

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 24, 2017  
Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center

Present: Ron Doering, Geoff Groh, Greg Haugen, Bev Hilton, Mike Mai, Mike Peterson, and Marilyn Skrivseth.

Absent: Julie Booth, Deb Klawiter, Judy Mirr, and Kimberly Wahler

The meeting was called to order by Club President Marilyn Skrivseth at 12 noon. The following items of business were discussed:

1. Secretary's report: A motion was made by Mike P. and seconded by Ron to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2017, meeting. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report: Mike M. distributed the treasurer's report. Between the money the Club has and the money that has been donated through the EC Parks Association Pickleball Fund, the total revenue is \$28,147.46. A motion was made by Bev to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Geoff. Motion carried.

Marilyn submitted receipts for reimbursement for a total of \$721.

3. Committee Reports:
  - a. Membership and Social—Kimberly sent a save-the-date email for the Mixed Up Doubles play to be held at the Sports Center on Sunday, February 17. There is the potential of using six courts, with a total of 48 people participating.
  - b. Facilities Update—Marilyn reported that the Indoor Sports Center has done a lot to meet the needs of the pickleball players with extended playing time and expansion of days to play to include some weekends.
  - c. Skill Enhancement—Skills and drills for beginners or the less experienced have been held on Wednesday afternoons. On January 17, 19 peoples participated. New player playing times have been advertised on the Club's website. People new to the game or those wanting more experience are encouraged to come on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays in the afternoon. Skills and drills will continue in the summer, both in the afternoons and evenings.

- d. Tournaments—there are a few tournaments coming up (Winona, MN Senior Games in March, US Open in April, and Andover, MN, in May).
  - e. Website—Greg reported that the Club’s website gets 1,000-2,000 views a month. Many views are from people out of Wisconsin. Greg also reported that he would like to step down as the webmaster. The Club will be in search of someone to replace Greg. Greg offered to train his replacement.
4. USAPA Ambassador Update—Ron reported that pickleball rule changes have been made and are available on the USAPA website. He also mentioned that much discussion has taken place among ambassadors regarding the serve, especially the backhand serve. Ron also reported that as of yet there is no standardization of the pickleball ball.
  5. Update from the Club President—the meeting with the City of Eau Claire was again postponed. It was rescheduled for February 15.

The Healthy Communities Committee meeting was postponed. Marilyn met with a subset of the committee and the idea of having a senior fest was discussed. It could be an event held twice a year and include such things as activity options for seniors and a health fair.

6. Indoor Play:
  - The fees the Indoor Sports Center charges have been satisfactory.
  - A paddle line has been used when necessary to expedite play when the courts have been real busy. Afternoon play has been encouraged
  - Two more courts will be added to the Sports Center for a total of six.
  - Marilyn has explained skill-level play to the beginner players.
  - Marilyn shared a document she created regarding court etiquette, safety, and sportsmanship.
7. Mike M. discussed the tax exempt status the Club is trying to secure. The Club will be able to apply for more grants when it becomes tax exempt. Revisions to the bylaws were also shared with Board members. The revisions will need to be approved by Club members.
8. The Club is hopeful the City of Eau Claire will assist with the completion of some of the improvements to the courts at McDonough Park. Court improvements were reviewed and ranked.

9. Outdoor play that would include the best way to utilize the 12 courts at McDonough Park was briefly discussed.
10. Other:
  - a. Purchasing additional nets was discussed. A motion was made by Mike M., seconded by Mike P. that the Club purchases four nets. Motion carried. Ron will purchase the nets and will be reimbursed by the Club.
  - b. Marilyn will explain to beginners the options regarding the payment of Club dues.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton  
Secretary