

CAPE FEAR PICKLBALL CLUB

BOARD MEETING

September 26, 2018

The meeting was held at the Tavern on 17th and was called to order at 2:40 pm. Board members present were Jeanne Login, Secretary, Jane Klippel, Treasurer, Emily Martinelli, Director of Communications, Joe Reina, Director of Training, Mike Walz, Director of Competition, Feri Nejad, Director of Social Events and Grace Gilligan, Director of Membership. Board Members absent were President Bill Bradford and Vice President Carolyn Ryan. Guest present: Kevin Chandler.

The minutes from the August meeting were not submitted for approval at this meeting.

Board Member Reports

President Bill Bradford was absent.

Vice President Carolyn Ryan was absent.

Treasurer Jane Klippel reported that there was a balance in the checking account of \$4,773.84. In addition, Joe Reina provided \$5 for PB Machine Rental.

Secretary Jeanne Login had no report.

Director of Membership Grace Gilligan reported that current membership totaled 330 plus 3 not yet processed. Emily and Grace are meeting on 9/27 to discuss how to resolve email issue. Historically, Kevin just sent it from his g-mail account. Harry used mail chimp. If other board members needed to notify membership of an issue, they would send information to Harry or Kevin to send out. The issue needs to be resolved so revisions are consistent and accurate for member information.

Director of Communications Emily Martinelli reported that she downloaded an app called Heja and sent to some league members - the Poachers to be the test group. Heja is a sports communication app. The Poachers will report back on the applications functionality.

Director of Competition Mike Walz bought balls on sale - \$1/ball for 100 balls. Very good price, balls will be going up in price though due to change in manufacturer. Mike told the Board that Emily was contacted by a woman who wanted a PB demonstration at a birthday party. Mike volunteered, but due to Hurricane it was cancelled. Will be rescheduled.

Director of Training Joe Reina resumed Wednesday training clinic this morning. There was some issue with changing dates in Sign Up Genius. There are only 2 more weeks remaining. Once session is over, Steve and Joe will determine when next session will start.

Director of Social Events Feri Nejad told the Board the Halloween party is confirmed for October 27th. Will be held at Covill. Emily needs to send invitation ASAP. The North Western Regional Park will re-open Thursday. Mike Walz reserved the pavilion for Saturday 9/29. It was reserved from 11 am to 7 pm and we paid the deposit. County will allow us to change the date. Mike is recommending 10/6. Feri says good incentive to attract people if we offer free food, but there will be an issue of RSVP's. Invitations will be sent for Sunday October 7th from 1 pm to 5 pm. Members should bring their own food to Barbeque, but club will provide charcoal and free wine, beer and water. Format will be "drop in" play. Joe Reina recommended that invitations include "family and friends". The Board agreed. Feri gave Jane a check for \$50 representing refund from Inland Greens.

Old Business

Status of Club tournament preparations - the tournament cancelled due to lack of interest.

Status of 27 October social event planning - We have secured Covill. Need to decide what food will be served.

Preparation for annual meeting - We have determined the date will be November 7th. The location will be Inland Greens and Feri will secure site. Meeting will start at 7 pm. JML will send notice of general meeting to Grace to release. We will extend nomination dates to 10/15.

Status of new Pickleball league - we have been delayed 2 weeks due to Hurricane Florence. Will start tomorrow 9 27.

Status of acquisition of WBC - Jane Klippel reported that she heard that the soccer entity from Raleigh bought it so there may be a possibility of using it for Pickleball. We need to get our nets and equipment out of the WBC. Kevin suggests calling the old manager, George. Kevin suggests moving the nets to Ashley. Emily also investigated who bought the property and said it may be that NCDOT purchased a portion of the property for Hampstead Bypass. Jane will try to get more definitive information on who purchased the property and who we might contact to discuss the future of Pickleball at this location.

New Business

Wilmington Holiday Parade - Kevin sent Bill the name and number of the contact. Parade is early December with sign up cut off early to mid-November. Board agrees that we want to participate in the parade.

Echo Farms Kevin Chandler shared that he received a newsletter from the City about plans for Echo Farms. They only talk about refurbishing existing tennis courts and building new ones. There is no mention of new dedicated pickleball courts. The Club needs to get to the City and indicate that a plan without PB courts is unacceptable. Kevin will get Jeanne a copy of the newsletter and Jeanne will take a stab at drafting letter for Bill to sign and submit. We need to check the city of Wilmington Parks & Rec in terms of timing for meetings. Mike Walz agreed to do this.

Pickleball for Parkinson's - Jane reported that the event made \$4,400. The YMCA will buy a couple more bikes and some boxing equipment to further expand their Parkinson's exercise program.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm. It was agreed that the next meeting will be held at the Midtown Y on Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 at 4 pm.