

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club Board
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2018
McDonough Park Pavilion

Present: Ron Doering, Greg Haugen, 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 a.m. The following items of business were discussed:

1. Treasurer's Report: Mike Mail distributed the treasurer's report. The Club cash balance of \$9,625.29 combined with the money in the Community Parks Association account of \$10,825.88 gives the Club a total of \$21,866.51 in available funds.
2. Election of Officers. According to the Club bylaws, the Executive Board elects the Board officers. The offices of president and treasurer are up for election. Marilyn was nominated to again serve as president and Mike M. to again serve as treasurer. Both were reelected.
3. Update on the Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center. The YMCA is proposing to buy the Indoor Sports Center. If the sale goes through, the Club will need to explore other venues for indoor play. Mike P., Ron, and Judy have agreed to serve on a subcommittee to explore location options for indoor play.
4. Update on Fundraising Efforts. With the help of Mike Benrud, the Home Builders Association has been contacted to assist in the construction of a pavilion which will be used for storage and two porta potties. The City of Eau Claire would assist in site preparation.

A mailing is going to go out to all chamber members. It will be sent on behalf of several agencies to ask for donations to assist in the funding of McDonough Park as an active aging park.

Marilyn updated the Board on the grants that have been written. If awarded, some of the grant money will be used for pickleball court improvements and

some will be used for equipment in the development of McDonough Park as an active aging park.

5. Priorities for Use of Fundraising Dollars. The use of the Club's funds will be prioritized once the Club knows what dollars it will have received through the fundraising efforts (donations and grants).
6. Classes/Clinics/Special Interest Groups. Beginners have been playing Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1 p.m. Beginner play will also take place on Tuesday evenings. Volunteers are needed with classes and clinics. Mixed up doubles are held in Chippewa Falls on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Having a youth league was discussed. The Board agreed that having younger players play on the days the beginners play is a favorable idea. This would be an excellent opportunity for parents/grandparents who are learning to play pickleball to bring their children/grandchildren to learn the game as well. *Volume One* and the Club's website will be used to advertise this.

7. Open Pickleball Court Use. Currently there have been no issues regarding court use. Discussion took place about designating specific courts for specific play level. At present, open courts have been available for all skill levels of play.
8. Parking and Gate. There still has been a problem with a few individuals driving around the gate when the gate is closed. The last person leaving the court needs to lock the gate. This needs to be communicated.
9. Insurance. Judy reported on the cost of liability insurance. John Kiley's company gave her a quote of a yearly premium of \$603. This would cover the Club for multiple events. The City of Eau Claire needs to be listed as additionally insured. Tournament participants will need to sign a waiver.
10. Court Maintenance. Mike P., Geoff, Marilyn, and others have been going a great job keeping the courts free of debris. It was agreed the Club will buy a blower when storage is available. Volunteers will continue to be needed in keeping the courts clean. Using mats by the courts to get sand off of shoes was discussed.
11. Marketing Efforts. Bev, Marilyn, and Club Member Michelle Menard are meeting Thursday, May 30, to discuss marketing efforts.

12. Demo Paddles/Balls. Marilyn has demo paddles from Prolite, Selkirk, Engage, and Paddletek. People need to contact Marilyn to try these paddles. Paddles are also in the equipment box. Players are encouraged to “try before they buy.”
13. Frist Aid/CPR/AED Training. The City of Eau Claire will offer training in these areas. A \$20 fee will be assessed to get registered with the Red Cross.
14. Kiosk. Geoff and Mike P. moved the kiosk. Marilyn has posted information in the kiosk. People can contact Marilyn with additional information (i.e., tournament info) that can be posted in the kiosk.
15. Paddle Swap/Sale. Discussion took place about having a paddle swap/sale. It was suggested it could be held in conjunction with the Club’s September tournament or when clinics are held.
16. Committee Updates. Kimberly reported that the Club has 189 members. Since the beginning of the year, 24 people have joined the Club. People renewing their membership by June 1 will be eligible for prizes. Currently 57 people have renewed their memberships.

There is still some vandalism taking place at McDonough Park. “If you see something, say something.” If vandalism is noted, the nonemergency police department number should be called. Signs will be posted on the courts with this number.

The City is going to put up signage regarding parking at McDonough Park. Signs will also be put up to direct people to McDonough Park from Birch Street. (Note: This has already been done since our meeting.)

17. Other. The DeLong tournament that was canceled in April because of a snowstorm will be held on the McDonough Courts Monday, June 4, and Wednesday, June 6.

Greg reported that Lillian Hillis has offered to take over as webmaster. Greg and Ron will provide training.

The courts in Chippewa Falls are getting additional windscreens that will be paid for by the Club.

Ron gave an update on the Club's tournament. It will be a one-day tournament on Saturday, September 8, and will consist of men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles. An event application will be submitted to the City of Eau Claire.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton
Secretary