

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Eau Claire, WI  
Board of Directors meeting, Thursday, June 12, 2025  
Eau Claire Public Library, Eau Claire, WI 54701

ATTENDEES:

Karen McDermott, Mike Mai, Carol Wilczek, Kathleen Skarvan, Steve Wood, Joe Neisinger, Carolyn Johnson. Scott Nicastro-USPA rep. Absent: Dan Bee, Pattie Rogstad

1. Call to order – Karen – 5:48 pm
2. Secretary Report – Kathleen
  - a. Approved unanimously with change to item 8c: \$35 versus \$350.
3. Treasurer Report - Mike
  - 5/31/25 is the end of the fiscal year for the club.
  - Total cash as of 5/31/25 of \$10,3367.16.
  - Donation line: \$2,125. Donation from L.E. Phillips of \$2,500 was originally placed into general donations then moved to Lake Hallie Court revenue line to reflect wishes of the donor.
  - EC Marathon payment of \$1,500 received (statement will show two payments from EC Marathon in fiscal year 2025 due to 2025 early payment).
  - Raffle total collected \$10,000; \$6,000 available to the Club following the drawing and payment on 6/14/25.
  - Pickleball Central credit was put toward the purchase of balls for various club uses.
  - Activity after 5/31 statement and May board meeting:
    - Received a commitment from donors to pay for two poles and received payment for one of the two. Five are now paid, waiting for sixth's payment of the total of eight.
    - Shade balance has been paid, \$8,968 (two installed as one unit); total of \$21,000 with installation.
    - Lake Hallie building bills paid, \$4120.
    - Future action: review with full board the financial and donation history of Lake Hallie Phase I and II.
    - Electrical hook up estimated completion, June 20.
  - Treasury report approved unanimously.
4. Old Business (actions from previous meetings)
  - Carol will develop and propose a membership survey including the objective and questions – July agenda.
  - Dan/Steve - Organized play – they agreed to present a proposal on what amount of fees to use for league awards – July agenda.

- Should we schedule an annual fundraiser raffle? Discussion followed and it was decided to discuss this topic at a future board meeting - July agenda.
  - Locking Lake Hallie courts - John McDermott will follow up with the identified youth who lives near the courts to work out the details of schedule, responsibilities, and work with Mike Mai regarding payment schedule – completed.
  - McDonough Round Robin play (Tuesday/Thursday) - The board did approve moving the round robins to Lake Hallie once per week and reserving six courts if participants are open to changing the location for the added court capacity. If the participants are committed to staying at McDonough, we will continue to coordinate with the understanding that round robins will be restricted to whatever courts are open at McDonough at the time of round robin play. Conclusion: people want to stay at McDonough even if courts are fuller. Tuesday is ongoing. Thursday round robins are back on since volunteers have stepped up to coordinate and received instructions on conducting them – complete.
  - Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS) Usage Agreement - Karen will provide both documents to BBSS for review and signature – update at July meeting.
  - The board approved electronically (using the SLACK app) on May 29, 2025, to purchase 300 red/orange Franklin X-40 balls, on sale, for lessons, etc., 200 yellow Franklin X-40 balls for the ball machine, tournaments and league play and to have on hand to sell. The board agreed to utilize the credit at Pickleball Central due to club member purchases of \$295.98 and the remainder from the club account for a total of \$701.97. Karen agreed to post information to let club members know that the club receives credits when they purchase items.
5. Membership Report – Steve Wood (Comparisons reflect May to June.)
- 720 total accounts up from 695; 616 are paid members up from 584. 26 new members and six additional renewals with 104 accounts past due now reside in the archive folder and will no longer receive a monthly newsletter but they can access the website to renew membership only.
  - 551 paid members compared to a year ago. We ended 2024 at 641.
  - Action – Carolyn print membership forms and Steve to put them at McDonough and Lake Hallie. Karen to check if we have a reality box at the Lake Hallie courts to put membership forms in.
  - Steve suggested that we sponsor a new member social and/or round robin event. Discussion followed with everyone positive about this idea.
    - It was noted that the Board can access Membership Works to view new members and the date that they joined.
    - Action: add to a future agenda for additional discussion.
6. Committee Reports/Updates

- Social – Karen for Pattie
    - Kathleen will purchase and bring water in coolers for 100 people. Buns – Karen.
    - Raffle scheduled for 1 pm.
    - Regardless of rain we are serving the pork and will conduct the cash raffle at 1 pm – Karen will email and post on Facebook.
    - We will sell pickleballs starting at 11 a.m, 2/\$5, and hats for \$25.
  - Organized league – Steve
    - Wrapping up current leagues; women extended due to rainouts.
    - July 7 – starting a beginners, coed, intermediate coed and advanced coed. No DUPR required.
  - Ambassadors – Kathleen
    - Linda and Scott will monitor the whiteboard for play at the Summer Kick-off Social on June 14. This will provide a good experience for everyone as we put into practice this scheduling system at Lake Hallie.
  - Lessons – Carolyn
    - Two sessions start the week of June 9. Two drill training groups were completed focused on “how to form and run your own drill group.”
  - Tournaments - Carol
    - June 21-22 at Lake Hallie: 122 registered for 12 events but did need to combine four events into one due to registrations for those events.
    - AED from McDonough will be moved to Lake Hallie for the tournament.
7. Teaching Academy - Follow up from May meeting. This item is on hold until further discussion and support.
8. Shot of the Week - Karen
- A member approached with a concept to target a specific pickleball shot weekly for in-depth instruction and drilling. People would need to register pay \$5 for each weekly session consisting of eight people in two groups, four courts, Wednesday at noon. It would run for four weeks starting July 2. Board agreed to support the group of people who will run the “shot of the week.”
  - Steve asked that the details be sent to him as co-chair of League plan to review.
9. Michael Lammer Inquiry - Re: teaching lessons outdoor. He has previously taught at the YMCA - Karen
- a. The club and the board agreed that we are not able to decide on this inquiry at this time. It was also observed that every instructor is required to possess individual liability insurance. The club’s insurance would not cover an individual’s insurance. The board agreed to follow up on this inquiry at a future meeting.

10. Youth pickleball event or tournament – Karen

- a. This was a member suggestion.
- b. The board instructed Karen to communicate that the board's request for a business plan for this type of event be provided to the board for consideration

11. Chippewa Chamber Event/BBBS Event Update – tabled to the July meeting

12. General Discussion re: Lake Hallie

- a. Mike and Karen shared that a camera system is planned for Lake Hallie courts for security purposes and that a live feed is planned to view court capacity. Discussion followed and it was agreed to have Mike follow up with the Village of Lake Hallie and with Bill Bethke on the purpose of the live feed and concerns raised by members of the board related to individual privacy if they are viewed on these feeds without prior permission.
- b. Donor wall at Lake Hallie (south wall of the building)
  - i. Mike and Joe agreed to propose a design for the wall.
- c. A member suggested that the club sponsor a recognition event for everyone involved in design, development, construction, donors (individuals and companies), sponsors, donations of in-kind labor, etc., of the Lake Hallie courts. Discussion followed and suggested that an event could serve as a Grand Opening celebration. No decision was made, and it was decided to discuss at the July board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Skarvan, Secretary