
The August minutes were approved as sent out prior to the meeting.
4. Treasurer Report-(Mike)- Treasure's report was approved
Deposited check received from the Lake Hallie brick vendor; paid for the new court dividers at the sports center, a donation from a club member specifically for this purpose. One outstanding bill to be paid for Lake Hallie fencing of \$6,794.00 (invoice received just prior to the meeting). Received a cash donation of \$800.00 designated for McDonough fundraisers. Total cash of \$92,018.6.
5. Membership Report-Karen
 - a. Currently 658 paid members.
 - b. There was another incident of the system randomly dropping a member from the accounts. This will be explored further.
6. Committee Report
 - a. General Update – Karen – The Club will participate in a Chippewa Chamber event on September 15 to promote membership signup. There will also be six volunteers to do an hour refresher session with new players at the event from 11 am to noon.
 - b. Brick Fundraiser - Joe
 - i. 27 bricks left to sell. Profits will be about \$7800 when completed.
 - ii. Bench donated by "The Pickleball Pack"
 - iii. Donation recognition sign mock-ups are completed and are in production for Lake Hallie. We are waiting to hear from the sign company about an installation date.
 - c. Social Committee-Pattie
 - i. Social dates for 2026 at Indoor Center are still to be set.
 - ii. Everything is set up for the Member Appreciation event on Thursday, Sept 10 at Lake Hallie.
 - d. Organized Play-Mike
 - i. Fall League plan, fixed-partner mixed, begins on September 16.
 - ii. A winter league is being considered, with an MLP (mixed team) format.

7. Nominating Committee Update-Carolyn, Carol, Kathleen-The names of the four board candidates were shared. Bios for each candidate will go out to the members two weeks prior to the meeting. People can be nominated from the floor.
8. Meeting with Village of Lake Hallie President and Parks Board Reps-Karen, Mike
Village of Lake Hallie: Gary Spilde, Rene Normand, Parks Board President, and Cathy Leibke, Parks Board Member.
 - a. Communication protocol was reviewed and discussed. Anyone approaching the Village (Gary) or the Parks Board about any requests/ideas regarding the pickleball complex will be asked to contact the CVPC board. The Board will communicate with the Village and the Parks Board as needed. A club representative will attend parks board meeting in both the spring (to give updates on upcoming events for the summer) and the fall (to give highlights of the season, express/hear concerns, etc.
 - b. Discussion and review of responsibilities of both the Village and the Club regarding the Park Use Agreement. Items discussed:
 - i. Cleaning of bathrooms: the Village will clean them once a day Monday-Friday and refill towels/toilet paper,
 - ii. Renee will contact Trulock regarding the issue of the bathroom locking system not always working,
 - iii. Use of courts by outside organizations. The club will be responsible for this and will be allowed (per the agreement) to charge a court use fee.
 - iv. The possibility of cameras. One that might be used for security and one that might be a live feed camera for players to see if there are other people at the courts before driving there.
 - v. The Village will budget \$3,000 annually for ongoing maintenance at the park and to maintain the 6 “older” courts.
 - vi. CVPC will follow up on putting fans in bathrooms for better ventilation.
 - vii. The Village will look at the issue of rainwater flooding the bathrooms and pavilion area. Gary mentioned someone within the Village who he will ask to take a look and see if it is an excavation issue that needs to be corrected.
 - iii. The mockup of the donation signs were shown to Gary, Renee and Cathy, and they were received well.
9. Request for Proposal (RFP) on Club clothing “store” - Next Steps-Carol, Pattie
Following review of all proposals and discussion, it was decided to stay with Chippewa Valley Sporting Goods based on service, quality and pricing and knowledge of the club and its interests.
10. Letter from member regarding recent lifetime membership-Kathleen

The letter was presented to the board and following discussion it was decided to provide a response to the member in an email. Lifetime membership is characterized by extraordinary leadership and/or donation to recognize individual(s) that have gone above and beyond for the club and awarded at the discretion of the board. Note: there has only been one other lifetime membership awarded.

11. Annual Meeting October -Karen

- a. Four memberships will be given away and hats.
- b. Will sell hats and balls; eyewear will be available for a donation.
- c. Sign-in table for members to ensure that we have a quorum, 5% of the membership.
- d. Meeting will be shorter than last year: scheduled from 6:30-8:00pm.
- e. Board members will send committee reports to Kathleen and Karen by Sept. 17th.
Kathleen will send out the agenda, committee reports, the financial report and bios of board candidates two weeks prior to the meeting.
- f. The Nominating Committee will bring ballots to the meeting.
- g. October board meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm, Oct. 8, YMCA Sports Center.

12. RAIL-will cover at a later meeting

13. Calendar Updates-Karen-discuss needs to determine the best way to update the club event calendar (both master and website) and best communication system between Jen and Kathleen. We will be more specific once the new board members are onboard.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Skarvan (Carol Wilczek taking minutes during the meeting)