

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club
Annual Meeting
April 22, 2019
YMCA Indoor Sports Center

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

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2018, membership meeting. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer Mike Mai presented the treasurer's report. The Club funds of \$28,669.13 combined with the Parks Association funds of \$26,361.93 gives the Club a total of \$55,031.36. The Club will also be getting \$5,000 for court improvements from the Mayo Grant. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made and seconded to keep membership fees at the current rate of \$25 a year for new members and \$15 a year for membership renewals. Club memberships extend from June 1 through May 31 of the following year. Club members were encouraged to pay their dues to Kimberly Wahler, membership coordinator.
4. The Club bylaws were reviewed. Marilyn thanked Scott Nicastro for his reviewing/editing the bylaws. The biggest change in the bylaws is in how officers are elected. Officers are elected by the 11-member board of directors. A motion was made and seconded to approve the bylaws. Motion carried.
5. Five members on the board of directors have one year remaining on their terms (Marilyn Skrivseth, Mike Mai, Patti Keske, Mike Peterson, and Geoff Grohn). Those with expiring terms include Bev Hilton, Deb Klawiter, Judy Mirr, and Kimberly Wahler. Sandi Harberts was nominated to fill the position currently held by Deb. By unanimous vote Bev, Judy, and Kimberly were reelected to the board and Sandi was elected to the board.
6. Marilyn read several testimonials reflecting the positive effect pickleball has had on their lives. The testimonials have been used by Marilyn in fundraising presentations to local nonprofit organizations. Consideration will be given to posting the testimonials on the Club's website.

7. Marilyn gave an update on the blacktopping of the driveway and parking lot at McDonough Park, along with court repair and resurfacing.
 - Senn Blacktop will do the blacktopping after their asphalt plant is operation for the season. Although an exact date was not given, it is hoped to be in the near future. The cost for the blacktopping is \$24,971.
 - Surface Pro will be doing the court repair and resurfacing for a cost of \$28,700. Surface Pro would not commit to a date as to when the work will be done, but indicated that the Club was near the top of their list of jobs. While the work is being done, the courts (6-12 courts) will be out of service for several days or more dependant on weather. The kitchen area of the courts will be a light gray, the backcourt area dark blue, and the border will be green.

Pickleball players will have other locations to play at while the courts are being resurfaced (Chippewa Falls, Lake Hallie, and Altoona, to name a few).

Other priorities for improvements to McDonough Park include a camera, an AED, drinking water and restrooms. Even though the Club has the funds to purchase a porta-potty, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to hold off on the purchase. Flush toilets with a holding tank are still being considered pending financial support from grants. The estimated cost is \$45,000.

Marilyn informed members of other monies that may be available to the Club for park improvements. Grants have been written or are in progress for the following agencies: Bremer Foundation, RCU Foundation, the Women's Giving Circle, the Eau Claire Neighborhood matching grant, a DNR Stewardship grant, and an AARP grant. The Community block grant did not receive funding.

Having an automatic gate installed at McDonough Park is also being considered. Much discussion took place about the need to have a locked gate. For now, the gate will be locked at dark and unlocked in the morning. The code for the lock box containing the key to the lock on the gate will be shared with individuals so that the gate will be unlocked for play in the mornings. The last people leaving at dusk/dark will lock the gate for the night.

People are reminded to drive slowly (5 MPH) on the driveway for safety and to minimize dust.

8. Ron Doering reported that the outdoor balls will be the Dura 40 or the Onix Fuse G2. The Club will make a bulk order of balls and sell them to players.
9. Members are encouraged to participate in Club committees (Instruction, Tournament, Social, Fundraising, Facilities, and Publicity). Kimberly indicated she is stepping down from chairing the Social Committee. Judy Lien indicated she and others will serve on that committee.

Marilyn reported that Club membership could potentially exceed 300 people in the near future. She encouraged all members to continue talking up the sport of pickleball. The Club is looking for help with increasing our visibility within the Chippewa Valley through the local media and other outlets. *Volume One* was mentioned as one means to advertise pickleball.

10. Outdoor play was discussed, including having a “challenge” court. If a court is designated as a challenge court, two teams would play on the court with the winning team staying on the court and continuing to take on challengers. The consensus was that this is something that could be tried as long as there were other courts available for people to play on.

Currently the Lake Hallie pickleball courts are underutilized. There will be an effort to get more people to play there.

11. Communication of play was discussed. Chippewa Falls people use Facebook to communicate when people are playing and when round robins are held. The Club website also indicates where and when people can play on the calendar. Mornings tend to be busy. Last year Tuesday and Thursday evenings were busy as well.

Also discussed was exclusive play on the courts. A group can use a court exclusively as long as there are not other people waiting to play.

12. Other announcements:
 - Donations to the Club or the Parks Association will be verified so that the donation board can be updated.
 - People were reminded to park only in designated areas at McDonough Park. They were also reminded to walk on the outside of the courts when play is in session. It is also recommended that players change into their

court shoes once they get to the courts so as to not bring sand onto the courts.

- Members are encouraged to be welcoming to all individuals, especially people new to the sport.

13. Other:

- As an active aging park, McDonough will have a variety of activities available to people. Some of which include a walking trail, bocce ball, shuffleboard, beach volleyball, Kubb, cribbage, blue bird trails, and strength building equipment. These things will become a reality once funding is secured.
- The YMCA is trying to raise funds to replace the floor at the Indoor Sports Center. It is sometimes questionable if the sports center will be available on rainy days because of other programming so players should check the calendar or call the Sports Center to confirm.
- Curtains may be put on the windows at Gold's Gym to reduce glare.
- Volunteers are needed to assist in planning the September tournament hosted by the Club. Sign up by indicating your interest on your membership form or by contacting Ron Doering.
- Volunteers are needed with cleaning up the courts at McDonough Park and installing the windscreens. Note: Because of predicted adverse weather on Saturday, April 27, the cleanup/windscreen installation was rescheduled to 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton
Secretary