

Minutes of the Cape Fear Pickleball Club Board
Meeting Date May 17, 2017

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

Attendance was sufficient for a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Past Minutes - President Kevin Chandler made a motion to approve the minutes from the March and April meetings. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Insurance - The new policy eliminates any coverage for damages or injuries by participants in sporting events. The cost would be \$600 – 700 per year for a 1 Million dollar policy. A decision will have to be made as to whether we keep policy or not. Kevin will post a message on the USAPA Ambassador website to see what experience others have had. Jane spoke with Jim Sayre, he has sold a lot of insurance to athletic organizations. She suggests that Kevin call Jim to discuss. We discussed the fact that Club members sign waivers and a lawyer says that in the event of a lawsuit, it is hard to win against a non-profit organization (CFPC). There are, however folks that play who are not members and have not signed a waiver.

Places to Play Schedule – There is a need to update the schedule to eliminate sites that are not used. Examples were given: Basketball Center on Tuesday/Thursday mornings (we switched to Robert Strange Park, but don't believe that anyone is playing there either). Kevin has asked for member to confirm whether or not play is being held at RSP on Tuesday/Thursday mornings, if not, we will remove from the schedule.

We discussed Ashley and it was stated that not many people play there, but there is a sign up process. We will eliminate Sunday evening at GFL, Sunday morning at MLK and Sunday evening at RSP.

NEW BUSINESS

Jane Klippel congratulated Kevin on his success in the developing the organization to include Training, Social Events, Competition, etc. Jane is looking to sponsor another tournament involving the Club and the Y. She can offer 6 indoor courts for a Club tournament using 2 Y sites. She has prepared a flyer and an implementation plan.

Feri mentioned that she would be concerned about the logistics of utilizing 2 different sites for one tournament.

Jane has met 4 men who have Parkinson's Disease and is in favor of sponsoring a tournament to benefit a Parkinson's charity. She can do it alone in her position at the Y, but would prefer to have club backing.

Kevin believes we should have 1 tournament a year. He supports a tournament that would benefit a local Parkinson's charity. We would need to develop a tournament Committee. He likes the idea of an indoor tournament so we would not be weather dependent and would prefer a club only tournament. That would reduce the number of players and thus, the fees collected, but everyone was OK with keeping it Club only. We will call it The Pickleball for Parkinson's Tournament.

Jane will send an email to members willing to help to see how many she can recruit for the Committee.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Kevin Chandler had no report.

Treasurer Jane Klippel had no report but stated there was approximately \$3,000 in the club account.

Secretary Jeanne Login had nothing to report.

Membership Director Bernie Baker said that we currently have 263 members. Bernie reviewed membership information and identified those who were willing to assist in future Tournaments and those who were willing to help at Social events. She distributed hand written lists with names and contact information. Bernie will bring membership cards to the next Social event. Bernie also brought up the need to pro-rate membership fees for the July to December time frame.

Communications Director Harry Marriner said that he had developed an email list specific to those who were interested in being trainers or assisting in training. We now have the ability to email that group only. Harry reported that the renewal form has been deleted from the website.

Competition Director Mike Walz reported to the Board that the Ladder Leagues held on Sunday evenings had not had a great turnout. Mike sent an email to the membership asking for feedback. Based on that feedback, Mike is recommending that we cancel the current league. He proposes to start a new mixed doubles summer league, any age, any level. The league will be held at Greenfield Lake courts on Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. He has set an 8 team minimum to start the league. If a team misses a Thursday, they could sign up to play another day, making their own arrangements to do so. Since scores are based on percentages, a missed game will not have significant impact to standings. We will try to match people that don't have partners and we will have a list of folks willing to sub in the event one member of a team cannot play. This league will run through Labor Day.

Mike feels this structure will work because any member can enter, any skill level will be acceptable. Having the same partner each week will make folks more comfortable and make players feel obligated to show up. Thursday was the most popular choice of days.

Mike McGrath suggested that we should not fix partners, rather match people each Thursday. That would allow members to play with a wider variety of partners and you could have multiple partners each night.

Kevin stated that typically more women than men show up and if the partners were fixed, the men would feel obligated to play.

Carolyn said that she had spoken to Joe who said that in Cary, they just show up and partners are chosen at that time.

Mike Walz feels that permanent teams will help solidify the team structure. He will draft an email for Kevin to send out announcing summer league, 6:30 at GFL, 3 games to 15.

Training Director Mike McGrath informed the Board that the US Open held in Naples, Florida will be televised by CBS on Friday at 8 pm. It will be repeated the following Friday.

Mike also informed the Board that someone had rented Simon. Simon is now being housed at member EJ's house and she is happy to control its use and to collect fees. Mike shared his proposed Rules and Regulations for the use of Simon. The Board reviewed and asked that information on the weight and size of the machine be added so that folks know what to expect when they pick it up. Kevin will revise email and release. EJ will keep a log of those who use it and the log will contain a statement saying that each member is responsible for Simon's reasonable care.

Training day will be Saturday. Training will be aimed at Intermediate players, not beginners. Courts will be set up at GFL and no more than 16 members can be accommodated. We will charge \$15 per person (\$10 to trainer and \$5 to club). Training will commence with an informal session (game) that will allow trainers to evaluate skill. Training will be tailored to player skill and after evaluation, trainers and players will work together directly. Mike believes there is a pent up demand for this type of training. Folks want to get better and to play with better players.

Kevin asked if the Board agreed to the Training Program. All responded affirmatively. Mike will draft an email for Kevin to release to the membership.

Social Events Directors Carolyn Ryan and Feri Nejad told us that the next party was scheduled for June 17th at Inland Greens. We will have a dinking tournament starting at 5 pm (subsequent to this meeting the start time was changed to 4 pm. This information is added for clarity). 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. Mike W. will assist with Dinking Tourney. Jane suggested that players put in \$1 toward a pot to go to the winners. Social event is \$7.50 + \$1.00 for the tournament. Menu is still to be determined.

The next CFPC Board meeting will be held at the Midtown Y on June 14th at 7 pm. Since WBC is not always available for our board meetings, all future meetings will be held at the Midtown Y.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded. It was adjourned at approximately 8:25 pm.