

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2017  
McDonough Park Pavilion

Present: Geoff Groh, Greg Haugen, Bev Hilton, Patti Keske, Deb Klawiter, Judy Mirr, Mike Peterson, Marilyn Skrivseth, 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. Marilyn thanked everyone who agreed to serve as an officer or as an at-large member on the Board. She also thanked Mike P. for serving as president the past two years and Greg for the work he's done on the club website.
2. A treasurer's report will be given at the next meeting.
3. Terms of officers and at-large Board members were discussed and the following was decided:  
President—Marilyn Skrivseth will serve for one year.  
Vice president—Judy Mirr will serve for two years.  
Secretary—Bev Hilton will serve for two years.  
Treasurer—Mike Mai will serve for one year.  
Membership—Kimberly Wahler will serve for two years  
At large members will serve as follows:  
Mike Peterson – one year  
Deb Klawiter – two years  
Patti Keske – two years  
Geoff Groh – one year

It was noted that individuals can serve beyond their current term of commitment.

4. Committee leadership was discussed.
  - A. Facilities Committee: Geoff offered to chair this committee with Mike P. assisting. The City will blow debris off the courts, but members may be called upon to assist with this when necessary. The height of the nets will be checked weekly. Club members will be recruited to help with general

- upkeep of the courts; i.e., putting up and taking down the windscreens and painting lines. Geoff is working on numbers for the courts.
- B. Tournaments Committee: Ron Doering is working on the club-sponsored September tournament. Members are encouraged to promote away tournaments and to share information with club members either by posting information in the kiosk or having it posted on the website. Judy will assist with this as well.
  - C. Social Committee: Kim, Judy, Christine Mattson, Deb, and Bev will brainstorm social activities that would include all club members.
  - D. Skill Enhancement Committee: Options were discussed. Marilyn, Patti, Deb, and Bev are willing to work with beginners. It was suggested that Tuesday and Thursday evenings could be a time for beginners to play. Having designated courts for specific skill levels was also discussed. Ways to improve the skill of intermediate and advanced players will also be explored.
  - E. Publicity Committee: Various ways of advertising pickleball play were discussed, including posting on the community calendar and on the website. Greg offered to help with this. Volume One could also be a means to advertise pickleball, including how to learn the game and where to play.
  - F. Fundraising Committee: Marilyn will continue to work on this committee. Additional grants need to be identified and more partnerships explored. Fundraising options need to be brought to the Board for consideration.
5. Several club goals were discussed. Bulk buying and an increase in purchase power were mentioned. The Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club includes people in Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, and Menomonie. People from all geographic areas the club covers are encouraged to attend meetings. Judy will serve as a liaison with players in Menomonie, and Deb will serve as a liaison with the Chippewa Falls players. Ways to bring club members together needs to be explored. Marilyn also talked about a club exchange in which players from outside the area would come here to play and vice versa. Players in Wausau had expressed an interest in this.

Also discussed was the need for a means to inform players of proper court etiquette so that players have equal playing opportunities.

6. Marilyn provided a court construction update. The bids came in approximately \$28,800 high. The club is going to defer for a year top coating both the new and existing courts. The top coating cost is about \$20,000. The new courts will be asphalt. Nets for all 12 courts will be permanent. The City of Eau Claire will sell the current nets at auction after the new posts are put in. It is hoped the proceeds will go into the pickleball fund at the Community Parks Association Fund.

The club is working with City of Eau Claire on getting a porta potty put in place close to the courts.

Marilyn suggested that a banner be made at a cost of \$100-\$150. The banner will show the progress made to date regarding donations and what is still needed.

7. Other.

The Board discussed ways for members to pay their yearly dues. Dues can be paid electronically or by check.

8. Next meeting. The Board will meeting again within the next two weeks (or so) to provide an update of what members on the Board have volunteered to do.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton  
Secretary