

**Minutes of Cape Fear Pickleball Club Board
Meeting Date January 11, 2017**

The meeting was held at The Wilmington Basketball Center and convened at about 7:15, President Kevin Chandler, presiding. Board Members present: Jane Klippel, Treasurer, Mike Walz, Competition Director, Feri Nejad, Social Events, Carolyn Ryan, Social Events, Mike McGrath, Training Director, Bernie Baker, Membership Director and Jeanne Login, Secretary. Members absent: Sylvia Hales, Vice President and Harry Marriner, Communications Director.

Attendance was sufficient for a quorum. The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Kevin confirmed that we now have dedicated courts at Ashley High School. The Parks Department has painted lines and there is room for six nets. Eight folks tested the courts on 2/10 and noted that the courts have not been resurfaced, but played OK anyway. Kevin rated the courts a 6.5 out of 10. It was noted that, combined with Carolina Beach players, there may be enough demand to require a storage box, locks, 2 nets and balls.

The proposed budget was reviewed. It was recommended that the \$1,000 reserve be reduced to \$500 and that the Equipment Purchase line be increased by \$500. It was recommended that a line items be added for Clothing Purchase ($\$12 \times 75 = \900) and Sale ($\$15 \times 75 = \$1,125$). Changes will be reviewed at the February board meeting.

It was agreed that orders for clothing would be taken at the Club Socials to limit the risk of purchasing shirts.

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin welcomed the Board Members present, old and new.

Bernie Baker was appointed to the Board as Membership Director.

It was noted that Feri and Carolyn needed a budget for the 4 social events they are planning for the Club in 2017. \$1,000 was suggested. Kevin made a motion to approve the \$1,000 budget for the February 11th event which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Membership cards were discussed. It was noted that they had been printed, but there was a typographical error in the website address of the club. It was agreed to distribute

them anyway. They will be distributed at the Social events to members in good standing.

A discussion was held about what equipment is considered priority. It was decided that Pickleball balls were a priority and we should plan to spend about \$300 for fiscal year 2017 for all locations. Next in line was the Box at Ashley High School (\$330) and 2 nets (\$320). That would leave \$897 in the existing Equipment Purchase budget.

We talked about the offer to sell us a Ball Machine for \$600. Given the fact we will only have \$897 in the remaining budget, the cost poses some concern. We talked about the fact that the Ball Machine would be a useful tool in offering training and drill classes. Kevin will send an email to the members and see what level of interest there is to utilizing a ball machine and whether members would pay a small amount to do so.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Kevin Chandler reported that there were expanded playtimes at the Wilmington Basketball Center. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 am to 2 pm are now available and will become permanent if there was enough usage.

Secretary Jeanne Login had no report.

Treasurer Jane Klippel reported that the checking account balance for the club as of 12/31/16 was \$4,311.50. As of 1/11/17, the balance was \$5,143.50.

Membership Director Bernie Baker reported that there were 281 members as of 1/11/2017. 80 members have not renewed. Bertie reported that there was some confusion with new members using renewal forms. This results in having only member names, but no other contact information for them. The member names are Kedar Brunson and Stan and Mary Sneed. Bernie will follow up weekly to check membership levels and transfer funds from Pay Pal to the CFPC checking account.

Communications Director Harry Marriner had no report.

Competition Director Mike Walz discussed the Policies and Procedures he developed in response to the concerns about ongoing controversy at several venues. These Policies include Court Usage Guidelines and Winners/Losers Paddle Procedure. Further review will take place at our February meeting. Ultimately, once approved, they will be posted on the website. We also discussed having a copy laminated for each CFPC sponsored location and placed in the storages boxes or in another appropriate location. We will consider preparing a separate document denoting the locations at which these Policies and Procedures are to be enforced.

Mike also spoke about the development of Ladder League. He would like to determine if there is an appetite for this type of play and will send out an email to the members to determine their level of interest. Believe the best location is considered to be Robert Strange Park since it is centrally located and lit for night play. March / April start date will be the goal.

Training Director Mike McGrath reported that he held a training session with the Wednesday league and that it was very successful. Bernie participated in the training and said it was very helpful, she has a better understanding of the court and the game.

Social Events Directors Carolyn Ryan and Feri Nijad reported that they had reserved the Inland Green Club for February 11th starting at 5 pm. There is good parking and 3 pickleball courts. The rental is only \$50, but we will have to submit a \$250 security / damage deposit. We can provide liquor, we need coolers. Carolyn and Feri will contact Waterline to see if we can get a keg of beer from them. The event will have a Valentines theme. They will work with Harry to prepare an invitation for members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next board meeting will be on Wednesday Feb 8th 2017 at 7 pm at the Wilmington Basketball Center.