

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2018  
McDonough Park Pavilion

Present: Julie Booth, Ron Doering, Geoff Groh, Greg Haugen, Bev Hilton, Deb Klawiter, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Mike Peterson, Marilyn Skrivseth.

Absent: Patti Keske and Kimberly Wahler.

The meeting was called to order by Club President Marilyn Skrivseth at 11:30 a.m. The following items of business were discussed:

1. Treasurer's Report: Mike M. distributed the treasurer's report. Total available funds equal \$41,844.47. Mike also gave an update on the Club's application for nonprofit status. It was been approved by the State and will now need approval from the IRS. If the Club is viewed as a simply a "club" by the IRS, the nonprofit status will, most likely, not be granted. Among other things, the education component of the Club needs to be included on the nonprofit application.
2. Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was approved with no changes
3. Tournament update:
  - 78 teams have registered.
  - \$3,800 in entry fees has been received.
  - Tournament expenses are approximately \$2,000 with the shirts being the biggest expense.
  - Visit Eau Claire changed the qualifications for funding. The Club did not meet the qualifications and therefore will not be receiving any funding.
  - An additional fee of \$20 needs to be paid for insurance.
  - There will be no food truck.
  - A paddle swap will take place the day of the tournament.
  - Mike P. offered to purchase water for the players.
  - Mike and Ron will record scores, but additional help will be needed throughout the tournament. Kimberly has circulated a volunteer sign up sheet.
  - The tournament ball is the Onix Fuse.
  - No parking signs need to be posted the day of the tournament.

- The City will blow off the courts prior to the tournament.
4. Facilities: Mike P. will check the net height before the tournament. Where necessary, Geoff will replace the court numbers. The nets that were put up between the courts to stop balls will be taken down for the tournament and not put back up as they are a potential tripping hazard.
  5. Proposed facility. Marilyn updated the Board members regarding the color coating project. Three companies have submitted bids. A company from Minnesota submitted the lowest bid, but the bid didn't meet all of the specifications. Todd Chwala from the City of Eau Claire is going to work with that company so it can provide a bid that meets the specifications. The other two companies that submitted bids would not be able to do the work until June 2019.

A bid of just under \$25,000 was received for blacktopping the driveway to the courts and two parking areas. That bid was approximately \$20,000 less than anticipated for the entire project. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with the blacktopping projection. Motion carried.

The cost of items like getting water service close to the courts, purchasing an AED, etc., could come from the Mayo Health System grant.

The Homebuilders' Association is going to take the pavilion project to its executive board.

The City inquired as to the electrical needs with the court/park upgrades; 200 amp service was requested.

RCU sent in \$500 as part of the advertising campaign.

The Club is hopeful to get advertising at the McDonough Courts. This has the potential of being a long term revenue stream; i.e., \$10,000 over five years per court.

When individuals donate to the pickleball Club through the Community Parks Association (CPA), the CPA retains 4 percent of donations. It is possible that that money could be used for matching funds for McDonough Park expansion. Marilyn will continue to pursue that possibility.

6. Lillian will be updating the website's events calendar in the next few days. Please get all changes and new information to her as soon as possible.
7. The lock system for the gate at McDonough Park is working well as is the new lock on the equipment box.
8. Several Club members participated in First Aid/CPR/AED training.
9. The City of Eau Claire is very supportive of McDonough Park being an active aging park. A conceptual draft plan was distributed and reviewed.
10. Ambassador report. Ron reported that the US Pickleball Association is changing the player rating system. It is not yet finalized.
11. Prior to the meeting, Kimberly emailed the membership report. The Club has 210 members.
12. Skill enhancement. Marilyn reported that she has been working with a small group on Monday and Wednesday mornings. The evening round robins on Tuesday and Thursday have been very popular. We will also have clinics for new players on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in September.
13. Mayo Health System had a number of people interested in learning how to play pickleball. Once the details are worked out, a date will be determined however, they are now awaiting approval from legal council regarding the need for a participant waiver for the event.
14. Rec the Park will be held on Sunday, September 23, from 1-3 p.m. at McDonough Park. A variety of activities will take place to expose individuals and families to what is available.
15. Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center. Marilyn has been working with Amy at the Sports Center to determine the new layout of the 6 courts when indoor play commences. It is anticipated that there will be little no change in hours and fees. Other indoor venues will continue to be explored.

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bev Hilton, Secretary