

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Eau Claire, WI  
Board of Directors meeting, Thursday, March 12, 2026  
YMCA Sports Center, Eau Claire, WI 54701

ATTENDEES:

\*Mike Mai (Treasurer), Karen McDermott (President), \*Scott Nicasastro (USPA rep.), Joe Neisinger, Mike Phillips, John Rehrauer, Pattie Rogstad, Kathleen Skarvan (Secretary), Carol Wilczek (Vice President).

Guests: Jen Keiffer, John McDermott, Dan Szymanski, Julie Booth, Greg Helgeson, Dave Ritchie

Absent: Carolyn Johnson

\*via conference call

1. Call to Order – Karen at 6:05 pm
  - a. Mike Phillips was nominated and voted unanimously to replace Steve Wood who resigned in February. His term will end in October 2027. Mike then joined the meeting following the vote.
  - b. Karen shared that Mike has agreed to chair the Organized Play Committee.
2. Jen Kieffer (New volunteer website administrator) - Karen
  - a. Karen welcomed Jen, introduced her to the board and described her role as the website administrator. Jen then shared her background and experience, and that she has already been educating herself on the website tools and features.
3. Dan Szymanski - Paddle Stacking at Hallie - Karen
  - a. Karen welcomed Dan and displayed the paddle stack racks that will be installed at Lake Hallie. Discussion followed on paddle stacking guidelines with input from Dan as he has agreed to be a leader assisting usage when outdoor play resumes. Court Ambassadors can also be asked to assist.
  - b. Dan suggested that we set up paddle stacks on the south side of the 12 courts under the canopy for easy access and to accommodate simplifying the transition to the lighted courts in the evening (six lighted courts are on the south side).
4. McDonough Task Force (John and task force members)
  - a. Greg Helgeson reviewed the proposed process steps for McDonough court restoration that will be presented to Patrick Newkirk, City of Eau Claire, Recreation and Facilities Manager, requested the board's feedback on the process steps and \$1,500 to hire an experienced pickleball court surface consultant. The consultant's report is instrumental to understanding the different court surface options (asphalt, post-tensioned concrete, tiles, etc.) including estimated engineering and construction costs, construction timeline, contractor availability, and expected maintenance activities and costs. Discussion followed on the process steps and background on the consultants contacted. Greg agreed to revise the process steps based on the board feedback, gain task force approval, send the revisions to the board for review and approval. Once the board approves the revised process step document it will be shared with Patrick for the City's feedback.
  - b. The board approved hiring the task force's recommended consultant for up to \$1,500.
5. Secretary Report - Kathleen
  - a. Minutes from the February meeting were provided prior to the meeting for review. Minutes were approved.
6. Treasurer Report – Mike

- a. Income: 27 memberships \$810, donations \$220, donations for balls, hats, glasses \$340, Valentine Card donation \$307, 50/50 \$197.
  - b. Expenses: Paddle racks \$1026.90, Valentine Day party expenses \$308.49, Member Appreciation \$334.78, web site \$485.49 (some of this is for 3 years).
  - c. Ending Cash \$68491.89. Pay Pal cash transferred to general checking. Pickleball Central Rewards for 2025, \$368.74, must be spent by August.
  - d. Treasurer's report was approved.
7. Membership Report – Karen
- a. 515 paid members, 64.6% of the 2025 membership total to date. Karen will send another reminder to members who have not renewed and reminded the board that we are ahead of 2025 renewals at this date by 20 members.
  - b. There was a glitch in Membership Works software that dropped a few member names, wiped out their history. Karen, Mike and Jen will meet to review membership software to track down members who may have been dropped.
8. Strategic Plan Review - Carol
- a. Carol led a discussion with the board on the Club Strategic Plan including reviewing the Mission, Vision and top two goals. There were no changes to the Mission and Vision, and we updated the goals that were completed and added new goals from our work on member survey feedback. Carol will update the Plan, send to the board and have Jen publish to the website.
  - b. Carol communicated that the Club Tournament dates need to change to June 13 and 14, 2026 due to a conflict with the Hoofbeat Outdoor Festival per the Lake Hallie agreement with the Club.
9. Newsletter Articles
- a. Karen encouraged the board and committee chairs to forward articles and updates to Linda Nicastro by March 19.
10. Organized Play Update - Karen
- a. Mike Phillips is the new chair and has organized his team including Andy Spencer, Laura Jones and Tim McCormick.
11. Brief Review of RAIL (All)
- a. Updated and closed out a number of items.
12. Morning or evening meetings in April and May? - Karen
- a. Switch to mornings at 8 am beginning in May; Karen will confirm April meeting time and location with Kathleen sending calendar invite.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Skarvan, Secretary