

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2019  
Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center

Present: Ron Doering, Greg Haugen, Bev Hilton, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Mike Peterson, Marilyn Skrivseth, and Kimberly Wahler.

The meeting was called to order by Club President Marilyn Skrivseth at 6:30 p.m. The following items of business were discussed:

1. Marilyn informed the Board members on updates relating to the pickleball courts at McDonough Park. The 2018 bids for repairing/coating the courts and the paving of the road and parking lot will be honored when the work is done in 2019. The cost of both projects is just under \$54,000.
2. Marilyn highlighted the additional improvements that the Club has identified to enhance the pickleball facilities at McDonough Park. Those improvements include restrooms, windscreen replacement, security cameras, drinking fountain, additional benches, an AED, update of electrical service for security and court lighting, electronically locked entrance park gate, a pavilion/storage, and gas powered blower(s). No other items were added to the list.

Marilyn also reported that City officials met with the DNR, and the DNR is excited about the active aging proposal for McDonough. An outcome of that meeting is the City is going to apply for an approximately \$300,000 matching DNR grant. The grant is due March 1 with awards announced in August. The Club could participate in the grant. Any funds the Club would put towards the grant, if funded, would essentially double the Club's money. The downside is projects like the paving and/or court resurfacing would be delayed until after grants are announced. The upside is any money the Club invests from the matching grant would be doubled, allowing for the completion of the paving and court resurfacing, along with several other items on the improvement list, without additional fundraising efforts.

Much discussion took place about whether the court repairs/recoating and the blacktopping projects should be postponed or not. Ron made a motion that the Club go ahead with the improvements this spring as scheduled instead of

participating in the DNR grant at this time. Greg seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-1.

Greg also reported that \$10,000 might be available through the JAMF Foundation. Certain criteria would need to be met in order to get the funds.

3. Mike Mai presented the treasurer's report. The Club has \$54,236.41 in available funds.
4. Portable toilets could be purchased for use at McDonough Park for a cost of \$2,500. Discussion took place about the purchase and if the Club's insurance would cover vandalism. Flush toilets are something that could be funded by the DNR grant.
5. One of the court windscreens needs to be replaced. The cost of a windscreen is approximately \$250; several Board members contributed to the cost
6. The names of Individuals and amounts contributed to the Club and the dollar amounts contributed need to be verified so that it is accurate on a sign that will be made.
7. The membership drive was discussed. Board/Club members are encouraged to reach out to new players, never-joined players, and "lost" members. Dues are due in June.
8. Discussion took place regarding the sale of pickleball balls. Having balls available is a real convenience to players. Several Board members indicated they would be willing to assist in the sale of the balls.
9. The summer kickoff was discussed. It was decided that the installation of posts and nets would coincide with the City-wide cleanup on Saturday, April 27. The Club will need to take down the posts and nets prior to the repair/resurfacing of the courts.
10. Ron reported that the date of the Club-sponsored tournament is Saturday, September 7. The possibility of having a two-day tournament was discussed. If the tournament would remain a one-day tournament, the number of participants may need to be limited. Also discussed was having a food truck at the event.

11. A membership meeting will be held in April. Marilyn will check with Amy to see if it can be held at the YMCA Sports Center.
12. Winter play was discussed. Players have the option of playing at the Sports Center, the YMCA in Chippewa and Eau Claire, Gold's Gym, and DeLong Middle School. Overall there have been few challenges. With the Gold's Gym as an added location, the number of people playing at DeLong Middle School is down. A court ambassador for all play locations is a consideration. The work Amy does at the Sports Center regarding pickleball is much appreciated.
13. A new floor will be installed at the Sports Center. It will be lined for pickleball.
14. All club members need to review the Club's bylaws prior to the Club meeting in April. All proposed revisions should be submitted to the Executive Board prior to the meeting. Any changes to the bylaws will be voted on at the spring meeting.
15. Other.
  - a. Lessons continue to be held at the Sports Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
  - b. Mike will continue to take his AED to McDonough Park.
  - c. The sale of Club shirts was discussed. The sale of such could be a Club fundraiser.
  - d. Greg informed the Board that The Growler Guys is offering a 15% discount to Club members.
  - e. Board members expressed to Marilyn their appreciation for all the work she has done on behalf of the Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton, Secretary

Note: Following the meeting, Marilyn emailed Board members that one item not in the budget is \$5,000 towards the court improvements from the Mayo grant. It is in a different City account, which is why it isn't shown on our treasurer's report. That funding allowed us to reach the paving/court improvements and not utilize money raised for the portable toilets.