

Minutes of the Cape Fear Pickleball Club Board
Meeting Date December 13, 2017

The meeting was held at the Midtown Y and convened at about 7:00 pm. Board Members present: Kevin Chandler, President, Carolyn Ryan and Feri Nijad, both Directors of Social Events, Mike Walz, Competition Director, Bernie Baker, Membership Director, and Jane Klippel, Treasurer, Jeanne Login, Secretary and Mike McGrath Training Director. Sylvia Hales, Vice President and Harry Marriner, Communications Director, were absent.

Bill Bradford, incoming President, Grace Gilligan, incoming Director of Membership, Joe Reina, incoming Director of Training were also present. Steve Morrissey was present as a guest.

Attendance was sufficient for a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Kevin made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 1st General Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Walz unanimously approved by the Board

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Kevin Chandler – Kevin thanked Carolyn and Feri for their efforts in putting the Halloween Party together. His exact words, “You Rock!”

Kevin mentioned that there was a video of the Holiday Parade posted on the City of Wilmington’s Facebook page. CFPC is at the 24 minute mark of the video. He went on to say that our participation in the parade went very well. The rolling net worked well, the car was decorated well and kept the club participants illuminated throughout the parade. He mentioned and thanked the King and Queen, Cindy and Kevin, Charlie Saia throwing balls, Emily decorating the net and banner and providing the music and everyone else who was dressed in Holiday garb. He recommended that we do it again next year.

Kevin spoke about the fact that this was his last meeting as President. He thanked all the Board members and said the experience had been fun, challenging and satisfying, especially with the Club growth to 348 members.

He spoke about our strong identify in the community with formal and informal play, a handsome website, our growing exposure through Facebook social media. He mentioned that our finances are in good shape and that it had been an honor to work with all of the members of the Board.

Treasurer, Jane Klippel – reported that we had \$2,558.97 in our checking account. Bernie mentioned that number did not include approximately \$1,600 in funds that we deposited that afternoon, a result of membership renewals.

Secretary, Jeanne Login – had no report, but was busy taking notes!

Membership Director, Bernie Baker – reported that she had been training Grace Gilligan and Cindy Dovel, that they had processed renewals and new members. She mentioned that some members are signing up as new members, but are actually renewals. She stressed that we need emergency contact info on applications. Bernie will remain available to Grace and Cindy. Bernie said that she had enjoyed being on the board and told everyone that she was the first member to join the club!

Incoming Membership Director, Grace Gilligan – suggested that the forms (renewal and new member) be homogenized and that the spreadsheet have a column added for date joined for sorting purposed. She indicated that she needs some help with Excel. Jeanne said she would be happy to help. She recommended that the renewal form contain a line for members email address. That way we would catch any changes and be able to maintain communications.

Competition Director, Mike Walz – reported that the last match of the Ladder League took place the evening before. Carolyn and Brian were the winners. He believes that everyone likes the mixed doubles format. He will work on organizing the next league for next spring.

He asked who had responsibility for “property management” for the club. It was discussed that Competition and Training should both have responsibility to manage and keep track of property. A discussion ensued about what needs to be tracked. (nets/pickleball machine(s)/storage boxes, paddles, social committee supplies). Mike believes that we need an official property list and he will take responsibility for preparing that. He will establish an annual inventory.

Carolyn and Feri mentioned that they believe we need a separate storage facility for the Social Committee supplies which are currently being stored in Carolyn’s garage. The storage facility would need to be temperature controlled because liquor needs to be stored.

Training Director, Mike McGrath – Mike reported that Bill Trainer had been working with the Brigade Boys Club to teach them to play Pickleball. Interest in this program fizzled out, the kids were just not interested. Also, transportation was a problem.

Mike mentioned that the Manager of MLK has kids come to the facility after school. Perhaps we can offer Pickleball training to them.

Steve Morrisey said that he was working with the City to convert some of the tennis courts at Robert Strange Park into permanent Pickleball Courts. Believes that, if we are able to pitch a kids program, it will help the effort to convince the City to convert the courts.

Mike thanked Kevin for his support as well as the rest of the Board. Joe will need to recruit more help for training. Definitely need more folks.

Social Directors, Carolyn Ryan and Feri Nijad – Feri spoke about how excited they were about the Halloween Party. Everything went so well.

Feri has set up a Social Committee comprised of 5 or 6 people. They will be working on the next event which is scheduled for January 6th.

Carolyn mentioned that they need Harry to release the invitation for the January 6th event to the membership.

Feri said they are planning 3 other events: May 19th, October 27th and December 1st, 2018.

Feri spoke about the fact that Juan has been such a big help to them over the past year. Not only working with them to get us the Inlands Green venue, but being there to set up and clear up. She suggested that we offer him a free membership as the clubs way of saying thank you. The Board did not support this suggestion due to lack of policy on the issue.

Carolyn asked if she could order Business Cards for the Board. It was agreed to design one generic card that could be used by anyone. Carolyn will design and order through Vista.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed donating money to the Lutheran Church and First Baptist Church as a way of thanking them for allowing CFPC to use their facilities. Bill suggested that we go forward with these two and budget for more (YMCA) next year. Kevin moved to donate \$100 to each Church. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

There was a discussion about adding the USAPA ambassador to the Board as a non-voting member. The Board decided to leave it unofficial but to include Steve Morrissey in notification distribution.

A discussion was held about the need for storage space to house Club owned equipment and property. Carolyn said she had investigated some sites and found one for \$100 / month and one for \$68 / month. The Board felt that this was too much money and we should continue to look for cheaper space. Mike mentioned that we do house some nets and dividers at the WBC, but the room is insecure, no locked.

Mike McGrath brought up the issue of continuing with Training during the winter months or perhaps considering training indoors at WBC, but that would be limited to weekdays only. Kevin supports continuing at Greenfield Lake. It was decided to continue with Saturday morning training at GFL.

A conversation was held about developing a single email list. It was agreed that this should be a cooperative effort between Membership / Kevin / Harry. Steve M. offered that he worked with Google to set up a separate email account for another organization and suggested that Google be contacted.

Kevin mentioned that last years' budget was not published until February and, in fact, this may happen again. He shared copies of that 2017 budget. It was recommended that an effort be made to develop a budget for 2019 in time for the November annual meeting.

We discussed the 20 new paddles we purchased with the CFPC logo imprinted on them. It was agreed that 5 would be stored at GFL and 5 would be stored at RSP.

Kevin brought up the topic of transitioning to the new board and actions that need to be taken, i.e., signatures need to be changed at the Bank for the checking account. Checks over \$500 need 2

signatures and there should be 3 signatories on the account: President, VP and Treasurer. The checking account is held at First Citizen.

Mike Walz agreed to become the official Purchasing Agent for the club.

Kevin will keep responsibility for the keys to the lock boxes. Kevin also mentioned that he had cleaned and donated all the unclaimed items in the lost and found.

It was discussed that Joe and Mike should talk about training curriculum and skills training. There is a training guide on the USAPA site.

Steven mentioned that we need to get the Club membership on the email list for receiving surveys from the County and City. We need to energize the membership to respond to these surveys indicating the importance of Pickleball and related facilities.

Bill said that the Board did a great job getting the Club off the ground. He offered congratulations for all the work and thanked them for laying the groundwork for a successful club.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30, it was seconded and unanimously approved.