

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Eau Claire, WI  
Board of Directors meeting, Thursday, November 13, 2025  
YMCA Sports Center, Eau Claire, WI 54701

ATTENDEES:

Carolyn Johnson, \*Mike Mai (Treasurer), Karen McDermott (President), Joe Neisinger, \*Scott Nicastro (USPA rep.), John Rehrauer, Pattie Rogstad, Kathleen Skarvan (Secretary), Carol Wilczek (Vice President), Steve Wood (Membership)

\*via conference call

1. Call to Order at 8:00 am – Karen
2. Member Comments
  - a. It was shared that financial reports for 2025 had not been posted to the website monthly. It was noted that this was an oversight by the new secretary and that historical financial reports would be posted and current starting with the October report.
3. Secretary Report – Kathleen
  - a. Minutes were distributed earlier to all board members with a minor edit. A motion to approve, a second and passed unanimously.
  - b. Action – Kathleen - post all financial reports including the 2024 annual meeting to the website under board meeting minutes and a communication to members regarding this - Kathleen
4. Treasurer Report
  - a. 1) Paid second half of shade cost, 2) Paid for shade installation \$3,338.11, 3) Paid Market & Johnson for building (finally sent an invoice) of \$3,061.07 for mill rite work only, 4) Paid YMCA \$1,000.00 for court rental from last winter league play (not invoiced previously).
  - b. Ending cash balance of \$49,231.76.
  - c. Escrow payments of approximately \$16,000 total representing our obligation for the Lake Hallie courts for years two and three will need to be made in 2025 and 2026. All construction costs at Hallie that Mike is aware of are now paid. Donor board may be the only remaining cost for Hallie.
  - d. Subsequent discussion regarding ability to set aside funds for McDonough upgrades should the opportunity arise.
  - e. Action - Mike – bring the updated 5-year cash flow to December meeting to address (d) discussion.
5. Membership Report – Steve
  - a. 693 members with a goal of 700

- b. Renewal notices for 2026 will be sent December 1, and subsequent notices if membership remains unpaid.
- 6. Member Survey Results - Carol
  - a. Results of the survey were provided to the board members. As a reminder the objective of the survey: Basic demographics, what members enjoy, what we (the Club) can do better and future needs of members. 295 or 43% of members responded to the survey. Survey took approximately five – six minutes. Most members skipped question 22, “are there other activities you would like offered?”
  - b. The board broke into small groups to review the survey and highlight the top few items or questions taken from the survey. These items identified would be reviewed at a future meeting and then agree on actions to take. Agreement was reached on 5 themes and a planning meeting scheduled for January 8, 2026 from 8-noon at the YMCA ISC.
  - c. Themes:
    - i. Most valued by members: social aspect of belonging, friendships and sense of community,
    - ii. Changes to improve pickleball for CVPC: more courts for indoor play,
    - iii. Activities offered in 2026: round robins and support for open play,
    - iv. Eyewear – 30% answered that they do not wear eye protection – opportunity for health and safety education,
    - v. Newsletter – 90% of respondents find the newsletter helpful and worthwhile.
- 7. McDonough Project Committee - John
  - a. Purpose – McDonough Park is part of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) that designates \$250,000 for court upgrades. Although this is not currently available money, it does allow the city to pursue a variety of grants. Apart from the CORP, there will be \$80,000 designated in 2026 for 2027 sport court improvements across the city and in late 2026, a five year Capital Improvement (CIP) will be submitted for 2031.
  - b. Three individuals have been identified to serve on this committee and have skills and experience to be a great fit. John has agreed to serve on the committee, too. Kickoff of the committee is planned for January 2026.
  - c. Discussion followed and the board needs to address:
    - i. What are the improvements needed at McDonough courts and a cost estimate? This should be communicated to Patrick at Parks and Rec Department as soon as possible to aid in ongoing discussion between the club and the city.

- ii. Action – Karen – contact and ask Patrick regarding the 2027 budget timeline.
  - iii. Action – John - confirm that the committee members identified will serve and schedule a kickoff in January 2026. Ask Greg Helgeson if he could develop a estimate for McDonough resurfacing, etc.
  - iv. Action – John /board put together what the task of the committee will be and provide the necessary information to get them started.
- 8. Committees (chairs/liasons) - Karen
  - a. Action – add to December agenda - Clarify committee roles and responsibilities: liaison, chair and committee members at a future meeting. What committees do we need, or create?
- 9. Holiday Social Party Re-request
  - a. It was communicated that a few members are scheduling and funding a weekday morning holiday social in December. The board made a decision not to fund and sponsor at the October meeting due to the already scheduled Member Appreciation Social on Saturday, Dec. 6. After further discussion, the board re-considered their earlier decision and approved \$200 for this social, a separate event from the Member Appreciation, to be held on a weekday morning just before Christmas. However, when this information was passed on, it was discovered there was a miscommunication, and the group was not asking the board to reconsider funding. The holiday social will be a joint effort between the members who are planning it and the Indoor Sports Center with no funding from the club.
- 10. Ball Machine
  - a. A member requested that the ball machine be available to use indoors. Discussion followed with a decision to continue our decision to **not** have the ball machine available for indoor use this winter. This is due to no secure location for the Club machine and balls, (most of the balls were taken last year) and very limited hours for use as there are so many people using the courts at the Sport Center both mornings and afternoon.
- 11. Things to “Tighten Up” and Open items from prior agendas in 2026 - Karen
  - a. The board discussed and documented a list of items to improve for the next year.
  - b. Create an open rolling action list – Kathleen – include the action, who created it, timeline for completion and status.
- 12. Adjourn – 10:22 am

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Skarvan, Secretary