

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board
Board Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022
YMCA Indoor Sports Center

Board members present Tom Guelzow II, Bev Hilton, Sandy Johnson, Mike Peterson, and Judy Mirr.

Also present: Julie Booth, EC Parks and Rec representative

The meeting was called to order by Club President Judy Mirr at 1 p.m.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. The meeting minutes from the January 6, 2022, meeting were reviewed. The minutes need to be amended to include the information about the bag tags and the money approved to spend on the Valentine's Day event. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.
2. Prior to the meeting, Mike Mai emailed the treasurer's report to Board members. The current balance is \$32,420.37. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. Membership, ball machine, website, Pickleball Central.
 - Sandy reported on the Club's membership. At the time of the meeting, there are 184 members. There are 160 members who have not renewed their memberships; many are "snow birds" and are out of the area. There are 40 new members. Many members have indicated a willingness to serve on committees. Board members were encouraged by this. Sandy emails members to acknowledge receipt of their dues and any donations members have made. Judy also acknowledges/thanks members who have made contributions.
 - Discussion took place regarding the ball machine. Only members of the Club can use the machine.
 - Judy contacted Ron Doering and Greg Haugen about updating the Club's website. It was suggested that Greg be contacted to see if he is willing to revamp/redesign the website. Tom volunteered to reach out to Greg.

- Mike M. will be the contact for Pickleball Central. He will be informed of the credit balance the Club has with Pickleball Central and Amazon.
4. Valentine's Day feedback and St. Patrick's Day event.
- Sandy updated the Board on the Valentine's Day event. The event was well received, and she received many positive comments regarding it.
 - Judy and Sandy volunteered to organize a fun event for St. Patrick's Day. The event will be open to Club members only. \$200 was for allocated for expenses and prizes. Sandy will post something on Facebook regarding the event.
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5. Pickleball Palooza tournament, other tournaments, McDonough Park cleanup.
- Julie reported that the annual tournament will be held September 10 and will again be run by the Parks and Rec Department. Club members will have the first opportunity to register for the tournament. May 4 will be the deadline for members to register and all others can register beginning June 1. The cost per team is \$40, with Club members getting a \$5 discount. A 50/50 raffle could be held in conjunction with the tournament along with a basket raffle.
 - Julie also reported that an individual may be hired part-time to promote active aging activities at McDonough Park. Events/activities will be promoted to seniors.
 - Tom indicated that individuals have reached out to him regarding the Club sponsoring more tournaments.
 - Julie suggested the Club develop a five-year strategic plan to map out yearly events that would include tournaments and social events.
 - McDonough Park cleanup, setting up the nets, and installing the windscreens is set for Thursday, April 21. Collections for the Savers fundraiser will take place on that day as well, along with drawings for early membership payment. Bev reported that the new windscreens have been received.
6. Fundraising opportunities.
- Judy reported on the Club members volunteering in the Eau Claire Marathon on May 1.
 - Bev shared the Savers fundraiser flier that will be distributed to Club members in the newsletter and posted on the Club's Facebook page. Textile and household items will be collected at McDonough Park on April 21 and delivered to Savers on April 23. Tom offered to check into getting a covered trailer for transporting the donations.

- It was decided to not participate in the Blue Angels air show in June, but there may be an opportunity to make some money by selling tickets to the event.
7. Indoors Sports Center.
- Starting mid-March Mike P. will not be available to open the Sports Center in the morning. Tom and Judy will meet with Amy regarding this.
 - A Club member offered to donate another sticky pad for removing dust from players' shoes.
 - Discussion took place regarding the floor at the Indoor Sports Center, specifically its tendency to be slippery. The Board will meet with Amy from the Sports Center after play transitions to outdoors.
8. McDonough Park.
- Mike P. will follow up with the two companies who are providing estimates on repairing the cracks on Courts 1-6 at McDonough Park. .
 - Judy will check into surveying members to get input regarding the needs at McDonough Park.
9. Other.
- Discussion took place about the need for lessons. Sandy reported that she has been approached by a number of individuals who are interested in taking lessons. This will be addressed in the near future.
 - Also discussed was the possibility of holding clinics targeting specific skills. Holding a spring clinic for skill enhancement will be investigated.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton, Secretary