

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 23, 2021  
YMCA Indoor Sports Center

Board Members Present: Harry Gordee, Penny Graham, Tom Guelzow II, Bev Hilton, Sandy Johnson, Mike Mai, and Judy Mirr.

The meeting was called to order by Club President Judy Mirr at 1:36 p.m. The following items of business were discussed:

1. USA pickleball ambassador. Linda Nicastro is the Club's USA pickleball ambassador. The primary responsibilities of the ambassador are to promote and grow the sport of pickleball. Pickleball Central needs to be notified that Linda as replaced Ron Doering in this capacity.
2. Ball machine. There is interest in players using the ball machine. Use of the machine is restricted to Club members. A procedure needs to be established in the use of the ball machine regarding checking it out, operating instructions, safety issues, etc. Sandy, Tom, Judy, and Linda Nicastro will work on the procedure. Sandy volunteered to create a quick start guide for people to follow when using the ball machine. For liability reasons, individuals using the machine need to sign a waiver prior to its use.

Tom volunteered to clean the ball machine once a month.

3. Fundraisers.
  - Sandy reported that the Club will hold a ball sale starting December 1. Two balls can be purchased for \$5. The Club could potentially make \$200 on the sale of balls.
  - Bev will follow up on the Savers clothing donation fundraiser.
  - The Eau Claire Marathon will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2022. The Club could make \$1,500 by having volunteers work at the marathon.
  - The Blue Angels will be performing in Eau Claire in 2022. Bev will find out if volunteers from nonprofit organizations are needed. The organization would be compensated for having volunteers work at the event.
4. Newsletter. Linda Nicastro will continue as newsletter editor.

5. The election of officers was completed. Tom will serve as vice president and Mike M. will serve as treasurer.
6. Tom talked with Steve Plaza from Eau Claire Parks and Recreation about the DNR grant and a new MOU with the City. Judy, Mike, and Tom will meet with Steve Plaza before the end of the year.
7. Having Club tee shirts was discussed, but no action was taken at this time.
8. Sandy will check into getting more bag tags for new members. She also reported that the recently completed lessons held at the Sports Center were well received.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton, Secretary