**CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 13, 2019**

The meeting was held at the Midtown YMCA and commenced at 11:05 am.

Board Members present were: Bill Bradford, President, Grace Gilligan, Director of Membership, Joe Reina, Director of Training, Feri Nejad, Director of Social Events, Jane Klippel, Treasurer and Jeanne Login, Secretary. Absent were: Mike Walz, Carolyn Ryan and Emily Martinelli. Attendance was sufficient for a quorum.

Bill Bradford made a request that the April meeting again be held at 11:00 am at the Midtown YMCA. All those present agreed.

The February meeting minutes are not ready for approval and will be submitted at a later date.

**PRESIDENT REPORT:** Bill Bradford reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee spoke about the possibility of turning the courts at Arrowhead Park into pickleball courts. The Committee has agreed to take it under advisement, one committee member is in full agreement with the action. The work will need to be budgeted and that is a long process. If successful, that would give us an outdoor venue closer to Carolina Beach.

Bill also spoke about Steve Morrisey’s request to have the CFPC sign a contract with him to provide training services at the Northwestern Regional County Park. Jeanne brought up that we still need confirmation that Steve can get CFPC named as additional insured on the IPTPA insurance policy. Bill will follow up.

Bill confirmed that Mike has installed locks on the box at Castle Hayne and provided balls. We need to confirm that a first aid kit has been put in. If not, we need to get it.

Joe Reina brought up that the ball machine is still housed at his house. He has stopped bringing it to Greenfield Lake because most people seem to want to play games, not train. For the training that will be conducted at an intermediate level, we should continue to use it. Bill will check with Steve see if he is interested in using it as part of his training program. Feri suggested that we offer use to members without fee. The Board members agreed. Bill will ask Emily to post that on website. A discussion was held as to other members that live in Wilmington could house the machine. Grace will follow up with Maggie and Jackie and see if the want to store the machine.

**VICE PRESIDENT**: Carolyn Ryan was absent, thus no report.

**SECRETARY:** Jeanne Login apologized for not having the February minutes prepared. Jeanne reported that the second HOP event held in February was a success, but that getting enough people to play both sessions proved more difficult than the first event.

**TREASURER:** Jane Klippel reported that there was a balance of $7217.15 in the Bank.

**DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP:** Grace Gilligan reported that membership stands at 193. 180 – 185 members have been removed from membership list for non-renewal. Website and email listings still problematic and need to be straightened out. Joe suggested we set up a separate meeting to discuss technology issues. It was suggested that we get Brian Chandler involved to help us with the immediate website and mailing list issues. Grace will provide copies of the membership list to Bill and Joe.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS:** Emily Martinelli was absent and, thus, no report

**DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION:** Mike Walz was absent, but provided an Email update which stated, in part, confirmation that he had purchased locks for the new box at Northwestern Regional Park and provided balls. He also confirmed that he provided some orange balls to Martin Luther King. He informed us that he utilized the USAPA credit earned through prior purchases to buy the balls.

**DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL EVENTS:** Feri Nejad discussed having two social events instead of 4. The reduction is due to the lack of interest by members in the Socials. Next Social will be May 4th or 5th for Cinco De Mayo at Inland Greens. We will charge $10 per person. Subsequently, we will plan a BBQ at Northern Regional Park, probably toward the end of June. The Club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and non-alcoholic beverages. We agreed that we should request members to bring their favorite side dish. We will send out suggestions of dishes that could be brought and seek responses from members as to who is willing to bring what. We agreed that the date would be Saturday, June 29th from 9 am to 1 pm with lunch being served at 11:30. We will consider a second BBQ on September 21st or perhaps on October 26th from 2 to 6 pm. We will play outside and anyone who participates must play in costume. Feri will reach out to the County to make sure we can reserve pavilion.

**OLD BUSINESS**

We spoke about Pickleball Play at the Edge facility. The question was raised: Do we care about how many people play at the Edge. The answer: No, since we are not subsidizing or collecting funds. We discussed the fact that the Baptist Activity Center was supposed to re-open on Monday for play. According to Grace, a couple of people went and there was no pickleball. We discussed problems at the Baptist Center. There is a donation jar, but donations are voluntary. Mike has a couple of used nets that he can provide t the Baptist Center. Jeanne suggested that the Church put out a sign in book. We agreed to message members that a contribution is expected. We will consider making 8:30 the end time so that courts are cleared in time for volunteers to close up and members to put the nets away.

Training has been predominantly on Saturday mornings at Greenfield Lake. Prior to weather issues, attendance seemed to be good. It is fulfilling its intended objective of introducing people to pickleball. One of the things that we wanted to do was to send out a survey to folks who have taken the intermediate classes last year. That task was never accomplished. Joe will talk to Steve for his input on questions asked. We expect that the Survey responses will help define curriculum for next session. Now that the time change has occurred, Joe may move Greenfield Lake start time to 8 am. Then, around 10 to 10:30 he could focus on specific training skills and use of the ball machine.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board agreed that we should go with John Hambel, and that we would order 200 keychains with holders. One side will have the CFPC logo and the other will have a form for Emergency Contact information. We will give out at the party and give to new members for signing up. Feri will handle. We will see about having samples of shirts and hats at the next Social event for orders to be taken from members who might be interested in buying them.

We discussed having a new Mission statement for the Club. The Board all liked Mikes wording. Bill will make minor revisions to the proposed Mission statement.

We spoke about the large sum of money in the Club’s bank account. Jeanne suggested that we consider donating to the YMCA as part of our partnership in the Parkinson’s for Pickleball Tournament. The Board agreed. Jeanne will talk to Jesse Simon about an exhibition game at the Friday night opening event for the tournament. We will also talk to him about a children’s division.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded. The meeting next Month will be April 10th at 11 am at the Midtown Y.