

Minutes of the Cape Fear Pickleball Club Board
Meeting Date April 12, 2017

The meeting was held at the Midtown Y and convened at about 7:00 pm, President Kevin Chandler, presiding. Board Members present: Carolyn Ryan and Feri Nejad, both Directors of Social Events, Mike Walz, Competition Director, Harry Marriner, Communications Director, Bernie Baker, Membership Director and Jeanne Login, Secretary. Members absent: Sylvia Hales, Vice President, Jane Klippel, Treasurer and Mike McGrath, Training Director.

Attendance was sufficient for a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

- All first aid kits are in place
- Collapsible brooms ordered. We need 3, but ordered 2. We will wait for delivery, see how they perform and if acceptable, order the 3rd.
- We need to review stock and see if we need balls
- Club insurance expired in March. Jane is working on the renewal.

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President Kevin Chandler told the Board that he had wine he is willing to donate for the next Cape Fear Pickleball Club soiree. He offered thanks for the donations made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Elaine Chandler's memory and stated that almost \$2,000 had been collected.

Treasurer Jane Klippel was not present, but Kevin told the Board he had checked the account and we had between \$4,300 and \$4,400. Kevin stated he is owed about \$850 for out of pocket expenses.

Secretary Jeanne Login had nothing to report.

Membership Director Bernie Baker said that we currently have 240 members. While that number needs to be confirmed, Bernie has a high level of confidence in it. Bernie has 3 applications that have insufficient information because new members are using the renewal form. We will consider disabling the renewal form since we are past the renewal date.

Communications Director Harry Marriner said that Mike McGrath asked if he could make a list of folks interested in being trainers. Harry will prepare that list in conjunction with Bernie who has some information on the applications. Harry informed the Board that he had created a spreadsheet of places to play sorted by day and time. The spreadsheet is housed under the Places to Play tab on the website.

Competition Director Mike Walz reported to the Board that the Ladder Leagues had started and that both Men's and Women's were being held on Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm. He created a Standings Report on line. Mike feels that we need more players for a truly robust ladder. It is possible that the light turnout is due to the Sunday play, but Mike wants to leave the day and time as is for 3 to 4 weeks, then revisit for another day and time if attendance has not improved.

Mike has been asked to help run the New Hanover By the Sea Senior Games. He will work with Jane. He is waiting to hear about a proposed planning meeting.

Harry Marriner suggested that we should consider an Azalea Festival Pickleball Tournament. He feels we would get cooperation from the City.

Bernie Baker met someone working with the Azalea Festival who also works with Hospice. Bernie suggested that we consider a tournament to benefit Hospice. There was some discussion about the large amount of work it took to sponsor a tournament and whether or not we wanted to have more than one tournament a year. The Board was in agreement that 1 large tournament a year would be enough. Bernie will review the membership paperwork to identify folks who might be interested in assisting with future tournaments.

The Board discussed where to hold future tournaments. Robert Strange Park would be good since there are 6 available courts, however, there are no toilet facilities. We discussed utilizing Greenfield Lake (4 courts) where there are toilet facilities or Ashley High School where there are 6 courts, but the availability of toilet facilities needs to be determined. Wrightsville Beach with its 4 courts is another possibility and it was mentioned that we could consider splitting venues. There was general agreement that 1 site would be easier to manage.

Training Director Mike McGrath was not present. Kevin brought up the topic of Simon and our ability to house the ball machine at Inland Greens. We were originally told by the on-site supervisor Dick that he would make it available whenever a member needs the machine, but he is now saying that he needs to check with his management. Jeanne thought that we should see if MLK had any space for us to store the machine. Kevin said he would look into it, but if we did that, we would need a hand cart to move it from MLK building to Robert Strange Park. We also discussed Greenfield Lake Boat house or the Park Office. Downside to the Wilmington Parks Office is they are closed after 5 and on weekends. Mike volunteers at the Boat House, he will investigate that possibility.

Social Events Directors Carolyn Ryan and Feri Nejad told us that the next party was scheduled for June 17th at Inland Greens. It will be a cookout. We will have a dinking tournament. We will consider taping off more courts since less room is needed for dinking. We will ask members to RSVP for dinking tournament on invitation so we have an idea of how many might participate in the tournament. It was suggested that the Dinking tournament start at 4, then party from 6 to 9. Shirts will be on sale. Carolyn mentioned that people are asking for the CFPC stickers. Kevin will see if he can locate vendor in his files

The next CFPC Board meeting will be held at the Wilmington Basketball Center on May 17th at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 pm.