

CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MEETING DATE: June 13,2018

The meeting was held at the Midtown Y and convened at 4:03 pm, President Bill Bradford presiding. **Board Members present:** Grace Gilligan, Director of Membership, Feri Nejad, Director of Social Events, Carolyn Ryan, Vice President, Joe Reina, Director of Training, Jane Klippel, Treasurer, Mike Walz, Director of Competition and Emily Martinelli, Director of Communication.

Visitors present: Kevin Chandler and Cara Walz.

Attendance was sufficient for a quorum.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Bill Bradford stated that he received an email from the Baptist Center stating that a PB event scheduled for July 2nd was approved.

Vice President Carolyn Ryan had no report.

Treasurer Jane Klippel stated that the club has \$5,092.21 in the Bank.

Secretary Jeanne Login had no report.

Director of Membership Grace Gilligan said that a deposit of \$331.05 had been made that day. Current membership is 283. Grace sent an email to Bill with correct email addresses only. Accessing email addresses from the website is still an issue. Need to access Google Sheets. Grace provided a listing of current membership to Bill.

Director of Communications Emily Martinelli asked if in our membership paperwork we have a photo release form? She is hesitant to post photos because she is not sure if members will care. Kevin thinks it's a good idea a release. Mike suggested we put it on the renewal membership form. Until then, we should check with individuals. Emily asked if she should close the link to the survey. 96 people responded to the survey with 80% being interested in improving skills. Most said that they are aware of Saturday morning GFL training. Weekday mornings seems to be the favorite for skills clinics. Dinking and 3rd shot drop top strokes to be improved. People interested in using Simon, weekday mornings. Joe R. will evaluate responses and report. Emily wants to start an Instagram page. May draw more folks. Instagram posts photos with minimal verbiage. #CapeFearPickleball club. Emily offered a prize for filling out the survey.

Director of Competition Mike Walz proposed a date for club championship. September 22nd with 23rd as the back-up date. Did some searching on other tournaments and these dates seem to be the best. Age groups will be 50-60, 60-70 and 70+. We will hold the championship at Robert Strange Park all day. We then discussed the fact that there is a bathroom issue at RSP. GFL may be better due to public toilets, but it will depend on the number of people. Mike will send out communication.

Mike reported that he purchased \$615 worth of equipment: 2 nets, 5 more CFPC paddles, and some additional balls. The paddles will be given to Joe so as not to stuff them into boxes.

We talked about giving the nets to Baptist Church. See minutes under New Business for more information.

Mike spoke about Steve Morrissey's solution for the center pole net supports. Should help those nets last longer. Kudos to Steve. He has developed a "Kit" for repairs. Kevin suggested we consider giving something to Steve for his efforts, give him a free membership for 2019. The Board approved.

Director of Training Joe Reina reported that we are still getting a good turnout for Saturday morning training at Greenfield Lake. Joe has noticed that some of the trainees have very marginal skills. They dedicated the use of one court for drills and improving skills.

Joe said that the first training at River Lights did not have the size turnout we expected. Probably 6 or 7 people came to the training. But there were competing amenity offerings. We will go back in about a month for more focused training.

Director of Social Events, Feri Nejad reported that Paypal worked well for the last social. We are planning next social for August 19th at Inland Greens. Summer numbers will be lower. We are still looking for other venues, i.e., Covil. Feri would like to suggest that we offer Juan the ability to store our items in his garage. We will give him \$50/month. Juan has agreed to do this. The Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Storage space rental is resolved.

Got survey responses. Drills at RSP, survey indicates more people want weekday mornings.

Last month we floated the idea as to whether we wanted to replace lights at RSP. Mike W. spoke to the Admin Asst at the Parks Dept. Mike had already submitted a work order. She found it had fallen through the cracks. She called the right person

and the next day they were fixed. Mike thinks that we will be able to get things fixed in the future.

Steve did send an email regarding a shelter for Castle Hayne. The county would like us to contribute. A discussion ensued on cost. Mike feels we have some room in the Equipment Budget. Jane thinks it's a good idea as do others. We need to find out the estimate of cost, but we might have \$1000 or so.

NEW BUSINESS

The County has it in their budget to refinish the Ashley High School courts. Mike believes its still in their plans for this year, but no schedule is available yet.

Parkinson's tournament - It is August 24th through 26th. Feri would like copies of sponsorship forms, Jane will provide.

1st Citizens Bank email still going to Kevin. He received one, Kevin replied saying he should not be receiving the emails, no response yet. We will assume it is resolved.

1st Baptist Church - last month when we talked about equipment, the Board agreed to buy 2 nets to donate to the Church. The Church hosts Pickleball every Monday from 6 to 9 at their Activity Center. Mike spoke to Margaret, events director. They are having camp going on, so do not use new nets until camp ends in 2 weeks. Margaret has been there quite a while, but she is leaving the position soon. She made it clear that she was not sure of the future of Pickleball at the Church. When she leaves, she does not know if her replacement will support the continuing PB at the Church. Another thing, they definitely will not purchase more nets - their members have not gotten involved in PB, its mostly the PB Club. She said they normally charge \$35/hour for use of the gym, we have been given it for free. We might consider paying them. We can try to charge members \$2 or so to offset the \$35. Feri wonders if the private players are going to make a separate deal. Training for the church members would be the key. If we can do a deal, we want to take the nets down after each play instead of leaving them up and pushing them against the side wall where they take a beating from other activities. We will plan a meeting with Margaret.

Feri asks Emily can she put the save the date for August 19th social. We will come up with a theme at a later date.

Motion to adjourn, seconded by Jane, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm