

Minutes of the Cape Fear Pickleball Club Board Meeting

Date: May 9, 2018

The meeting was held at the Midtown Y and convened at 4:00 pm, President Bill Bradford presiding. **Board Members** present: Jane Klippel, Treasurer, Grace Gilligan, Director of Membership, Joe Reina, Director of Training, Carolyn Ryan, Vice President, Mike Walz, Director of Competition, Jeanne Login, Secretary, Feri Nejad, Director of Social Events and Harry Marriner, Director of Communications. **Visitors:** Steve Morrissey, Ambassador, Kevin Chandler, and Emily Martinelli, Facebook Coordinator

The requirements for a Quorum being met, the meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Carolyn moved to approve March & April minutes. Joe seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President Bill Bradford opened the meeting by acknowledging receipt of Harry Marriner's resignation and offered thanks to Harry for his service. Bill confirmed that Harry is in his second year. Bill confirmed with Harry that he recommended Emily to replace him and asked if they had spoken. Yes. Bill asked Emily if she was interested in taking on the position. Emily said she would give it the old college try. Bill stated that the President, with the approval of the rest of the Board can approve Emily's appointment. Board concurs. Congrats, Emily.

Bill asked how many people are registered for 5/12 social? Feri responded: about 60.

Bill stated that he had sent an email saying he had completed process for liability insurance effective mid-June. He did check on Officers and Director's liability insurance and stated that the price not out of line with industry standard. The Board agreed that Officers and Director's Liability insurance was not necessary due to low risk of being sued for malfeasance.

Bill has new policy electronically and asked if there is space on the web site for the policy? A discussion ensued about how we set up the policies and procedures section of the website. Should we put the policy on the website perhaps creating a separate page for Board Members only. It was ultimately decided to post the policy but leave it open to everyone. Bill will forward policy to Harry and Emily.

A brief discussion was held about liability and training. It was confirmed that members automatically waive when they sign up. Non-members need to sign waiver for training.

VICE PRESIDENT - Carolyn Ryan had nothing to report.

TREASURER - Jane Klippel stated that there was a balance of \$5,170.50 in Bank

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP - Grace Gillian stated that she had made a deposit today and wondered if that is included in the reported balance. Jane confirmed it was. We removed 155 non-renewed members. After that action, total membership is 268, new members for the past month are 15. Grace reported that we have someone who is coming to the party who is not a member and wondered if we should allow that. Feri asked if she is coming with a member? Grace did not know. It was decided to welcome her and try to get her to sign up. A further discussion was held about the email lists and how to pick up on people who changed their mind and don't want their email available publicly. Harry & Grace will work on it.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS - Harry Marriner has no report. Emily Martinelli has no report.

DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION - Mike Walz confirmed that the two ongoing leagues are scheduled to end as of 5/31. He said we will take a break for the summer, restart in the fall. Competition for Club championship is planned in the fall, information has been posted on the website. Bill asked if it is our intent to say that if someone wins 70's they then have to play the 50's since there are no age brackets. Mike said it will be their option. Mike mentioned that the YMCA's Parkinsons tournament is in August, nothing has been released yet.

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING - Joe Reina commented that training on Saturday mornings is popular. We had 11 last Saturday. Kevin and Joe handled using 2 courts. With regard to the Train the trainers class, 7 folks signed up, good response. May 16th Wed morning at Greenfield Lake will be the starting date.

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL EVENTS -Feri Nejad was welcomed by everyone after a long absence. Feri said: Thank you so much for helping during my absence. Carolyn says everything is going great, food is set, American theme, plenty of beer and wine left. Piggly Wiggly will be there at 4 pm. A discussion was held about whether the Club should purchase a boom box. It was suggested that we just get a blue tooth speaker, then we can play someone's playlists. Emily saw something at a local pawn shop that could work. Emily will bring speaker for May 12th. We again discussed the cost of storage which is running \$110 - \$120 per month. Everyone thought that seemed high. Carolyn got Feri's stuff and put it in her own garage. A reminder was given to wear red white and blue to the party.

AMBASSADOR - Steve Morrissey reported that the proposed budget for the North region park went through at the first reading. He feels there is a 95% chance of approval. He mentioned that the deteriorating conditions at Ashley courts had be documented and was also in their budget. Repairs may be done by September. Kevin suggested we ask for better, more contrasting color. Steve discussed the fact that there are two vacancies forming on the County Park and Rec Advisory Board. He went on to say if you are interested, there is an application that can be submitted. Steve is thinking about doing it himself, but there are 2 positions. Would be good to have some PB folks there since there are mostly tennis folks on the Board. Kevin suggested that we post openings on the website. Bill will send an email to membership about the positions.

OLD BUSINESS

Rental of storage space costs \$100 or more per month. Lets table this and give some thought. There was a thought that we could possibly leave the items at Carolyn's and pay her for the storage. Kevin confirmed that this would be conflict of interest to pay Carolyn. It was suggested that we go out to membership asking is anyone has any space, and if so, would they be willing to submit a bid. Jane will see if there is wiggle room in budget that might allow us to incur another \$1,200 per year.

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING - Joe Reina reported that he met with Barbara Morton, Activities Director at the Del Webb development. They have 4 dedicated courts and a new activity center. She is looking to the Club and Ambassador to support her activities. Steve asked if she had a budget for any training. She did not seem to think that she did. Joe said we made the point was that the objective longer term would be to identify a resident who could go through Train the Trainer and then they could become self- supportive. The May 19th event is Developer driven, he is using amenities as a sales tool. We said we would support the 19th. CFPC will provide a demonstration from 11 to 2 pm as a start. We agreed we would probably support a clinic to teach beginners.

It turns out that Sundays are not a good time for morning drills due to conflict with religious observances and we are trying to find another time. Steve Morrissey is working on alternatives. He is thinking about Wednesday night between 6 and 8. Design intent is to do a 30-minute skill-based training. Joe said we should wrap this together with what he is working on.

We had previously discussed dedicated Advanced Play at RSP on Saturday/Sunday - Courts 5 and 6. Bill asked if we really saw a need to dedicate these courts. Now Advanced players have more than 2 courts. It was mentioned that Steve Dewalt developed a group of Advanced Players. When the WAC dissolved, they started to play at RSP. Steve has since talked his group into moving. He has his own email list that is by invitation only. Should we notify membership of availability of play at RSP? It was agreed to post on places to play and indicate time changes due to season. Indicate courts available for play. Bill will look at website. It was further agreed that there is no need currently for the Challenge Court at Robert Strange Park.

SOCIAL EVENTS - Carolyn has two alternate venues for social events, 1 in Leland, 1 in Coville Estates. May be responsible for paying a guard at Coville.

NEW BUSINESS

As stated above, due to the resignation of Harry Marriner, a New Director of Communications has been appointed, Emily Martinelli. She has accepted the position.

Working on the future of the Club future and planning it. This will be an ongoing discussion.

At our last meeting we spoke about possible surveys of club members. Purpose would be to determine what training requirements we may have. Mike W. had sent an email to Board members with several suggested questions, which are indicated below.

1. Are you interested in improving your skills by attending clinics
2. Are you aware that the CFPC offers training at Greenfield Lake
3. Would you attend a free monthly training clinic at Robert Strange Park? If so, circle the day and time that would work for you
4. If you answered yes to #1, rank order the following skills
 - a. Dinking
 - b. Long shots
 - c. Serving
 - d. Return of serve
 - e. Basic forehand/backhand
 - f. Overhead shots.

It was decided to either use Survey Monkey or email all the members. Emily will handle. The Board agreed that we should send the survey.

Mike Walz asked if there was any additional equipment needed? Do we submit offer to replace lights@ RSS? Do we join with the tennis rep to put in money? Mike will talk with the tennis rep to see if we can join forces.

Board decided & voted to purchase:

Replace 2 nets @ Baptist Center
Purchase 5 CFPC logo paddles
"Onyx yellow pure 2" indoor balls

A discussion was held about keeping the budget "tight". We already foresee that, perhaps, there will be a small overage.

After a lengthy discussion, there was a decision made to keep 11am to 1pm at the WBC for advanced play, even if it seems that all courts are not utilized.

Joe Reina offered his thanks to Jane and Kevin for very successful event at Empie Park. Many of the children were very receptive to playing Pickleball.

Steve Morrissey asked for support at the Senior Games at Bladen Park, there were predominantly over-70 year olds.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Reina, seconded by Carolyn Ryan.

The next meeting will be held at the Midtown Y on June 13th 2018 at 4 pm