Cape Fear Pickleball Club

Board Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm. Board members present: President Bill Bradford, Director of Training Joe Reina, Director of Competition Mike Walz, Director of Membership Grace Gilligan, Director of Social Events Feri Nejad. Director of Communications Emily Martinelli, Treasurer Jane Klippel and Vice President Carolyn Ryan were absent. Guests: Kevin Chandler, Veneta Mahler and Ted Mahler.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved unanimously.

**Board Member Reports**

**President** Bill Bradford reported that he spoke with Margaret at the Baptist Center. She is not leaving her position for over a year. Their concern about the Monday use by the CFPC seems to be financial. They could rent the gymnasium for Basketball play. She would like us to consider changing the hours of play from 6 pm to 9 pm to 7:15 pm to 9 pm. Bill wonders if we want to consider people paying a certain amount to play there. The Board agreed that is was appropriate to require a “donation” as we do at the Lutheran Church. Bill will send email to the club members telling them that there will be a $3 charge for playing there. Bill also indicated we would be willing to give them some nets to replace the ratty nets. Mike suggests that we set up and take down the nets to protect their condition. Club will have to plan on providing nets to be replaced going forward. Board agreed to put in new policy of taking down nets after play and storing them. Bill will discuss the possibility of expanding days and times at the Baptist Center.

Bill asked Emily to put notification on the website about the Basketball Center. The YMCA has not finalized transaction and whether or not it will finalize the deal is unclear. Kevin heard a rumor that a 3rd party has purchased the building, but this is just a rumor.

**Vice-President** Carolyn Ryan had no report. (Absent)

**Treasurer** Jane Klippel had no report. (Absent)

**Secretary** Jeanne Login reported that she had gotten copies of past minutes to Emily for posting on the website.

**Director of Membership** Grace Gilligan reported that current membership level is 310. Refunds have been processed that were required due to Pay pal not discounting for ½ year.

**Director of Communications** Emily Martinelli had no report. (Absent)

**Director of Competition** Mike Walz reported that he had purchased some balls and took 1 dozen to the Baptist Church and a few to the Lutheran Church. Donated 2 new nets to the Lutheran Church in exchange for their 2 old nets which will be redistributed as needed.

**Director of Training** Joe Reina said that a new training tab had been created on the website. We added some information from the survey we took. We kicked off the clinics this morning. All clinics are on sign up genius and, essentially, we are full. There was an issue where a person who signed up for the clinic could not be accommodated since she was not on the list. Additionally, her skill level was not up to the class level. Joe says we should develop prerequisites for taking the class. Perhaps we need to be more descriptive about skill level for those who sign up. Some comments were that an hour was not enough. May look to increase number of members who can sign up if we can get more trainers. Joe has the ball machine at his house and has heard some dissatisfaction from members about having to travel to Brunswick County to pick it up for private use.

**Director of Social Events** Feri Nejad reported that the next social will be held on the 27th of October as a Halloween party. Date may change because we need to send the application with a check for $300. Can’t submit the application without the check. Confirmed that we are raising ticket price to $15 to make up for increased Covil costs.

Feri said that she went to the County’s Castle Hayne location. Current schedule is that the first or second week of September Pickleball courts may be ready. Feri wants to consider doing a social for the opening of the courts. Consider inviting the Commissioners Parks and Rec County.

**Ambassador/Non-Board member input** – The Mahler’s were interested in the Basketball court update and interested in the training. Will follow up with Joe and see what is being offered. They wanted to get a better feel of where courts are available.

**Old Business**

**Club tournament originally scheduled for 22 & 23 September has been moved to 29th and 30th. Signups are starting to trickle in. Might try to hold at Northern Regional Park but doubtful that courts will be finished in time.**

**Ashley will be painted with contrasting colors. A big improvement.**

**USAPA Mid-Atlantic Region website. We should plan to announce on the Club website for possible uses, including a Rules Quiz. Emily had already posted something about the existence of this site.**

**Mike Walz spoke about the new Pickleball league which is scheduled to start in September. Mike will send emails with more info. Mike has plenty of people signed up. He is asking for reconfirmation that folks will be around. Mike has enough captains signed up for 6 teams. Has about 20 men and lots of women. Teams will be chosen by end of August. Deadline for sign up is August 18.**

Action Items – See Attachment

**New Business**

**YMCA acquisition of WBC, transitional operation, & continued Pickleball play – What happens if we lose the Basketball Center. Can we put something on the website that allows for sign ups?**

**North Region Park courts – Contribute toward cost of a shelter? Jeanne and Mike met with Steve and County Reps on July 23rd. We all agreed that we should support the new courts. Perhaps have scheduled events there. We will see how it turns out, then we can re-evaluate.**

**Preparation for Annual Meeting and Board vacancies. Need to prepare for annual meeting. 4 or 5 Board members terms are expiring. Would they be willing to re up their terms. Secretary, Director of Communications, Director of Competition and Vice President. Jeanne and Mike W. would be willing to re up, but only if no one else is interested.**

**Planning for Club future – Strategic and Short-term goals. To be discussed at a future meeting.**

**Richard Holloman asked if he could have a Cape Fear Pickleball Club night there. There would be a nominal charge, could have pizza. Need a way to sign up and pay and limit the number of folks allowed.**

**Joe Reina will need trainer help due to his travel schedule. Will send out email to trainers.**

Next Board meeting is Wednesday, September 12th, at 4:00 PM at Midtown Y.

Motion to Adjourn by Joe Reina at 5:05 pm. Motion was seconded Jeanne Login.

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Action Items

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| **Assignee** | **Action** | **Completion Date** | **Status** |
| Grace/Emily/Bill | Consolidated email list |  | Bill incorporated Grace’s latest email list with that received from Kevin. |
| Mike | **Ashley HS courts** |  | Budgeted by the County – Should CFPC consider paying for a shelter. If so, coordinate with the County. |
| Joe/Mike | **Drills at Robert Strange Park** |  | **Reconsider day/time** |
| Bill | **Meet with Margaret at the Baptist Center regarding continued availability of space for play there.** |  | **Bill met with Margaret 1 August. Seems her concern is financial and perhaps operational. Will provide more information at August meeting.** |
| Bill | **Contact Ann at the Lutheran Church to see if they are willing to share the cost of purchasing two new type nets and trying one at the Lutheran Church** | Closed. | **Mike did so, and Ann is not interested in cost sharing for new nets at this time.** |
| Emily | **Post on club website that membership dues are ½ after 1 July.** |  |  |
| Emily | **Establish a Training Tab (or section) on the CFPC website. Talk with Joe to coordinate requirements.** |  |  |