

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club
Board Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2020
Eau Claire YMCA Sports Center

Present: Steve Abele, Penny Graham, Sandy Harberts, Bev Hilton, Sandy Johnson, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Linda Nicastro, and Mike Peterson.

Also present: Katie Lindquist

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Amy Foss-Peterson of the YMCA Indoor Sports Center talked briefly with Board members. She asked if there were any concerns. She emphasized that safe play and following mandates is of utmost importance. Pickleball play is less busy between noon and 3:30 p.m. Playing during that time period would reduce the number of people playing in the mornings. Amy also said she was open to recommendations regarding play.

Vice President Judy Mirr called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Judy welcomed the newly elected Board members (Penny, Sandy, and Steve).
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the special meeting held October 28, 2020. Motion carried.
3. Mike M. presented the treasurer's report. He explained that the treasurer's report reflects the financial activity of the Club from meeting to meeting. The Club has total available funds of \$18,586.80. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
4. Katie Lindquist was introduced to the Board and welcomed to the meeting. Katie has offered to assist in developing additional ways to promote the Club through social media. She suggested that Instagram be a way to inform/attract members in addition to the Club's existing Facebook page and website. It was also suggested that the Facebook posts be posted to the Club's website as well. Other suggestions discussed including a new Club logo, updating the Club's website, and signage at McDonough Park that would include the Club's website and Facebook page addresses. Katie will work with Linda on the Club's social media options.

5. The following individuals were nominated and elected to office: Judy Mirr (president), Mike Mai (treasurer), and Penny Graham (vice president for a one-year term).
6. Prior to the meeting, Ron Doering communicated to Judy that liability insurance is available through the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA). The liability insurance the Club used to have was not renewed as the Club was not hosting any events at this time. The premium for that insurance was \$682 annually. The inaugural premium for the insurance through the USAPA is \$200 plus \$3.50 per Club member for an annual premium of approximately \$900. Insurance through the USAPA would require regularly reporting the number of members the Club has, adding and deleting names as necessary.

Linda reported that both she and her husband are USAPA ambassadors. Ambassadors are offered liability insurance through the USAPA that covers them and any Club members involved in Club events, i.e., giving lessons.

The consensus of the Club was to revisit the liability insurance in the spring.

7. Other.
 - Because of CoVid, lessons will be postponed until 2021.
 - Night play was discussed which would involve a glow-in-the-dark ball and fluorescent tape on the court boundaries and net. This would be a fun variation of play and could be explored further in the future.
 - Mike P. suggested that using a radar gun to measure serves could be a possible fundraiser.
 - Memberships for 2021 will be due in January.
 - The survey that was sent to members included an option to indicate an individual's interest in being involved with the Club. Several people expressed an interest in becoming involved. These people need to be contacted.
 - Penny agreed to chair the Projects Committee.
 - A leaf blower will be purchased in the spring.
 - Sandi indicated that the courts in Chippewa Falls are in need of a leaf blower and squeegee.
 - Linda mentioned that she will soon be working on the newsletter. The Board endorsed an article addressing proper pickleball etiquette. Players need to be aware of the importance of rotating on and off the courts when the courts are

full and to be respectful. Mike M. reminded the group that Board members agreed to set the example of being good pickleball stewards.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton
Secretary