

Agenda Minutes

December 11, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Carolyn Johnson, Mike Mai-virtual (Treasurer), Karen McDermott (President), Scott Nicasastro (USPA rep.), John Rehrauer, Carol Wilczek (Vice President)

Absent: Kathleen Skarvan, Joe Neisinger, Steve Wood, Pattie Rogstad,

Guest: Derek White, YMCA (Indoor Play Update)

1. **Call to Order**-Karen 8:03AM
2. **Member Comments**-none
3. **Derek White, YMCA Director (Indoor Play/Designated Space Update)**
 - a. Indoor space has a high demand. The Y has applied for a state grant for 1.1 million dollars. The Y would look to secure matching funds through donation and utilization of capital reserves. If the grant is approved there would be a designated space built for gymnastics at the Sports Center and 4 more courts added into the current gymnastics space for a total of 10 courts. Waiting to hear January 2026 but typically announce in early spring. Letters of support were written from the club and other state reps from the community as well as the Chamber of Commerce.
 - b. There are outside vendors looking for space for profit in the area also.
 - c. Exploring indoor play at other locations. Researching the Tennis Center. There are “tennis only” clauses but may be able to do something for tournaments.
 - d. #1 Priority-figuring out a new YMCA. Presenting plans to EC City Council with new pickleball courts (6-9 courts) with a walking track above.
 - e. Discussion at the Y about putting in a fob system at the Tennis Center and SC to play at any time.
 - f. Increase in pickleball passes purchased: 2023-181; 2024-199; 2025-216
 - g. Next year, more focus on the national YMCA pickleball tournament that was in Florida in hopes that the club, in conjunction with the Y might be able to send a group of players to rep the YMCA of the Chippewa Valley.
4. **Facebook (FB) Use and Purpose** (Linda Nicasastro)
 - a. 2,757 members on the FB page
 - b. Started 5 years ago for communication of events, news, tournaments, highlight members, instruction/learning ideas, promote club membership.

- c. Those wishing to join the FB group need to agree to follow the group rules and answer the questionnaire to become a member. In some cases, a check of a person's personal identity or FB page is screened. Do not need to be a CVPC member.
 - d. As Administrators, Linda and Sandy Johnson screen posts with the safety and security of all our FB members as top priority. (NO: Advertising, scams, inappropriate comments-language, slander, misinformation, sexually explicit pictures, negative comments about the club or other businesses, death notices, lost and found (paddles may be an exception to this) (YES: Club information, leagues, lessons, tournaments, social events, instructional videos, SC opening times, clothing sales, other pickleball and club related material). The point of the page is to be upbeat, positive and informative.
 - e. Decline of 30-40% of people that apply because they don't complete the questionnaire or personal content (when necessary to check it) is not accessible.
 - f. Encourage the board to use it for communication
 - g. Action: Linda will put an article in the newsletter about the use of the Facebook page. An email will also go out to members with information about the use/purpose of the page. Karen will coordinate with Linda and Sandy about this.
5. **Secretary Report** (Minutes and financial statements on Website)
- a. Minutes from November 13. Karen made a motion to approve the minutes after a change is made that Mike suggested. A motion to approve, a second and passed unanimously.
 - b. Suggestions from Karen:
 - i. Move board minutes and financial statements to the Members tab.
 - ii. Financials will be a separate document and not just a link found in the minutes.
 - iii. A motion to approve, a second and passed unanimously.
6. **Treasurer Report** (include 8-year cash flow information)
- a. Current financial statement. Payment received from Altoona for 2025 lessons. Cash balance is \$49,942.24. There has been limited activity as of late.
 - b. Mike suggested moving \$35,000 to a CD. Option to do 6-month term. Mike will explore best options and the board agreed to let Mike make the decision about moving the money and for how long.
 - c. Overview of 8-Year Cash Flow

- i. \$30,000 to resurface 6 old courts at Hallie in 2028 if needed. Money for this will come out of the escrow fund per LH agreement
- ii. Increase in cash of \$22,000 on an annual basis with normal operations.
 - 1. Ignored Inflation for purposes of this report
 - 2. Membership numbers are important
 - 3. Leagues and other club revenue sources important
- iii. Operating cash at the end of 2026 is \$52,000 with additional \$22,000 per year.
- iv. Will discuss the 8-year cash flow further at another meeting as several board members were not available for this current meeting.
- d. A motion to approve, a second and passed unanimously.

7. Membership Report-Karen for Steve

- a. 697 paid accounts
- b. Continued renewals and new members
- c. Steve has emails set to go reminding members to renew membership

8. Stout Tournament in March (Carol, Karen)

- a. Sponsorship with Menomonie and Rice Lake
- b. CVPC Logo will be used
- c. Club recognition for the sponsorship
- d. Does not cost anything to be a sponsor, does not bring in any revenue, Stout will have total responsibility to run the tournament.
- e. Purpose of sponsoring: A great way to work together with Menomonie and Rice Lake Pickleball to promote the sport in our area, a great tournament for first time tournament participants, only local indoor tournament in our area at this time.

9. Lessons at Altoona (Carolyn)

- a. Discussion about discontinuing offering lessons in Altoona
 - i. Our membership is continuing to increase, and we may want to do more lessons at Hallie and will need our volunteers for this.
 - ii. Lots of cancelations for the Altoona lessons occurred
 - iii. All other municipalities do their own
 - iv. The courts available in Altoona are not real conducive to lessons
 - v. Suggestion: encourage them to do CVPC lessons or perhaps hire their own instructors.
 - vi. Carolyn will let Altoona know we will not provide lessons there in 2026

10. **Committees** (Karen, Carol)

- a. Review of committees and their roles need to occur
- b. Carolyn and Carol will lead
- c. Will be on the January agenda

11. **Meeting With Pat Newkirk** (Recreation and Facilities Manager) **and Phil Lubke** (Parks Forest and Cemeteries Manager) (Karen, John)

- a. Karen, John and Greg Helgeson had a very positive meeting with Patrick and Phil to discuss the club pursuing funds purposed to be approved by the city council in November 2026 for 2027 sport court improvements in the city of Eau Claire. Both agreed it would be very helpful for the club to form a McDonough Project Committee to work closely with the city to explore best options and proposals for court repair/resurfacing at McDonough Park and the pursuing of the potential available monies from the city.
- b. McDonough Project Committee
 - i. John has spoken with club members Nancy Rasmussen, Greg Helgeson, Julie Booth and Dave Richie about being members of this committee and all have agreed. They will begin in January 2026.
 1. The committee will meet initially with the board to discuss/define the purpose of the committee and what their tasks will be. These tasks may include:
 - Exploring options and developing a plan for court improvements at McDonough
 - Working closely with Pat and Phil and meeting with them as needed
 - Discussing and exploring fundraising options to supplement potential monies from the city
 2. Once a direction is laid out, a letter will go out to the club from the board to make members aware of the committee and its purpose. Club members will continue to be updated in a timely manner as things progress.

12. **Directed Donations** (John)

- a. Discussion begun about having a tab on the website for members to be able to direct contributions to McDonough once a plan is in place with the City of Eau Claire for court improvements. There will continue to be a general donations tab on the site.
- b. Karen will include information regarding this in her letter to the club regarding the Committee mentioned in item 11b.

- c. Discussion about making members who have RMDs aware they can direct this money to the club as we are a 501c3

13. Discussion on voting Issue/Develop Action Plan

- a. Tabled until more board members are present
- b. Added to the Rolling Action Item List (RAIL)

14. RAIL (Items 4-10, 12,17,27)

- a. Tabled until more board members are present

15. USPA-Scott

- a. Will have rule changes published in January-nothing significant

16. January Meeting Content

- a. Committee Review
- b. Survey Results and Action Steps
- c. RAIL- #4-10, 12, 17, 27

17. Adjourn-Meeting adjourned at 10:05AM

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Wilzcek