

Minutes of the Cape Fear Pickleball Club Board
Meeting Date March 14, 2018

The meeting was held at the Midtown Y and convened at about 4:30 pm, President Bill Bradford, presiding. **Board Members** present: Carolyn Ryan, Vice President, Mike Walz, Competition Director, Harry Marriner, Communications Director, Jane Klippel, Treasurer, Joe Reina, Training Director and Jeanne Login, Secretary and Grace Gilligan, Director of Membership. Absent were Cindy Dovel, Director of Membership and Feri Nejad, Director of Social Events. **Visitors:** Steve Morrissey, Ambassador, Kevin Chandler, and Emily Martinelli, Facebook Coordinator.

Attendance was sufficient for a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Past Minutes – January minutes still need to be prepared and approved. There was a motion to approve the February 2018 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Donations - The donation was made to the Lutheran Church today.

Mailing List – we are still in the process of consolidating various lists into one final email list.

Members who have been included in the sorted list will automatically go into membership list. Grace feels it is important to keep the date that members join as part of the overall information.

Categories of Training – the documents were released. After approved, we will publish. The question was raised as to whether we needed to add trainers to insurance policy. Bill will contact insurer.

Planning for the Clubs future – Development of Strategic and Short-term goals. This will be an on-going discussion.

Playing venues – Information on availability and broadcasting to members. Establish points of contact for each venue; determine a process to compile and disseminate information.

Tournaments – should we have 1 or 2 per year? Timing?

Social Events – Need to search for other Potential sites. Inland Greens great and cost-effective but cannot handle a growing club. Joe Reina offered to check with the Leland Cultural Arts Center to see if their community room was available. Jeanne Login offered to check with Compass Pointe about the rental of their Grand Lanai.

Pickleball Central Club Rewards - Establish a policy for using Pickleball Central Club rewards funds.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Bill Bradford stated the responsibility for the box keys will remain with Kevin Chandler.

Membership Director – Grace reported that at last count, there were 206 members. She brought up the fact that Patty Hochwalt was to receive free membership for the year for her efforts in aiding a fallen player. Patty paid anyway. Jane will issue a reimbursement check. Bill said he wanted any unpaid members purged by 3/31/18. Grace said that she sorted membership by City resident. Bill said that we now have the ability to see what members live where and which areas are growing.

Vice President – Carolyn Ryan reported for Feri Nejad that we were going ahead with the May 12th Social at Inland Greens. Moose Lodge was investigated, but their fee is \$1,050 plus we would have

to use their liquor and bartender. It was agreed that too much money. Carolyn went on to say that she had investigated storage units. They were available at \$100 to \$110 per month, may get 15% off.

Treasurer Jane Klippel reported that we have \$4,067.50 in the Bank.

Secretary Jeanne Login spoke about the 2018 Compass Pointe Fundraiser for Breast Cancer. She again encouraged people to sign up for the Compass Pointe Going Beyond the Pink pickleball tournament.

Communications Director Harry Marriner developed Social Play guidelines. The guidelines were circulated and have been amended to reflect comments he received. Harry mentioned using Pay Pal to sign up for Social events. If we use Google sheets, we can't put information into the form. Pay Pal will require a new button and we may need a separate account. We discussed that it probably was not possible to get Pay Pal implemented for May event. Kevin will speak with Brian about a procedure.

Competition Director – Mike Walz bought a “Mend a Net”. Found it was not easy to install, some of the rivets popped off. Need to continue to work with them. Mike further reported that the spring ladder leagues are underway. Going well. 30% of the club is participating in the Mixed Doubles. Singles are almost full. Mike reported that we were still having problems with the light pole at one end of Robert Strange courts. He submitted a work order to have it repaired. Mike further reported that balls are disappearing from RSP quickly, asked everyone to keep an eye open.

Training Director – Joe Reina reported that there was a good turnout on Saturday morning training at GLP. We spoke about first aid kits and confirmed they were in the boxes. He mentioned that we should know where AEDs are located. He will check with the Parks and Recreation Department for locations. Joe said that he and Steve Morrissey are working on developing clinics.

Visitor's comment and General Discussion (Social Play)

Steve Morrissey –reported that he and Carolyn met with Devina Bell. Amy Beatty got a promotion and her responsibilities now lie with Devina. They were told that the City is opposed to converting Tennis courts into dedicated Pickleball courts. We will provide them with a proposal for a new site to be built as dedicated Pickleball Courts. Consider Echo Farms and plan for a July submission. Steve said that Chapel Hill is working with their governing agencies and their ambassador has shared information. John Sherm said he will share costs for other sites he has developed. Land, however, is at a premium, perhaps we should consider putting in cameras at RSP to record usage. Jeanne Login stated that Compass Pointe cost was \$70K for 4 dedicated Pickleball courts. Will try to get detail. Steve also reported that there had been no change in the Service Let rule. **Steve said that he had spoken with John Sherm who would get prices for constructing PB courts from a Florida location.**

Harry opened the discussion on the Social Play policy by saying that everyone seemed supportive. In terms of the order of play, “Stacking the Paddles”, we will take that issue up separately and not incorporate into the Open/Social Play policy.

Grace offered that there is a difference between groups of players. Some who want to improve their game and some who just want to play.

Carolyn suggested a program of support your member, help them improve.

Joe Reina moved to approve the Social Play policy. Jeanne Login seconded. All in favor.

Kevin asked if every place that is listed as Open Play currently will be changed to Social Play? He offered Martin Luther King as an example and said that, although it is a City run facility, we can advertise on our website as Social Play.

Jeanne suggested that we develop a survey. The results will help us determine membership wants and needs and will make members feel as though they have a say in their club.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded. It was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

The next CFPC Board meeting will be held at the Midtown Y on April 11th at 4:30 pm.