

CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2020

The meeting was held in the main office of the New Hanover Library and was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Those in attendance: Kevin Chandler, President, Brent Young, Treasurer, Carolyn Ryan, Vice President, Jeanne Login, Secretary, SuAnn More, Director of Social Events, Jackie Niedermayer, Director of Membership, Emily Martinelli, Director of Communications and Mike Walz, Director of Competition. Joe Reina and Patty Hochwalt, Co-Directors of Training were absent. John Sherm, a Club member, joined as a guest.

Attendance was sufficient for a quorum.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 2020 meeting and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President - Kevin Chandler discussed a Veterans Program called SOAR – a program that gives Veterans with disabilities the opportunity to participate in adaptive sports. Kevin said he spoke with Samantha Wang and she replied that she would love to participate but they don't have the time or the capacity to add another program. She suggested that the summer may provide an opportunity. Kevin further stated that at the last meeting, we spoke about donating the Club nets at the Ogden Y. That has been done, we no longer own them. Kevin has been working on changing contact information for certain vendors. He has contacted the website provider, but still needs to contact insurer.

Vice President – Carolyn Ryan had no report.

Treasurer - Brent Young handed out a report of balances for the month of January. Brent filed the required 2019 tax form in mid-January. Carolyn, Kevin and Brent met at the Bank and got all the proper paperwork filed and signed. Brent mentioned that If there are any additional items you would like to see on his monthly report, let him know what it is. He discussed the fact that we have 2 accounts, Paypal and First Citizens Bank. The beginning balance was \$4,767.20 and ending balance \$7,225.99. We do pay for Paypal. January expense was \$94.71. Emily asked if we checked to see if fees are waived for Non-Profits. Brent will look into that. There was one issue. There was a \$45 refund given and it came out of the Bank account. This is because the accounts are linked. Brent was congratulated by all on the level of detail he provided.

Secretary - Jeanne Login had no report.

Director of Membership – Jackie Niedermayer reported that membership totals 219 current and paid, 91 not paid/renewed. Jackie released email notifying the 91 that had not renewed. Received about 13 renewals the following day and some have trickled in since. Who ever does not pay will be removed by

February 15th. A discussion on membership roster vs. Mail Chimp was discussed. Emily wants the club to have its own email address which would facilitate ongoing communication. Jackie and Emily need to work together to make sure the current roster has the same information as Mail Chimp. Kevin would like to have one source for membership rosters so reconciliation is more automatic. Jackie needs to send changes (adds/deletes) to Emily so she can amend Mail Chimp. SuAnn has been very proactive with developing membership. She contacted Jim Chapin (Wrightsville Beach) and he has posted the CFPC night at the HOP on his website.

Director of Communications – Emily Martinelli had no report.

Director of Competition - Mike Walz told the Board he had obtained free banners from Pickleball Central. The banners include our code for 5% savings. Mike brought us up to date on the Intercommunity League. He reported that the club has 7 women and 6 men signed up for the 3.0 league and he got a couple of folks to volunteer to be captains. Mike reported that we will host a Mixed-Pairs Ladder League to start mid-March. Mike has noticed over the last couple of years that people seem to lose interest over time. This one will be 6 weeks and we will evaluate starting another one after that. Mike has another idea, a mixture of training, social and play. He suggests using North Regional Park. The structure will be flexible and will depend on who comes. Players could bring picnic lunch and stay to use the Pavilion. Kevin thinks it's a good idea, he would like to go out and just do drills. Get it listed on Places to play. Start in March on Mondays.

Directors of Training – Joe Reina and Patty Hochwalt had no report.

Director of Social Events - SuAnn Moore reported that our first social event will be held on Sunday February 16th at the HOP. Tablecloths, plates, plastic silver ware, and water will be provided by the Club. SuAnn is suggesting a raffle for a bottle of wine and some clothing. SuAnn will also donate trivet. Tickets will be free. SuAnn would also like to do socials at Northern Regional. She has been speaking to food trucks, they usually require a minimum of 40 – 50 meals to be sold. We need to find out if permission is required from the County to have food trucks at the Park.

John Sherm – Guest had some thoughts and general comments. He asked about the 2020 budget and was told that we have \$9,000 for calendar 2020. What drove this question is living in Del Webb, which community has their own courts, their own activity participants. The Community pretty much stays in their own community. John also brought up Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach as being subsets of the CFPC. He said his thinking is, when he talks to people, like at Del Webb or Landfall about the Cape Fear Pickleball Club, the first question is how much does it cost to join and what benefits do I receive for joining. John feels we should not have any PB players in the region that are not members of the club. His general thought is that we should consider an amount of money that we can use to convince people to join the club to increase our numbers. He feels it is vital to give them some reason to join. Carolyn pointed out that there are many folks who play at Robert Strange (for example), using Club equipment who are not members. The board agrees that it is ok for members to bring guests, but those guests should not utilize Club equipment on a regular basis. It was pointed out that the CFPC worked with the County to get the North Regional courts installed. John feels the City should install permanent courts, given our numbers and taxes we pay. To increase membership and our leverage, John suggested

offering an associate membership at a reduced rate. John is willing to be part of an ad hoc committee to go and talk to people. Kevin says, at this point, do not promise associate membership. John reiterated that we need to consider what would entice folks to become members.

New Business

Annual Meeting Bylaws - We need to decide what to do about the annual general meeting and whether a quorum should be required. There is nothing formal about the quorum, we have been telling a white lie about 10% quorum. Current policy says members can vote by email. Kevin thinks we should put our practice in accordance with the policy. It was suggested that we eliminate the "email voting option" (proxy too if it is in there) in the bylaws to reflect what has been happening in reality. The Board agreed and Kevin will draft new language for the bylaws. We should still encourage attendance and require that people come to the meeting to vote and not be allowed to vote via email.

Defibrillators – A discussion was held regarding whether the Club should purchase AED's to be placed at the sites we support. Mike has concerns about storing the unit in a non-climate-controlled environment. Mike brought up that Tammy Frieberg surveyed availability: Parks & Fitness office has one, MLK has one, Ashley has one inside the school itself. Rather than purchase the units it was suggested that perhaps we should put instructional signs up on the boxes. Carolyn suggests we get nice signs made up: Call 911, commence with CPR. Mike suggests we use the signs provided by the American Red Cross that has pictures of how to perform CPR, etc. Mike suggests continuing with American Red Cross training. A decision was made not to purchase defibrillators at this time. SuAnn will investigate the issue of no climate-controlled location. For now, no purchase. Need to work on the list of AED locations and hours available.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm. The next Board meeting will be held at the Main Branch of the New Hanover Library on March 11, 2020. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm **(please note time change)**