

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club
Board Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2019
McDonough Park, Eau Claire

Present: Geoff Groh, Sandi Harberts, Bev Hilton, 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. Prior to the meeting, Ron Doering, tournament director for the September tournament, emailed a report to the Board members. The number of teams registered is on pace with previous years with some divisions already full. Teams are needed in the 2.5-3.0 divisions. Judy reported that there are enough volunteers for the tournament.

Bev will take care of ordering porta-potties for the tournament. (Note: Since the meeting this has been done. Porta-potties will be in place from Friday, September 6 until Monday, September 9, at a cost of \$200.)

Geoff and Mike Peterson will be marking overflow parking for the tournament, but asked Judy if she could identify some volunteers to assist with directing people where to park on the days of the tournament.

2. Considerable discussion took place regarding means to communicate to Club members and nonmembers as well. Communicating in an effective and efficient manner is a challenge. People need to be able to get up-to-date information in an easy and effective way. This information would include such things as the cancellation of classes and street closure information as it relates to the access to McDonough Park. It was mentioned that a camera at the park would be helpful. It was suggested that a technology committee be formed to address the communication issues. Members of the committee could come from the Board and general Club membership. Mike Mai offered to help move this item forward.
3. Mike Mai gave the treasurer's report. The Club funds of \$6,319.09 plus the funds in the Community Parks Association of \$990.93 gives the Club a total of \$7,310.02

in available money. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Mike also reported that he is working on the nonprofit application.

4. The neighborhood outreach agenda item was tabled for a future meeting.
5. Other:
 - The permanent garbage can near the courts has not been emptied on a regular basis. The consensus of the Board is to have the garbage can removed. However, garbage cans will be put in place for the September tournament.
 - Marilyn reported that more benches could be used at the courts. The cost for three benches, including shipping, is approximately \$1,500. If the DNR grant is awarded, benches could count towards matching funds.
 - Geoff reported that some of the wind screens will need to be replaced in the near future.
 - The condition of the some of the courts was discussed. There are a few flaws in the new coloring. Court No. 1 has a tree root starting to protrude into the court. Court No. 5 has a crack in it. (Note: Since the meeting, Marilyn talked with Todd, City forester, and the use of an air spade might remedy the root issue on Court 1. If that isn't possible/successful, the tree may need to be removed and replaced with a smaller one. If the tree can be saved, branches that are hanging low over the court will be trimmed.)
 - Having court ambassadors was discussed. These individuals could welcome new players; assist with handing out demo equipment and selling balls; be a point of contact for immediate restroom, parking, facility issues; and serve as a resource for players with questions, issues, etc. Onsite knowledge of basic first aid would be helpful.
 - DeLong Middle School will probably be used again this year for indoor play. Refiguring the courts for indoor play would attract more players. Volunteers may be needed to assist with taping lines. Julie can provide more information.
 - Mike P. met with the assistant manager at Gold's Gym. He reported that the hours of play may be extended when indoor play starts. People could begin playing as early as 5 a.m. Additional afternoon hours may be an option too. Play will also be available in the evening from 7-10 p.m. The schedule will be out in September. The cost to play will be \$5 for people who are not members of Gold's Gym. A season pass could be purchased for \$150. People

- who are enrolled in the Silver Sneakers and Silver Fit programs could play for free.
- The YMCA Indoor Sports Center will have similar hours as last year. The floor will continue to be an issue at that facility.
 - Marilyn has been working extensively on getting a current list of donors and the dollar amounts donated to the Club. Once the accuracy has been verified, a sign will be put up at McDonough Park at the courts.
 - Marilyn shared a flier that will be used to solicit donations for McDonough Park to expand the active aging recreational activities and facilities.
 - The lock on the equipment box needs a longer hasp so it is easier to open. The lock often times gets put on upside down which makes it difficult to enter the combination. (Note: A new lock has been ordered.)
 - The City will fix the park gate so it can again be locked. (Note: Since the Board meeting, the gate has now been fixed and the lock replaced.)
 - The speed at which people drive down the driveway to the courts is an issue. To control this, the City will be installing speed bumps near the playground area.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton, Secretary