

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2020

Present: Julie Booth, Ron Doering, Geoff Groh, Sandy Harberts, Bev Hilton, Patti Keske, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Linda Nicastro, Mike Peterson, and Marilyn Skrivseth.

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Club President Patti Keske.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Secretary's report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2020, meeting. Motion carried.
2. Financial reports. Mike M. presented the treasurer's report. The Club's funds of \$12,921.44 plus the \$990.93 in the Community Parks Association account gives the Club a balance of \$13,912.37. Mike also reported that 68 people have paid their membership fee and that 44 percent of those joining/renewing made a donation to the Club. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. Windscreens. Geoff and Mike P. cut the vent holes in the new windscreens. Nylon straps will be used to keep the windscreens in place. Windscreens will be installed on Tuesday, June 2, beginning at 9:30 a.m. To limit the number of people installing the windscreens because of safe social distancing, Board members will assist with this.
4. Opening of McDonough Park courts. Because of CoVid-19, a number of restrictions are in place regarding pickleball play at McDonough Park and other courts throughout the Chippewa Valley. Play is limited to singles. Players can play for an hour. Those waiting to play need to wait outside the courts and not on the benches. Social distancing needs to be followed. Since the opening of the courts on April 30, play has been light at McDonough. As of now, eight of the twelve courts can be used for pickleball. The courts are open for open play.

The gate to the road leading to the courts is locked. It was suggested by Linda that a sign be placed on the gate indicating that the courts are open for play.

5. Leagues/tournaments/events. Ron has resigned as tournament director for the fall tournament hosted by the Club. Patti thanked him for organizing the tournament since its inception. Ron offered to document the responsibilities of the tournament director and to pass this information on to the new director. Julie has had experience running tournaments on a smaller scale and is willing to assist

the new director. Discussed briefly was the idea of hiring someone outside the Club to serve as tournament director.

A number of tournaments scheduled for the summer months have been rescheduled for the fall. Not a lot of tournament promotions are going on. There seems to be a wait-and-see approach as there are a lot of uncertainties as to when restrictions will be lifted regarding the virus.

Discussion took place regarding the Club sponsored September 2020 tournament. Marilyn mentioned that it's possible that the number of CoVid-19 cases may not peak until sometime this summer. If the tournament is canceled for 2020, it would give the Club time to form a committee to organize the tournament for 2021. Even if the 2020 tournament is canceled, other tournament options could be considered (similar to the Souper Bowl held in January). A final decision regarding the 2020 tournament being held will be made at a future date.

Julie reported that no clinics/lessons have been scheduled at this time.

6. Committees. Tabled for a future meeting.
7. AED training. Tabled for a future meeting.
8. Nominating committee for election of Board members. Tabled for a future meeting.
9. Adopt-a-park program. Julie is encouraging the adopt-a-park effort. She is working on "adoption papers" and putting a brochure together describing the project and what it entails.
10. DNR matching grant. Anything the Club does moneywise could be matched by the grant money; i.e., the money used to purchase the new windscreens can be matched by grant money. The grant is good for two years. Improvements to McDonough Park and the pickleball courts need to be prioritized. This will be done at a future meeting. Marilyn created a form to track volunteer hours. Volunteer hours used to improve/enhance McDonough Park need to be recorded as they are given a dollar value that will be matched by the DNR grant. Money received by the Club through donations and spent for improvements/enhancements to McDonough Park can be matched by the grant.

11. Other.

- Newsletter. The consensus of the group was that the newsletter is a good means of communication to Club members, along with Facebook and the website. Linda listed several items that could be included in a newsletter (for example, rules, equipment, tournament info, clinics, lessons, upcoming events, and play schedule). Board members are encouraged to provide Linda with content for the newsletter. The deadline for submitting content for the next newsletter is May 13.
- Sandy asked when doubles play will be resumed. That is an unknown at this time.
- Mike M. reported that the Club pays \$749 a year for liability insurance. General insurance and tournament insurance is included in this. If the September tournament is canceled, Mike M. will look into have the cost for tournament insurance separated from the total insurance premium so the Club is only paying for the general liability insurance.
- A general meeting of all Club members will not be held until the CoVid-19 restrictions are lifted. Julie suggested that a general meeting could be conducted through Zoom. It was agreed that there is no urgency to hold a general meeting.
- Patti will look into a Zoom subscription so Board meetings can continue to be held using that app and not be restricted to 30 minutes.
- Dawn from Eau Claire Parks and Recreation is open to suggestions from the Club regarding pickleball play.
- Marilyn suggested reaching out to people new to pickleball about how to play singles.
- Ron was asked about the preferred outdoor ball. There is no preferred ball as of now.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hilton  
Secretary

Note: Following the Board meeting on May 6, Board members voted to cancel the September 2020 Club-sponsored tournament. Voting was done via email.