

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2017
McDonough Park Pavilion

Present: Ron Doering, Geoff Groh, Greg Haugen, Bev Hilton, Patti Keske, Deb Klawiter, Mike Mai, 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 asked if there were any additional agenda items.
 - a. Mike M. will explore getting a tax exempt status for the Club. This needs to be obtained through the IRS.
2. No changes were made to the June 1 meeting minutes.
3. Ron reported that as ambassador he has updated the USAPA website with respect to where to play/time of play for the Chippewa Valley. (Go to USAPA.org, click on the "Places to Play" tab and then select a state to find court locations and other information.) This site is useful for people all over the country to find places to play.
4. Mike Mai reported that there is \$3,700 in the Club's checking and savings accounts.
5. Kimberly gave a membership update. She distributed a membership form and asked for Board members' input. An area on the form will be added so individuals can indicate if they are making a donation to the Community Parks Association in addition to paying their dues. Once finalized, Greg will post the membership form on the website. Membership dues are due in June.

Marilyn suggested that it would be a good idea for Board members to have membership forms with them to distribute to potential new Club members. Board members were in support of this.

Mike M. and Ron will work on updating the membership database.

6. Committee leadership updates.

a. Facilities Committee:

- (1) Geoff reported that court numbers have been added to the courts.
- (2) Mike P. mentioned that due to high wind the bottom ties on the south windscreen had to be retied.
- (3) Ron is going to show Board members how to open the storage box next to the courts. A combination is needed to open the box that contains the key; only Board members will have the combination. The key opens the storage box and the gate to the road that is on the south side of the courts.
- (4) John Emerson, Bill Krueger, Jeff Lorenz, and Terry Wilkolm have offered to help the Facilities Committee when needed.
- (5) Players need to information Geoff or Mike P. if the nets are not at the correct height and they will fix them.

b. Tournaments Committee:

- (1) Ron distributed entry blanks for the September 10, 2017, the Club is hosting. A Special Application Form needs to be completed and sent to the City of Eau Claire along with a \$60 fee. The Club will also need to purchase liability insurance for the tournament. Notice/tournament information will be posted on the Club's website and Wisconsin pickleball website (<http://www.pickleballwi.com/tournaments/>). Visit Eau Claire is the Club's tournament partner.
- (2) Judy had entry forms for several upcoming tournaments (through September). Greg will add tournament information to the Club's website under the "Play Pickleball" tab. Tournament information will also be added to the kiosk.

c. Social Committee:

Kimberly reported on the results of the Social Committee meeting that was held Thursday, June 7. The Committee has several ideas for social events including a round robin tournament on Thursday, June 29, in the evening, and one on Tuesday, July 18, in the morning. A chili contest followed by game play will be held in the winter. It was suggested that a nominal fee be charged to cover the cost of bowls, utensils, and other items. Reserving courts and the pavilion for tournament use was discussed. Patti reported that if events are free, there is no fee to reserve the courts; however, there is a fee to reserve a pavilion.

d. Skill Enhancement Committee:

- a. Marilyn will be working with beginner players on Friday, June 16, at 1 p.m. Twelve players have attended the two previous beginner sessions. After the June 27 and 29 clinics have been held, Tuesday and Thursday evenings will be a time for beginners to play. Play will begin around 6:30 p.m.
- b. Local women having been playing in Chippewa Falls on Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m. and in Eau Claire on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. There was positive response from the clinic held in Chippewa Falls on Monday, June 12.

If there is interest, drills may be offered at a specific time, followed by game time.

e. Publicity Committee:

Open times for play in Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire are on the calendar on the Club's website. Ron suggested that a new, more user friendly calendar app for the website be explored. Greg will check into this.

Marilyn reported that Lillian Hillis has offered to help with press releases. Eric Lindquist will be contacted to see if he can offer assistance in this area as well.

- f. Fundraising Committee: Marilyn would like a banner made to thank people who have made donations and to encourage others to donate. The individuals who got the initial six courts in place and contributed money

for court improvements need to be recognized too. Kimberly offered to send thank you notes to people who make donations.

- g. Web update: Greg reported that the old forum feature is no longer on the website and that a new one will be checked into. The new one would allow players to sign up to play through email, Facebook, or Google. Marilyn suggested that before a new forum goes live, that Board members be given a demonstration of the app. Tournament information regarding several tournaments is on the website. Greg mentioned that usually two methods of payment are offered for paying tournament entry fees—electronically and by check.
- 7. Construction update: Ron reported that construction of the new courts will begin in July.
- 8. Other:
 - a. Establishing a “paddle line” was briefly discussed but not acted on.
 - b. Marilyn will clarify with the City of Eau Claire as to which entity is paying for the porta potty.
- 9. Next meeting: The Board will meet again in two weeks or so. Marilyn will send out a “doodle” to establish the meeting date and time.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton
Secretary