

Cape Fear Pickleball Club
Annual General Membership Meeting 11/4/2015
Minutes

Meeting Opening

President Kevin Chandler called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Kevin stated that the CFPC has not yet defined a quorum for the annual general membership meeting, and so he declared that the number of members in attendance (18) constituted a quorum. He introduced the Board members present, which included himself and:

Vice-president:	Paul Snyder
Treasurer:	Jane Klippel
Director of Communications:	Harry Marriner
Director of Competition:	Marty Smith
Director of Membership:	Elaine Chandler
Co-director of Social Events:	Carolyn Ryan

Board members who were absent included:

Secretary:	Bernie Baker
Director of Training:	Tim Camden
Co-director of Social Events:	Feri Nejad

Non-Board members in attendance included: Bob Cantwell, Brian Chandler, Elton Ellison, Frank Headley, Mike McGrath, Maureen Molnar, Tony Molnar, Bonnie Reina, Joe Reina, Arrow Ross, and Bill Shomo.

Board Member Reports

President – Kevin discussed some accomplishments of the CFPC to date, some goals for next year, the status of pickleball courts at Greenfield Lake, and urged folks to visit the club website. See separate President's report for details.

Treasurer – Jane reported that we've had \$1560 in income, mainly from membership dues, but also from party fees and training fees. We've spent \$397, leaving us with a current balance of \$1,162.

Membership – Elaine reported that we currently have 80 members. Her attempts to promote the CFPC at the Senior Center have been refused. Liz Madigan is attempting to set up a kids' pickleball program at the MLK Center.

Communications – Harry talked about setting up the CFPC website, and his plans to incorporate a members-only page where members' names and email addresses could be posted, and possibly a page to facilitate exchange of pickleball equipment.

Competition – Marty talked about efforts to bring pickleball tournaments to the area, including both Leland (whose Parks and Rec Dept has embraced the idea) and Wilmington (not so much). He listed a number of things that the next Director of Competition should strive to implement, including:

Work closely with the Director of Training

- Make sure members are playing other members of roughly equal skill
- Help members determine their actual skill level
- Establish ladders, leagues, and/or tournaments for club members
- Keep members informed of upcoming tournaments, including local and state Senior Games;
- Help organize teams for tournaments
- Promote play among club members at different locations
- Keep players in a good frame of mind

Social Events – Carolyn said about 70 people attended our first social, held at the Wilmington Athletic Club in September. This event was very well-received. Planning is underway for our next event, a holiday get-together to be held on December 13th, also at the WAC. She is looking for volunteers to help with this event.

Training – Tim was absent, so Kevin filled in for him. He said that Tim has held a number of training sessions over the last several months, including at the WAC, Porter's Neck, Town Creek, Brunswick Community College, Brunswick Forest, Cape Fear Country Club, Cambridge Village, Compass Pointe, and at the Parking Day event held in downtown Wilmington. Training for intermediates will be held at the WAC in December. Training will also be held before the Dinking for Pink tournament to be held in March.

Voting

Kevin called for nominations for the three Board positions that had no nominations: Director of Competition, Director of Training, and Secretary. Bill Shomo nominated himself for Secretary, and it was seconded. Kevin nominated Tim Camden for Training, explaining that Tim had agreed to serve a while longer if no one else stepped forward; that nomination was also seconded. There were no nominations for Competition.

Since there were no positions being contested, Kevin moved that the entire slate of Board positions be voted on at once; that motion was seconded. The members then voted, and the full slate of candidates was unanimously approved. This includes two sets of votes that Kevin had previously received via email.

Next, Kevin moved to approve the dues for 2016 as recommended by the Board (\$20pp/\$35 per couple/\$50 per family for a full year; \$10/\$15/\$25 for a half year any time after July 1st.) The motion was seconded. The members then voted, and approved the dues as recommended.

General Member Input

Kevin opened the floor to input from the general membership. One member suggested we contact local Realtors, and the Newcomer's Club to let them know about us. Brian Chandler suggested we establish a presence on Facebook. Mike McGrath suggested we also set up an account on Twitter. Paul Snyder recommended that members should look into becoming certified referees. And Harry Marriner discussed a pickleball scoring app that he had found, which could be useful for referees.

Adjournment

With no more input from the general membership, Kevin announced the date, time, and location of the next Board meeting, and then moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8pm.