

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC)
Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2021
Eau Claire YMCA Sports Center

Present: Steve Abele, Penny Graham, Sandi Harberts, Sandy Johnson, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Mike Peterson, and Ron Doering

Agenda:

1. President Judy Mirr called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's report. Mike M. presented the treasurer's report. The Club has funds totaling \$22,029.52. He reported we now have 106 paid members. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
4. Membership. Judy provided an update from Linda (absent). Prize incentives for club membership have been purchased including 2 bags, 2 visors, 2 hats and 30 balls. All people who have paid their 2021 membership dues by March 31st will be entered into a drawing for the prizes.
5. Zane Navratil Clinic. Judy gave an update on Zane's Clinic. There are 4 clinic levels being offered and 3 of the 4 are full. There are 9 spots remaining and Judy will continue to accept registrations and if needed, rearrange people by level to fill all spots. It was recommended to have all registration fees paid in advance and an email reminder will be sent out.
Zane will not be needing volunteers on the courts during the clinics. Volunteers however will be needed throughout the day at the Sports Center. Mike P. offered to be there open/close as will others and Judy will indicate additional needs as she knows more. Penny will contact the Social Committee with suggestions for drinks and possibly other snacks to be provided to clinic participants.
It was brought up that the rental fee for the day was \$33/hour and it was Zane's responsibility to prepay this fee. It was discussed having the CVPC pay the rental fee. A motion was made and seconded to have the CVPC pay the rental fee. Motion carried.
6. Bag Tags. Sandy J. provided an update of custom bag tags for members. Before a final decision is made, Sandy will contact Nan Cooper, owner at Blue Ribbon Awards and CVCP member, for possible revised costs and options to their original quote. It was suggested we may want to purchase more than 250 initially so we have enough for a couple of years. There was also some concern about the full color tags fading and we

may just want to go with one color, possibly red since the tags will be for emergency contact information.

7. CVPC Committees. Judy provided an update from Linda (absent). We are still in need of Committee Chairpersons for Fundraising, Tournaments, Skills and Lessons, Facilities and Website. Mike P. volunteered to chair the Facilities committee and Ron volunteered to chair the Website committee. A note will be put in the next newsletter that committee volunteers will be contacted soon.
8. McDonough Park Update. Ron, Mike M., Mike P. and Judy met via Zoom with people from the City of Eau Claire as well as Marilyn Skrivseth. The Active Aging Park at McDonough Park will be between the pickleball courts and the current restroom/pavilion. Some of the items included at the park will be cornhole, bocce ball, shuffleboard, expanded bathrooms and a walkway. Upgrades to the pickleball area will include a storage shed, water fountain with bottle filler, and Huffcutt bathroom possibly with keypad entry for club members to prevent vandalism. Judy will contact Julie Booth at the City to discuss funding sources and support. The City is also asking the CVPC to begin thinking of ideas for the next phase of park upgrades.
9. Facilities. Mike P. indicated the Club needs a new blower for the McDonough Courts. He is looking at a cordless blower that will last approximately 90 minutes. He also will look into purchasing an additional battery to use on weekends. This is important to remove the sand from the courts. Mike will check sources such as Amazon since the type he is looking at is not sold locally. The cost is estimated to be \$300.
10. Sports Center Equipment. Mike P. mentioned there continues to be problems and breakage with the Swiftnets and dividers especially on Sunday evenings. Greg Strozinsky has been helping to teach people how to properly set-up the nets and also fixing the twisted strings. Ron will talk to Greg about the two of them making videos of how to put-up and take-down the nets for the website.
11. Future Pickleball Clinics. There was discussion about other people wanting to provide clinics and lessons and possibly the Club sponsoring these. Judy stated Dave Weinbach is interested in offering clinics/lessons this summer at McDonough possibly at the end of July. Questions came up concerning using City courts for the clinics. Judy will check with Julie Booth as to what this entails.
12. Pickleball Central Club Rewards. Ron reported there is approximately \$300 available in reward money. In the past this money has been used to purchase balls then reselling to

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members at a discount as a small fundraiser. Ron will look into buying Franklin X-40 balls then sell them to members at a discount price of approximately 3/\$5.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Johnson (filling in for Bev Hilton, Secretary)