

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club
Annual Meeting
May 3, 2018
Hobbs Ice Center – Club Viewing Room

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Skrivseth, Club President at 7:00 pm. Patti Keske taking minutes.

1. Approval of minutes of the last annual meeting: Marilyn reported that there apparently were no minutes taken at the last annual meeting as the club secretary had just resigned. Rather than try to recreate the minutes we will go forward from here.

2. Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report prepared by Mike Mai was presented by Marilyn. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Bylaw revisions: The revised bylaws were presented and discussed. Special thanks to Scott Nicasastro for his work on revising the bylaws so they are more inline with our 501c3 application. 501c3 status will also assist the club in our fundraising activities and save us fees currently charged by the Eau Claire Parks Association. Some changes in the bylaws she highlighted were:
 - a. Wording was strengthened and emphasized in areas that align with a non-profit organization.
 - b. Should the club dissolve, resources from the organization would be transferred to another related non-profit organization.
 - c. At membership meetings a quorum of 5% has now been set. This will allow the membership to move forward on business versus having to cancel a meeting due to a lack of a quorum. A low quorum should also help promote attendance since people can expect business to be conducted. All members will receive notice of membership meetings.
 - d. At the annual membership meeting we will now be electing board members only instead of officers and board members. Once the Executive Board has been elected the Board will then elect officers from those members serving on the Board.
 - e. Dues will be reviewed and approved annually at a membership meeting or a special meeting.
 - f. If there are any conflicts of interest, the member with the conflict will step aside and not vote.
 - g. Annual audits will be performed by another qualified member in order insure that all handling of money is meeting expectations.

Motion was made and seconded to approve club bylaws. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Articles of Incorporation: An application was presented to the membership to incorporate the club to become a 501c3 in order to accept tax-deductible contributions. 3 board members are listed on the application including the club president, vice-president and treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to approve the application. Motion carried.
5. Approval of membership fees for 2018: The executive committee is recommending the fees remain the same at \$25 for new members and \$15 for sustaining members. A motion was made and seconded to approve the application. Motion carried.
6. Election of Executive Board Members: There are currently five vacancies on the board. The five current members of these positions have agreed to serve if elected. Terms are now staggered in order that only half of the board positions will need to be filled each year. Marilyn asked for other nominations. None were made. A motion was made and seconded to approve the election of board members as presented. Motion carried.
7. Review of proposed CVPC Safety and Etiquette Guidelines: The Safety and Etiquette Guidelines were presented to the membership by Marilyn Skirvseth. These guidelines have also been reviewed by the City Recreation Department and the Indoor Sports Center. One addition is recommended: That the gates between the courts be kept closed at all times for safety. A motion was made and seconded to approve the guidelines. Motion carried.
8. Update on McDonough Park improvements: Marilyn presented the list of improvements for McDonough Park. This will include improvements on the courts, pavilion with storage center and port-a-potties, paving and expansion of parking area, etc. The city is assisting with a water site near the courts and 4 additional benches.

The park is now designated an “Active Aging Fitness Park”. This is being done to broaden the audience for fundraising and possibly more grant opportunities. In addition, the more users we have in the park, the safer the park becomes and the more support we can generate. Improvements for this project will include, but not limited to, AED on site with training, Active Aging Equipment (similar to the equipment at Owen Park), and walking trails. Other services will be offered that may include aerobic classes and other aging programs with volunteer teachers.

The City has included McDonough with pickleball and the “Active Aging Fitness Park” on the City website. The added exposure of this may generate additional interest and perhaps donations.

Several grants have been applied with the work of Marilyn Skirvseth and the City of Eau Claire's grant writer, Rose Adams.

9. Adopting McDonough Park: On Saturday, May 5, 2018 beginning at 9:00 am. The city is holding the Eau Claire Amazing Clean-up event. Members are encouraged to show up at the park for cleaning up and beautification of the facility.
10. Spring Kick-off mixed partner social: Kimberly Wahler and the club are organizing a round robin tournament/social on Sunday, May 20th. Sign up is at 12:00 noon with play beginning at 1:00. . No fee is being charged for this event.
11. Fall Tournament Update: The 4th annual club tournament will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018. Ron Doering updated the membership on the tournament. One change this year will to eliminate the singles division to allow more doubles entries. Several were turned away from the event last year. The tournament ball will be the Onyx Fusion. It is not as durable as the Onyx, but is a better control ball.
12. Other Business:
 - a. Please limit parking on paved or gravel areas at McDonough in order to preserve the grassy areas.
 - b. Gate at McDonough was discussed. Board members have the combination of the lock to open the gate. It is requested that the last users close and lock the gate each day. Discussion moved to key access for other users to use the gate as well if a board member is not present. Julie Booth advised the members that the city has recently re-keyed the entire park system as too many keys were out in the community. Therefore it is with hesitation that other keys would be shared.
 - c. It is proposed that the club may want to have an event for people to buy and sell used paddles. More information will follow.
 - d. The club is looking for a volunteer skilled in writing press releases for media coverage on the clubs activities.
 - e. The club is also looking assistance with the website. Greg Haugen has taken on additional employment responsibilities so he has asked to step down from his position. Lillian Hillis, a club member, will talk with Ron about assisting with the website.

- f. The club will continue to hold clinics as needed. Times yet to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.