

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2018
McDonough Park Pavilion

Present: Ron Doering, Lillian Hillis, Bev Hilton, Patti Keske, Deb Klawiter, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Mike Peterson, Marilyn Skrivseth, and Kimberly Wahler.

Absent: Geoff Groh and Julie Booth.

The meeting was called to order by Club President Marilyn Skrivseth at 11:37 a.m. The following items of business were discussed:

- 1 Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was approved with no changes
2. Treasurer's Report: Mike M. distributed the treasurer's report. The Club's cash balance of \$14,283.59 combined with the money in the Community Parks Association account of \$11,482.93 gives the Club a total of \$25,766.52 in available funds. Ron submitted tournament entry fees that he has received so far. The Club has no outstanding bills. The treasurer's report was approved.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership/Social Committee. Kimberly reported that there are 201 members, 47 of which are new members. Twenty members have not yet renewed. Board members will encourage those who have not renewed to do so.

Considerable discussion took place regarding dedicating courts to specific skill levels—beginning, intermediate, and advanced. Patti has been encouraging beginners and advanced beginners to play Wednesday-Saturday mornings. This has been working quite well.
 - b. Facilities Committee.
 - Mike P. and Harry Gordee were instrumental in getting a new lock that contains the key to the lock on the gate at McDonough Park.
 - People need to be reminded not to park on the grass. The idea of putting a flier on people's cars to remind them of this was discussed.

- The court posts on the new courts were installed incorrectly. This will be fixed when the courts get resurfaced in the future.
- c. A significant number of people have participated in new-player clinics this summer. The next Parks and Recreation clinic is schedule for Tuesday and Thursday, July 24 and 26. Approximately 20 people have signed up so far. Marilyn provides skill enhancement on Monday and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Round robins are held at McDonough Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The round robins have been very popular.
- d. Ron reported that the Club-sponsored September 8 tournament is half full, with 35 teams registered. Ron will know in August if Visit Eau Claire is going to pay for the tournament shirts.
- e. Lillian Hillis was welcomed to the Board. She will assist Greg and Ron the Club's website. Lillian added the safety and etiquette document to the website.
4. Ambassador update. Ron reported that tournament information will continue to be available on the Club's website. The Chippewa Falls tournament is Saturday, August 11.
5. Updates from Marilyn:
- Advertising proposals for McDonough Park have not been finalized.
 - RCU declined the grant request but may consider donating a lesser amount.
 - Phil Johnson, a landscape designer with CBS, is being hired to develop a master plan for McDonough Park which will depict how the park will look in the future. This is a very positive step and reflects how pleased the City is with activities in the park.
 - For ongoing security at McDonough Park, it is essential that the gate to be locked after play is over in the evening. If suspicious activity is observed, it needs to be reported to the police department.
 - Both the Eau Claire Parks and Recreation and the City of Eau Claire have been very supportive of what's happening at McDonough Park.
 - Mayo Health System approved the grant proposal of \$20,000. The breakdown of how this money will be used has not yet been determined. A

Mayo Wellness Clinic is tentatively set for August 16 and 25. In addition, a number of Mayo nurses may also want to learn pickleball.

6. Park improvements. Priorities for McDonough Park improvements include repairing the cracks and surface delaminating on the old courts, adding a multicolor, textured acrylic coating system to all 12 courts, purchasing and installing two portable restrooms, acquiring two additional benches, adding electrical power, adding drinking water access closer to the courts, purchasing an AED, adding a security camera, adding a pavilion/storage area, and paving the roadway and parking lot. Of the items listed, repairing the cracks and surface delaminating and applying multicolor coating to all courts are high priority. Board members discussed the possibility of the Club buying the materials to coat the courts and having Club members provide the labor. The cost of materials could be in excess of \$20,000.
7. Other.
 - As of the last update from the Indoor Sports Center, indoor play will be allowed at the Center. At this time no fee changes are anticipated for this year, but YMCA memberships may be required in the future.
 - Currently the Club has not secured additional venues for indoor play.
 - One windscreen has a small tear. Duct tape may be able to repair it.
 - The Club will hold a 50/50 cash raffle at the September 8 tournament. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the sale of tickets.
 - There will be a paddle swap at the September tournament which will be coordinated by two people from EC Parks and Recreation.
 - People who haven't fulfilled their pledges to the Club need to be reminded to do so.
 - The dissemination of Club member information was discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton
Secretary