

**CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Board members in attendance: Bill Bradford, President, Carolyn Ryan, Vice President, Treasurer Jane Klippel, Secretary Jeanne Login, Director of Competition Mike Walz, Director of Communications Emily Martinelli, Director of Membership Grace Gilligan, Director of Training Joe Reina, Director of Social Events Feri Nejad.

Visitors included: Brent Young (2020 Treasurer), Jackie Niedermayer (2020 Director of Membership), Patty Hochwalt (2020 Co-director of Training) Suann More (2020 Director of Social Events), Henry More and Rudy Thurman

Attendance was sufficient for a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm

A Motion was made by Joe Reina to approve the September 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Ryan. The Board voted unanimously to approve. The October meeting was cancelled, thus no minutes will be submitted.

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT** - Bill Bradford stated that it has been great working with the Board members and said he would like to thank you for all your efforts and for all you have done. Bill asked how many people have volunteered for the Parade. Emily looked it up and said 13 people had signed up.

**VICE PRESIDENT** - Carolyn Ryan had no report.

**TREASURER** - Jane Klippel reported that the current bank balance is \$3,230.20. She stated that the balance may reduce due to an outstanding check.

**SECRETARY** - Jeanne Login had no report.

**DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP** - Grace Gilligan reported that there are currently 275 members. Two of those renewed early and should not be counted until the 2020 roster is set up. Will adjust for new year. Feri indicated she has been telling people its ok to sign up early, their membership will be for 1 year ending 12/31/2020 even if they get more months. Grace thinks that we should keep the renewal grace period to 30 days. The question becomes how many reminders do we send? It was decided that we will send emails to folks in December reminding people to renew and another reminder in January. Then, in February we will send emails to people who have not renewed after their membership has expired. Jackie will handle correspondence.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS** - Emily Martinelli asked those members who are on Facebook to share posts if you see something posted on the CFPC Facebook page that is interesting. Emily explained that the Cape Fear Pickleball Club Group page for is for club members only plus we have a general page that anyone can see.

**DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION** - Mike Walz reported that we have 2 more weeks in the fall ladder league. Participation is starting to dwindle, which is normal as we get to the end of the league. Mike went on to say that he gets flash sale emails from Pickleball Central. Perhaps Emily can send information on these flash sales to the club members. We advertise our code to membership (saving them 5% and earning the Club 5%), so perhaps we should send info on sales. The Board agreed.

**DIRECTOR OF TRAINING** - We moved the GFL beginners training start time from 8 to 9 last weekend. We created an 8 am to 9 am training time for a basic skills clinic. 4 people signed up, 7 people showed up and others who did not realize the time change. Beyond next 2 weeks, we need to determine instructor availability. We have full sign up for next Saturday, but it looks like bad weather. Joe asked if any board member wanted to be part of the instructor pool. Right now, the instructor pool includes Joe, Kevin, Patty, and Mike. However, with holidays and travel, we need more trainers.

This Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, we are holding a Rating Clinic aimed at the 2.5/3.0+ levels. There will be 2 sessions starting at 2 pm. Attendance is limited to 12 folks per session. We have 10 of 12 slots filled. Currently, we have 6 raters, would like a couple of more. Players will get rating sheet before the sessions so they can be familiar with the process they can expect. We have also included a feedback form so we can improve the process as we go forward.

**DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL EVENTS** - Feri Nejad stated that the Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will cater with Italian food and we will provide water, music, etc. We will charge members \$10 per person. Feri will meet with Suann and prepare the invitation and give to Emily to send to members. Inland Greens has been rented and payed for. Suann will keep Club stuff at her house. Juan has been notified that he will be losing the storage and fees.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Club Officer Duty Matrix - Bill Bradford said he had prepared the matrix of club officer duties. He will share with new officers.

Wilmington Intercommunity Pickleball League - Mike reported that its ended for the season and that it went pretty well. Brunswick Forest edged out Porters Neck for the championship. There will be some follow up meetings scheduled regarding the league for next year.

Myrtle Grove equipment donation - Joe said that he had had no communication from contact.

New Hanover Newcomers -Feri and Carolyn reported that they would be attending New Hanover Newcomers meeting. Jeanne mentioned that she had reached out to the Brunswick County Newcomers and they have no room for a new information table.

Holiday Parade - Bill will set up an organizational meeting. Last year cancelled due to weather. This year the city has a rain date set up.

Advertising - this topic can be addressed by the new Board in 2020.

Training opportunities in the City - Athletic coordinator interested in getting PB into their program, but it will be a 2020 issue.

2019 General Meeting minutes - Jeanne stated that the 2019 General Meeting minutes had been completed. Even though they will not be approved until the 2020 General Meeting, Jeanne suggested we circulate the minutes to the general membership as well as post them on the website. The board agreed.

Medical issues - Mike Walz said that Board would discuss what, if anything, we could do to improve response time to medical issues. Rudy does not think we need an AED at every location. It is important for places like the HOP especially when one considers the type of demographic they attract. Rudy suggests that in the future for club sponsored events such as leagues and there is a 101 heat index, we might consider canceling the event. Bill brought up his concern about liability issues if Club provides an AED? Perhaps we consider making member (Rudy) a trainer, who could then certify other members. River Bluffs is doing CPR certification and they are charging \$100 per person. Jane will look into certification and will look into whether any members are certified trainers. Patty thinks we should ask MLK if they can make the AED available when they are closed. Bill again raises concerns about liability.

Rudy Thurman - The Board was enthusiastic in their praise of and thanks to Rudy Thurman and his actions that helped save two members lives. They all agreed to award Rudy free membership for life.

Bill Bradford suggested the meeting for December should be cancelled. Everyone agreed, so the next meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday of January 2020. This will be January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Carolyn motions to adjourn, Joe seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 4:10pm.