

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC), Eau Claire, WI
Board of Directors meeting, Wednesday, October 22, 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)

Guest: Spenser Scholl, Sports Director, YMCA Indoor Sports Center

1. Call to order at 5:55 pm – Karen
2. Spenser Scholl, YMCA Sports Director was in attendance to discuss the YMCA's interest in scheduling pickleball league indoor league play opportunities due to increased capacity of the YMCA staff starting November 6, 2025. He presented the play format and pricing for individuals and teams. Discussion followed with both parties acknowledging that YMCA sponsored indoor leagues may impact the Club sponsored league demand and plans. It was agreed by the board and Spenser to meet after the league event to discuss results and future plans for leagues.
3. Election of Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Membership). Prior to the election, Karen welcomed our newest board member, John Rehrauer. All positions and nominations and voting were conducted individually with all officers unanimously elected by the board members.
 - a. Karen – President
 - b. Carol – Vice President
 - c. Kathleen - Secretary
 - d. Mike – Treasurer
 - e. Steve – Membership Coordinator
4. Secretary report – Kathleen
 - a. Minutes from Sept. 11 and 18 were approved as presented.
 - b. Kathleen recommended that the annual meeting minutes be distributed to members in draft format following the board's review versus waiting for the next annual meeting approval due to the amount of valuable information provided. Discussion followed and the board agreed to proceed with the recommendation.
 - c. Action – send 2025 annual minutes draft to members after a full review by the board – Karen
5. Treasurers report – Mike
 - a. Lake Hallie expenses: 1) Paid for 1/2 of a shade, 2nd 1/2 due 11/9 - \$22,000 total. 2) Paid for electrical \$11,000. 3) Potential invoice- Shade installation to Market & Johnson (may bill but may be in-kind labor), 4) Ending cash balance of 65,815.41 which includes cash needed for remainder of shade expense, shade install and Lake Hallie escrow of \$7,500.
 - b. Discussion followed on a few items on the financial statements that were addressed by Mike.

- c. Treasurers report accepted.
- 6. Future Board Meeting Time - Karen
 - a. Discussion on alternate dates and times were discussed to maximize attendance throughout the year. It was decided to schedule board meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 8 – 10 am.
 - b. Action – Karen to check with Bonnie at the YMCA Indoor Sports Center to book a room November- May, 2026. The room availability was confirmed subsequently and meeting notices distributed.
- 7. Membership Coordinator - Steve
 - a. 690 members; approaching our goal of 700 members.
- 8. Organized Play Budget and Budget - Steve
 - a. Karen shared that the board previously requested that the Organized Play Committee chairs submit a budget to the board for approval which was to include a year-end league recognition event noting that the board had not received a budget for 2025.
 - b. Steve then presented an organized play operating guideline document which included a budget proposal. His proposal was in the form of a motion to accept the guideline document as presented. There was not second. Discussion followed regarding the proposal and possible alternatives. A second motion was made to accept the guidelines with 40% of revenues generated being utilized for expenses versus 50% in the original proposal. This motion was seconded. The motion passed with a majority of board members voting to approve and one dissenting vote.
- 9. Survey Update - Carol
 - a. 221 surveys have been returned. This represents over 30% of the membership and according to survey benchmarking, considered a strong response. The deadline for returning surveys is Oct. 30 and Carol will send a reminder prior to the 30th.
- 10. Social Committee Requests - Pattie
 - a. Membership Appreciation Event, Dec. 6, YMCA Indoor Sports Center - Lisa Bee, social committee co-chair, requested \$300, 24 pickleballs, three annual memberships and running a 50/50 raffle with 50% of the proceeds donated to a homeless shelter in the area for the previously approved event. The board approved \$300, 24 PB, three annual memberships for the event and for member prizes.
 - b. Lori Cline, social committee co-chair, requested funds for a membership holiday party in December. Discussion followed with the board agreeing to not to fund an additional December social event due to previously approving December 6 Member Appreciation event.
 - c. Action: Discuss with co-chairs developing an annual budget for social committee versus event by event budget approval - Pattie
- 11. Court Closing Dates - Karen

John McDermott, facilities committee chair, recommended closing dates as follows: Hallie-Thursday, October 30, McDonough-Friday, October 3, both at 10 am. The board was in agreement.

12. YMCA Indoor Play Update - Kathleen

Kathleen provided details on a phone call with Derek White, CEO YMCA Chippewa Valley, where he shared the YMCA plans to apply for a significant state grant to expand indoor pickleball capacity. As part of the grant application, Derek indicated that letters of support from organizations like the Club would be valuable to include in the application.

Action: Kathleen to draft a support letter, send to the board for review and forward letter to Derek prior to the grant deadline.

13. Information from Patrick Newkirk regarding McDonough: begin discussion and formation of a McDonough Projects' Committee - Karen, Mike

Karen summarized an email she sent to Patrick with questions on opportunities for the Club to engage on McDonough court improvements that included Patrick's responses. The letter and Patrick's responses were provided to the board prior to the meeting. Discussion followed on Karen's recommendation to form a McDonough Projects' Committee that would work with the city on funding for McDonough court resurfacing, fundraising efforts to support and demonstrating the need at these courts. The goal is to form the committee by Jan. 1, 2026. Karen and John agreed to work together to identify committee members with passion, interest and skills to serve. It was also noted that the Eau Claire CORP plan recommended \$250,000 for McDonough resurfacing although this amount has not yet been included in the City budget.

14. Discussion regarding member request to review absentee/proxy voting – Scott

Scott compiled a white paper on options for changing the voting process with benefits of those options. The memo was provided to the board prior to the meeting. Due to lack of time at this meeting it was decided to discuss at the November meeting.

15. Discussion regarding opportunities to improve board and Club operations in 2026 – Karen

Due to lack of time this item was moved to the November meeting. Karen requested that all board members bring your ideas to the November meeting.

16. Adjourn at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Skarvan