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

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

1. Call to Order – Karen – 8 am
2. Member Comments – none in attendance
3. Secretary Report – Kathleen
    a. The June minutes were approved sent out prior to the meeting.
4. Treasurer Report – Mike
    a. Received donations for Sports center improvements, $2000, and for Gower Park improvements/player development, $5000. 33 memberships paid since May 31. The Club sponsored tournament net profit was $5,600. 2026 Gower Park escrow payment made with ending cash balances: escrow account, $18,655.77; operations account, $70,996.45 for a total of $89,662.22.
    b. All invoices for improvements to older six Gower Park courts are expected to be paid by the next financial statement update. Rock on the inside of the fencing to be provided by the Village of Lake Hallie.
    c. Mike made a request to purchase and install fan venting for the two bathrooms at Gower Park to aid in reducing the excessive humidity. The board approved the expenditure.

Action - John McDermott will contact the Village of Lake Hallie regarding cleaning the bathrooms more frequently due to the high usage and lack of cleanliness issues that have been reported. As a reminder, the Village is responsible for bathroom maintenance and cleanliness per the agreement with the Club

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5. Membership Report – Karen
    a. 638 paid memberships and from October 2025 to present, there are 100 new members; league play has been an incentive for new members. 128 members from the 2025 memberships past due.
6. Committee Reports and McDonough Court Restoration Task Force (MCRTF) updates
    a. MCRTF – John (Karen in John's absence) - The draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) will be sent to the City of Eau Claire soon.
    b. Fund Raising – Joe – three AED sessions scheduled for Gower Park in late July; 43 paver bricks sold on the way to 100. Planning to install bricks once we get 50 donated with the belief that this encourages more participation. Gower Park donor signage – main donors wall sign, light donation sign, sunshade sign and AED sign – quote expected this week and will bring to the board for approval.

c. Lessons – Carolyn – low attendance at the last couple events; large amount of no shows recently.
d. Facilities – Karen for John M – completed an inventory of tools and equipment at Gower Park and will complete McDonough soon.
e. Organized Pay – Mike - ladder leagues have ended. Potlucks celebrating the end of league was well attended. Next round of coed league play: intermediate filled, beginners only 13 and advance only 5. Continuing to support round robins at McDonough which have been well attended.
f. Tournaments - Carol - 123 final registrations for the Lake Hallie Open sponsored by the Club with a few withdrawals. 114 people played, 65 men and 49 women.
g. Court Ambassadors – hats and visors for committee members are complete to provide better visibility on the courts; these will be distributed over the next few weeks.

7. Request for Proposal (RFP) Process for providing club clothing update
    a. Specific requirements were sent to the three interested parties, and they are due the first week in August. Chippewa Valley Sporting Goods will be evaluated once the three RFPs are received.
8. Court Use Agreement Review - Karen
    a. Reviewed the existing agreement and discussed; agreed that no changes needed.
9. Proxy/Absentee Voting
    a. Background – At the 2025 annual meeting, the question of absentee or proxy voting for the election of board members was raised and the board agreed to do some research regarding this. Our current bylaws currently provide only for in-person voting.
    b. Following an in-depth review and discussion, the board voted unanimously to continue with our current practice of in-person voting at the annual meeting. A primary reason discussed for this decision is the administrative complexity required to secure processes for ballot distribution, authentication, collection and counting of ballots.
    c. Annual meeting set for October 8, 2026, 6:30 pm
10. Club Sound System – Karen
    a. Karen shared a request to purchase a speaker system to improve the ability to hear speakers and play music during Club outdoor and indoor social events, tournaments and other Club sponsored events.
    b. The board approved the purchase of a sound system including a 241-watt speaker, on/off switch corded microphone, longer cord and speaker and stand, mp3 player, backpack for approximately $300.
11. Strategic Plan Update - Carol
    a. Mission statement – no changes; Vision statement - revised and will review at a later meeting.

    b. Goal #1: Increase Year-Round Indoor Play Capacity (Daily and Tournament) - majority of actions have been completed. Still in progress – monitoring indoor pickleball expansion capacity working with the YMCA and other private entities. Outdoor – working with Eau Claire parks and rec for McDonough court restoration.
    c. Goal #2 - Target different age groups for participation and play – Work cited - Ambassadors' work, leagues, lessons, court calendar on the website to promote Club activities.
    d. Agreed to do an in-depth refresh of the strategic plan which would include a member survey in 2027 (first strategic plan was created in 2024).

12. RAIL Review
    a. Karen and Kathleen will meet to update completed tasks and send the RAIL to board.
13. Open board seat planning – Nominating Task Force
    a. Nominating Task Force will convene, and Kathleen, Carol and Carolyn agreed to serve on the Task Force. Nominations are needed for the three open seats with terms ending for Carol, Carolyn and Pattie. Task Force to report back on proposed nominations at August meeting.
14. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Skarvan, Secretary