

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club
Board Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2020

Present: Ron Doering, Sandy Harberts, Bev Hilton, Patti Keske, Mike Mai, Linda Nicastro, Mike Peterson, and Marilyn Skrivseth.

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Club President Patti Keske.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2020, meeting. Motion carried.
2. Financial reports. Mike M. presented the treasurer's report. The Club has funds totaling of \$15,458.43 which includes \$990.93 that is in the Community Parks account. To date, 121 people have paid their dues for the upcoming year. It is anticipated that more individuals will pay their memberships in June.
3. Pickleball at McDonough Park. The City of Eau Claire hasn't changed the restrictions put in place when the courts opened (limiting play to singles, waiting outside the courts). The courts have been busy with people playing doubles. Social distancing is being practiced, along with sanitizing the balls and using hand sanitizer. Some people wear masks and gloves as well. The benches were removed and will be put back in place when it is deemed safe to do so.

The gate to the road leading to the pickleball courts has been opened and left unlocked. Discussion took place regarding locking the gate. The policy has been that the last person leaving the pickleball courts locks the gate. This needs to be communicated to people.

4. McDonough Park project priorities. Adding benches, a drinking fountain, and bathrooms were listed as a few of the priorities to improve/enhance McDonough Park. Also mentioned was adding a shade structure and installing a camera.

Many cracks have appeared on the six original courts. Patti will meet with someone from the Eau Claire Parks Department to see if there is any recourse with the company that resurfaced the courts in 2019. Along with cracks, the ants

are posing a problem on some of the courts as they create many sand mounds. It was suggested that the ants be poisoned.

Mike P. mentioned that the parking at the end of Centre Street is a problem. Cars park on both sides of the street making entrance into the park difficult. Patti will ask someone from the Eau Claire Parks and Rec Department to contact the Eau Claire Police Department about this issue.

5. Insurance. Mike M. reported that the general liability Club insurance plus the special events insurance is \$749 a year and is due now. The general liability insurance alone is approximately \$500. Discussion took place about whether we need to have insurance at all, especially since the September tournament has been canceled for 2020. A motion was made and seconded to not renew the insurance policy for the time being. Motion carried. If need be, the insurance could be reinstated.
6. Pickleball pro Barry Weddel. Prior to the meeting Marilyn shared an email she had received from Dave Marquart. Dave has taken lessons from Barry in Florida. Dave has invited Barry to come to the Eau Claire area in July or August. Dave was wondering if there was interest in local players taking a clinic from Barry. A three day clinic is \$395 a person, with an eight person limit. Other options may be available, along with private lessons at \$90 an hour. It was suggested that an indoor facility be used for the clinic/lessons. Marilyn will let Dave know that interest will be explored regarding having Barry offer clinics/lessons.
7. Committees. Patti shared the list of Board committees and names of individuals who have volunteered to serve on the committees. Except for the Social Committee, a Board member will serve as chairperson of a committee and will report back to the Board on the activities and future plans of that committee.

Windscreens will be installed on Tuesday, June 2, at 9:30 a.m. Available Board members will assist with this. Linda will send out an email to Facilities Committee volunteers seeking their help. Geoff and Mike will organize the windscreens installation. Help may be needed to rake leaves around the courts and general court cleanup. Volunteer hours needed to be recorded so they can be applied to the DNR matching grant.

Bev brought up the Tuesday/Thursday round robins. Due to the virus, it is likely these won't start until after July 1. Bev will post something to that effect on the Club's Facebook page.

8. AED/CPR/First Aid training. No date has been set for the training. It was suggested that park ambassadors and Board members who haven't had the training take it. These individuals need to be identified so that we're ready to go when the training does get scheduled. Patti will inform the Board when Chad Duerkop from the City of Eau Claire schedules the training. We need to make sure that those who are trained are willing to put the training to use if it is needed.
9. Nominating committee. Tabled for a future meeting.
10. Matching grant. A spreadsheet will be used to track volunteer hours at McDonough Park. These are hours used for park improvement/enhancement. The hours will have a dollar value assigned to them which can be applied towards the DNR matching funds grant. Individuals organizing such things as the windscreens installation need to record the names of volunteers and hours worked. Mike M. offered to enter the data into a spreadsheet. Josh from the City of Eau Claire has the grant criteria.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton
Secretary