Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Eau Claire, WI
Board of Directors meeting, Thursday, August 13, 2026
YMCA Downtown, Eau Claire, WI 54701

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

1. Call to Order-Karen 8:09

2. Member Comments
   a. Karen-The speaker system was approved at the last meeting. Paul Bonstrom recommended a specific speaker system. But it is on back order at least until October. Pattie will ask Paul if he would be willing to bring his speaker system to the member appreciation event in September.

3. Secretary Report-Karen-The June minutes were approved as sent out prior to the meeting.

4. Treasurer Report-Mike
   a. It was a quiet month, still waiting for final fencing bill for Lake Hallie. Mike picked up a check from the brick company for $4,100. That check will be deposited and recorded after the meeting.
   b. Ending cash balance is 88,555.85.
   c. Mike will contact the village of Lake Hallie about moving funds from the escrow account to the general fund for 2026 improvements. The goal would be to leave at least $10,000 in the escrow. Motion was approved to allow Mike to talk to the village about this and finalize the transfer. There was discussion about designating general fund dollars for future maintenance needed as per our agreement with Lake Hallie and the need to develop a long-term maintenance plan for resurfacing, painting, etc.
      i. Be sure to designate a specific dollar amount to set aside for court resurfacing at Lake Hallie in the general fund.
      ii. Discuss a long-term maintenance plan (resurfacing, painting, etc.)

5. Membership Report-Karen

651 paid memberships. There are 12 new members since July 10 and league play has been an incentive for people to join as membership is required for play. 128 members past due from the 2025 memberships. Karen will ask Jen to Archive them.

6. Committee Reports
   a. Social: Member appreciation event will be held September 10 ~~for~~ both morning and evening at Lake Hallie. Pattie has taken the lead on this and has put together a crew to organize and run the event. She will ask for registration for head count purposes.
   b. Wellness Event: 30 people attended AED sessions.
   c. Fund Raising: 53 bricks have been sold at Lake Hallie; Bill and his crew installed 48. Motion was made and approved for $2,500 to complete the donor recognition signs

for the Lake Hallie construction project. Discussion about how it would be ideal to have this done for the member appreciation event, but this may not be doable. Brainstormed ideas on how to recognize the volunteers that gave much of their time to make the project happen. It was decided to add a spot on the donor sign to recognize them with a general statement as there is no way to include all the names without leaving someone out.

e. Lessons: All lessons completed for the summer sessions. Last session had low attendance. Scott suggested offering another set of beginner lessons, if needed, as there have been recent inquiries about this. He indicated he and Linda would be willing to do the instruction.

f. Organized Play: Three Fall ladder leagues are underway. Beginner, Intermediate and advanced. ~~Leagues~~ Intermediate filled up right away and is most popular. Good turnout for beginner league and low turnout for advanced.

7. Nominating Committee Update - Carolyn, Carol

Two individuals have expressed interest to date in being nominated to the board for a three-year term. An email was sent to club members asking for interest in applying.

8. McDonough Restoration Task Force (MCRTF): Meeting with City

John, Karen, Mike Mai and Nancy Rassmussen met with Patrick Newkirk and Phil Lubke to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and review the club's "asks" and to discuss the next steps in the MOU and court restoration project.

a. Patrick will draw up a draft of the MOU to include the responsibilities of CVPC and the city and send it to the club for review once it is completed.

b. After the meeting, Patrick suggested including items the club may want in the MOU as potential future additions should the courts restoration project become a reality. This would avoid needing a new MOU. The wording will be clear that the club is not expected to do these things but would be free to do them pending funding and review with the city regarding these projects. Items to potentially be added: shading, additional benches, moving the center gate, venting for the storage shed and a blacktop apron near the west six courts for better drainage and weed control.

c. The city continues to support the project and will commit Court Improvement funds. These funds are expected to be approved in the budget by the city council in November of this year.

d. It is understood an updated bid for the restoration project will be needed if the project goes forward. If the budget is approved in November and the club wishes to proceed with fundraising, the project could happen sooner than originally thought.

f. The board had discussed calling a special meeting in September to update the club and have the membership vote on moving ahead with the project including approval of fund-raising efforts. It was decided following a lengthy discussion to wait on holding a club membership meeting until the city council meets on the project. This will allow sharing with members the actual dollars available from the city for the project and provide a full scope of the project and a more accurate amount of money the club would need to raise all dependent on the club deciding to proceed.

9. RFP Responses/Next Steps - Carol, Pattie
    a. Reviewed the three proposals
    b. Carol will ask Perfect Imprinting some follow-up questions and Karen will follow-up with Chippewa Valley Sporting Goods.
10. Chamber Round Table – Carol -Karen will attend
11. Money Donated for Court Dividers at the YMCA Sports Center: A $2000 donation was received from Terry winter for new center barriers dividing the six courts at the Sports Center. Terry and Paul Skarvan did research on best system and sent the information to the club. The barriers will be ordered and here in time for the indoor play season. They are taller and easier to handle than the current barriers and will hopefully lessen balls crossing them. The Sport Center is on board and happy to have the club provide these. They will continue to store them when not in use.
12. Other Information regarding indoor play at the Sports Center
    a. Spencer is very aware of the chalk issue and has plans to improve the situation by having the filters changed more frequently and having the gymnasts use a device called a chalk eater when chalking their hand.
    b. The YMCA is working on pickleball season and are hoping to get that information out soon.
    c. The YMCA is having discussion regarding night play to understand if there is a way to increase it.
13. Blowers at McDonough: To speed up the court blowing process at McDonough there was a request to order two more blowers for a total of four. The courts there, due to the trees around the perimeter, need clearing almost daily. By having four blowers going at once, it lessens the amount of blower noise which is bothersome to some of the court neighbors. Following discussion, it was decided to wait until next year to purchase as the current season is winding down.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Wilczek (Vice President)