

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Eau Claire, WI  
Board of Directors meeting, Thursday, January 8, 2026  
YMCA Sports Center, Eau Claire, WI 54701

ATTENDEES:

Carolyn Johnson, \*Mike Mai (Treasurer), Karen McDermott (President), Joe Neisinger, John Rehrauer, Pattie Rogstad, Kathleen Skarvan (Secretary), Carol Wilczek (Vice President). Guest: Judy Mirr

Absent: Steve Wood (Membership), Scott Nicastro (USPA rep.)

\*via conference call

1. Call to order – Karen – 8:02 am
2. Judy Mirr – Eau Claire Marathon/RCU Foundation
  - Judy explained that CVPC is one of three non-profits chosen by the RCU Foundation to take part in a competition awarding up to \$8,000. As one of the three non-profits selected, the Club is guaranteed \$2,000. The other two groups competing are: EC YMCA, Senior Center. We compete with these groups based on achieving the most votes in two categories: donating money and by taking part in the 10k run (May 2), volunteering for the 10k, volunteering for any tasks the EC marathon weekend (May2/3), and other runs that RCU sponsors. We discussed how we can promote this fundraiser among club membership through in-person signups, emails and our website.
3. Member Comments – none were reported.
4. Secretary Report – Kathleen
  - The December minutes were approved as presented.
5. Treasurer report - Mike
  - January Financial Statement - The January FS from a year ago shows membership income and donation income of \$10,590, and \$3,700 respectively in the current column and \$13,155 and \$5,095 respectively in the YTD column. Operating cash balance is \$54,003 and total cash balance is \$64,553.
  - CD Purchases - Two CDs were purchased on December 29th. The balance on each is \$22,000 with both CDs part of the operating cash for the club. One of the CD's is 6 months the other is 9 months. The reason for splitting them is to develop an investment ladder concept.
  - Lake Hallie Courts' Escrow - The 2025 Lake Hallie escrow amount transferred into the recently opened Nicolet bank checking account. This account was set up to reflect the total funding as required for the year but also to be able to pay approved Lake Hallie bills as needed. For 2025, this was funded with \$7,725.

- 2025 Lake Hallie resurfacing background: Mike met with Gary Spilde (LH) to discuss the summer of 2025 resurfacing. CVPC bought the materials and the labor was provided by club members. After discussion about the reason for the escrow, how it will be funded in the future, it was agreed that the club would be reimbursed \$5,000 for 2025 resurfacing from the escrow balance. A letter of understanding was drafted and Gary and Mike signed. This check, dated 12/29/25, from the Nicolet checking account to the Chippewa Valley pickleball club RCU operating account. This \$5,000, in addition to the operating cash that was already available, was then used to purchase the two CDs. Treasurer's report approved as presented.
6. Membership Report – Steve (Karen)
    - 375 paid memberships to date, 46.8% of membership renewed to date.
    - Past due 53%, with the potential for over 700 members in 2026. Reminders will continue to be sent via email to the past due membership accounts.
  7. Newsletter Info
    - Linda Nicastro will take on the newsletter through Winter, bi-monthly distribution to members. We are looking for a volunteer to take over the newsletter in the future.
  8. McDonough Project Committee Update - (John)
    - Committee Name: The McDonough Court Restoration Committee
    - Members: Julie Booth, Dave Ritchie, Greg Helgeso, Nancy Hanson-Rasmussen, John Rehrauer. The committee completed a mission statement and presented it to the board. The board agreed with the mission. John has collected history of the McDonough courts and is seeking information on 2019 and 2023 (Pro Surface) maintenance that was not found. Mike agreed to check if has records for the missing years.
    - Julia Booth will be liaison with Patrick Newkirk, City of EC, on a grant for the court restoration.
    - Mission: *To assist collaborations between the City of Eau Claire and the CVPC in exploring, developing and advancing viable options for the restoration of the pickleball courts at McDonough Park which may include identifying and pursuing available grant funding.*
  9. Membership Survey Review/Actions (Carol leading)
    - Board spent most of the meeting reviewing the membership survey results, developing the top priorities and action plans.
    - Action: Carol will send a draft communication to the board and after to the membership including the survey results, priorities and key actions.

10. Committee Organization – Jan 14 meeting

11. Rolling Action Item List (RAIL) (Review, Update) – Jan 14 meeting

12. Begin 2026 Calendar Planning – February meeting

There being no further business, adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Skarvan