

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 29, 2020  
Indoor Sports Center

Present: Ron Doering, Geoff Groh, Bev Hilton, Patti Keske, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Mike Peterson, and Marilyn Skrivseth.

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Treasurer's report. Mike Mai reported that the Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club is now a nonprofit organization. He also distributed the treasurer's report. Total available funds for the Club are \$11,687.98 (this includes \$990.93 that is in the Community Parks Association as of January 23, 2020). A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
2. Membership coordinator. Kimberly Wahler resigned from this position. Club member Linda Nicastro has offered to serve as membership coordinator. Note: Since the meeting, through electronic voting, the Board approved of Linda serving as membership coordinator until that position is up for reelection.
3. Membership communication. Ron reported that he has been testing Google Groups as an email system to be used to send emails to Club members. Once set up, it is hoped Google Groups will be an effective email application.

It was suggested that the Club use Facebook as a means of communication. Not all members have Facebook accounts. Also, Facebook has limitations in the amount of data it can support. Marilyn suggested that multiple platforms be used to communicate information the Club members. The platforms could include emails, the Club's website, Facebook, and text messaging. Disseminating information to Club members is an ongoing concern that the Club will continue to address.

4. Annual meeting. A change in the bylaws needs to be made to move up the date of the annual meeting. Any changes to the bylaws need to be approved by the membership. A special meeting will be held in April to discuss the bylaws. A subcommittee will be formed to review the bylaws prior to the special meeting.

Patti will send an email to Board members to see who would like to volunteer to review the bylaws. The bylaws are on the Club's website.

5. McDonough Park. Six windscreens are needed at the courts at McDonough Park. Geoff and Mike will measure the courts to determine the size of screens that are needed. Mike suggested that the windscreens be installed on the outside of the courts to reduce the wind velocity on the screens. Using vertical straps on the screens helps keep the screens in place but also creates wear. It was also suggested that slits be cut into the screens to reduce wind velocity.

Discussion took place regarding the \$204,000 matching funds grant from the DNR. Any funds that Club spends for court/park improvements can go towards the matching funds.

Club priority items for McDonough Park include replacing the windscreens, having water available near the courts, restroom facilities, and court benches.

A cable with a lock on it may be used on the yellow supply box. Locks used in the past have been difficult to open. An AED may be housed in one of the supply boxes. The boxes may be moved to the area near Court 1 to keep them in the shade.

6. CPR/AED training. The City of Eau Claire will be offering a first aid/AED/CPR class. Having people trained in these areas will help ensure the health and safety of pickleball players. Details of the class will be shared with Club members once the information is made available. Class size will be limited.

7. Other:

- A "Soup"er Bowl is scheduled for Saturday, February 1, at the Indoor Sports Center. Players can play in one or both sessions, with the first session from 9 a.m. until noon, and the second session from 1-4 p.m. From noon until 1 p.m. players, spectators, and volunteers can enjoy a variety of soups. Games will be played for 12 minutes with players getting a new partner for each game. It was suggested that the Club could host more round-robin/tournament play throughout the year if members are willing to help run the events.
- The tournament sponsored by Eau Claire Parks and Rec will be held in the spring.

- The *Leader-Telegram* is going to put out a publication regarding active aging in the Chippewa Valley. It is hoped pickleball will be included in the publication.
- The tournament the Club hosts will be held the weekend after Labor Day. It will be a two-day tournament again.
- Indoor play has been steady at both Gold's Gym and the Indoor Sports Center. Amy has proposed expanding play times at the Sports Center (to include additional weekend along with expanded hours during the week.) Pickleball is also available at DeLong Middle School on Monday evenings.
- Players looking to learn/play pickleball are encouraged to go to the Indoor Sports Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m.
- Marilyn has pickleball balls for sale for \$2.50 each.
- Four legacy benches have been purchased for McDonough Park.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton  
Secretary