

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2020  
Eau Claire YMCA Sports Center

Present: Ron Doering, Bev Hilton, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Linda Nicastro, Mike Peterson, and Marilyn Skrivseth.

Vice President Judy Mirr called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2020, meeting. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report. Mike M. presented the treasurer's report. The Club has funds totaling of \$18,291.24. Mike M. also reported that the tax exempt organization tax filing (Form 990) has been completed for the year ending May 31, 2020. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Linda reported that the Club has 202 members. After adding the option of making a donation on the membership form, the Club has received over \$3,000.
3. A special meeting will be held to elect Board members. Currently Steve Abele, Kathy Abens, Penny Graham, Geoff Groh, Sandy Johnson, Mike Mai, and Mike Peterson are on the ballot. The meeting is set for Tuesday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. pending the availability of a room at Hobbs Ice Arena. Once we know a room is available Club members will be notified. Per Club bylaws, members need to be notified of the meeting 72 hours in advance. Email, Facebook, the Club's website, and word of mouth will be used to inform members of the meeting. Agenda items for the meeting include the election of Board members, approval of the bylaws, approval of the membership fees as recommended by the Board, and other items brought forward at the time of the meeting. Per the Club's bylaws, nominations for the Board can be made from the floor.

Summer play will also be an item of discussion at the special meeting (what worked, what needs to be improved). Board members discussed summer play at McDonough and Chippewa Falls. Courts at both locations were widely used during the summer months with few issues. Mike P. talked about the problem of keeping the courts clean at McDonough Park. A second set of batteries is needed

for the blower or getting a new blower. Having volunteers assist with the blowing of the courts is an option as well, with volunteers providing their personal blowers. Signage needs to be put up at McDonough stating that the courts are for pickleball play only.

4. Indoor play was discussed. A flier was distributed outlining indoor play at the YMCA Indoor Sports Center. Early morning hours (6:30 a.m.) will be an option as well as evenings and some weekends. Players can pay per day (\$6 for non-Y members, \$4 for Y members; \$200 for a season pass for non-Y members, and \$125 for Y members). There is no charge for Y members to play pickleball at the downtown Y facility. There is a fee to play at the Indoor Sports Center as it is a revenue-generating facility.

Golds Gym will again be offering indoor play at a cost of \$10. Ron will check on the days and times pickleball will be available. He noted that the days and times might be different than in 2019-2020.

Hobbs Ice Arena is a third venue for indoor play at a cost of \$4 per session. A punch card for \$40 could be purchased as well (\$48 value). The hours of play at Hobbs are 8:30-10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday and Sunday evenings.

Due to Covid-19, masks need to be worn by people playing at the Indoor Sports Center and Hobbs. Masks are required to be worn going into Golds Gym and while changing shoes, but do not need to be worn while playing. Requirements are subject to change based upon changes in COVID and legal challenges.

Also due to Covid-19, pickleball lessons are on hold for now. This will be revisited after the first of the year. Having lessons with fewer people is an option (i.e., three people in a class with one instructor).

5. Preliminary results from the survey completed by Club members indicated the following items were important priorities to McDonough Park: addition of bathrooms; water availability; and a combination bathroom, storage, pavilion area and ongoing maintenance funds. Greg Haugen has the comprehensive results which will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Marilyn reported that a water bottle filling station and a cement walkway leading from the new parking area to the courts on the east side are both in the works.

Much discussion took place regarding the enhancements/improvements proposed for McDonough Park. As of now, the plan does include two enclosed porta-potties on a cement pad. Also included in the plan is a storage structure.

6. Zane Navratil is a pickleball pro from Wisconsin who has indicated he is willing to come to the area to offer lessons/clinics. His style of instruction is strategy focused. Board members expressed interest in having Zane come to the area but suggested that this not be pursued until 2021 due to CoVid 19.
7. Other:
  - The ribbon cutting for the new floor at the Indoor Sports Center is Wednesday, September 30 at 5:30 p.m. There will be free play from 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. The Social Committee will be providing ice cream.
  - Dave Markquart purchased two SwiftNets for use at the Indoor Sports Center. These nets are stronger, lighter, and faster to set up. A discussion took place regarding replacing the existing nets with SwiftNets. This will be explored further.
  - Club member Katie Lindquist has offered to assist with the marketing aspects of the Club. This could include social media and the newsletter.
  - In the future maintenance will be need to be done on the original six pickleball courts as there are a significant number of cracks on these courts.
  - Julie Booth wants to remind everyone to follow the Co-Vid guidelines while at McDonough Park: (1) using hand sanitizer often and when changing playing partners, (2) maintain social distancing, (3) wear a mask when not socially distanced, and (4) if you are not feeling well, please stay home.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton  
Secretary