

CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 11th , 2018

The meeting was held at the Midtown Y and convened at about 4:00 pm. In attendance were President Bill Bradford, Director of Competition, Mike Walz, Director of Membership Grace Gilligan, Director of Training Joe Reina, Director of Social Events Feri Nejad, Treasurer Jane Klippel, Vice President Carolyn Ryan and Secretary Jeanne Login. Emily Martinelli was absent.

Guests present: Kevin Chandler and Steve Morrissey.

A motion was made by Joe Reina made to approve the June 2018 Board Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Jane Klippel and approved by all.

Board Member Reports

President Bill Bradford reported that he renewed the website address for the Club, both domain name and web hosting service. Bill further reported that he has a request to move Simon from its current storage location. We will have to identify a new location. As a follow up to our discussion about the future of Pickleball at the Baptist Activity Center, Bill stated that he sent an email to Margaret at the Baptist Center but has received no response. He will just go visit during open hours in an effort to meet with her.

Vice President Carolyn Ryan had no report.

Treasurer Jane Klippel stated that we had \$5067.40 currently in the bank. This does not include \$182.66 deposited yesterday. Jane brought up getting a Debit card or a credit card for purchases to avoid folks having to wait for reimbursement. The only people who can get Debit cards are those who are signers on the checking account. Consider getting Mike Walz on the account since he is handling procurement. Kevin brought up getting Capital One for the Club, can get multiple cards. The consensus was to keep reimbursing for expenses and not go with Debit or Credit cards.

Secretary Jeanne Login reported that minutes had stopped being posted to the website a long time ago. She will ask Emily to post missing minutes.

Director of Membership Grace Gilligan reported that the current roster totaled 291 members plus Charlie Leighton who sent an email asking to be removed from the list. He has paid for the year. We do not need to reimburse. Grace sent out an email to the list she has and got bounce backs from about 6 folks who had changed email addresses. She updated all but 1. Grace asked if she should send out an email with an updated list. Bill said yes. Will get Brian involved to see why Grace is the only one who has access to Google sheets. All Board members should have access. July 1st membership is ½ price till the end of the year. As of November, membership goes up to full amount but takes member through the entire new

year. Board agrees with keeping ½ price. Emily needs to change the price on the registration forms.

Director of Communications - Emily Martinelli is absent. Mike asked if we had ever reached out to non-renewing members to try to determine why they did not renew.

Director of Competition Mike Walz had nothing to report.

Director of Training Joe Reina reported on the good turnouts at GFL, combination of seasoned and brand-new players. He said that he will give Emily some informational issues to post on the website. Recent survey got 93 responses. Seemed to lean toward Wednesday morning 8 am for Skills Clinics. Mike Walz suggested that we put training tab on the website to make information more accessible. Joe agrees and will follow up with Emily. River Lights training is finished, they need to institute their own training program. Still an issue with poles that need padding. Many folks interested in locations of walls to hit against. Joe will post when he has information.

Director of Social Events Feri Nejad reported that as of July 1st, moved everything to Juan's house for storage. He will keep beer and wine inside the conditioned house. Kevin says he has items that need to be moved. We had a social planned for August 19th but we only have budget for 4 socials. If we do August, that will be 5. We will cancel August social and plan for Halloween. Feri went to Covil Farms club house, capacity 115 people. They have tables and chairs. They want \$300 deposit, \$80 of which is non-refundable. They will charge \$31/ hour minimum of 3 hours for security since we serve alcohol. This compares to Inland Greens cost of \$50, but they only hold 94 people. Covil has better parking is a much nicer facility, very pretty. If we charge \$15 instead of \$10, we will cover the increased expense and reduce our subsidy. We will try it for Halloween.

We have 2 checks with Kamm Management (Inland Greens) for deposit. We will leave security deposit there and get the \$50 rental back.

Visitor Input

Steve Morrissey informed the Board that he had been named to the Parks and Recreation Commission for New Hanover County. He said that he will be a Pickleball advocate on that Commission. He has chosen to resign his USAPA Ambassador role so there is no perception of conflict of interest. His resignation is effective July 31st, 2018. That leaves an opening for an ambassador for Greater Wilmington area. Ambassador should be willing to sit in on the City Parks and Rec meetings and become a Pickleball Advocate in that venue.

One of the things that he wanted to accomplish but did not was that he wanted to put in a proposal for Pickleball courts at one of the City parks. Look to Echo Farms, might be a great opportunity, they have 5 tennis courts, perhaps take one court and turn into 3 PB courts. Perhaps consider submitting a petition showing resident support.

Steve spoke about the opportunity at Northern Regional Park, Castle Hayne. They will have newly installed, lighted, six courts, bathrooms. He had been advocating installation of a shade structure but now realizes its not about shade. Its about branding. If we could contribute \$2 - \$3000 we could brand, "contributed by the Cape Fear Pickleball Club".

Steve went on to talk about net repair. He stated that he had repaired 14 nets with the fix that Mike found. Supplemented with leather and hardware. Looked at Baptist nets. Really need to be replaced not repaired. Bill asked about Balls, do we replace? We do at Baptist. What about Lutheran? They buy their own. We should try new nets out on the market. Much lighter. Perhaps share cost with Lutheran? Bill will reach out to Ann to see if she is interested.

Old Business

Parkinson's Tournament - Going Well, people are starting to enter. We have plenty of volunteers for now, but will need more as gets closer.

Club Tournament - championship - Emily posted as Club Championship Extravaganza. Scheduled for 9 22/23. Not expecting huge tournament. Age Open - 50+, 60+ and 70+. Mike will put an email together explaining it better.

New Business

Storage space for Simon - Check with MLK again. Need power to charge battery. EJ thinks Maggie Curtis might be interested. She lives in Porters Neck. Too far from active locations. Joe is willing to keep it at his house and he will bring it for training.

USAPA Mid-atlantic region website- investigate possibility of getting Club presence on website. They will take input from Clubs or USAPA entities to advertise activities.

New Pickleball Fall League - Grace sent email to the club, good response already - people interested in new format. Start in September, Robert Strange Park. Seem to be getting a good mix of talent. Challenge will be to get teams as even as possible. Need a couple more Captains.

Motion to adjourn by Joe. Seconded by Jeanne, all in favor. Adjourned at 5:20 pm.

The next board meeting will be held at the Midtown Y on August 8th at 4 pm.