**CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB**

**BOARD MEETING**

**May 6th, 2020**

Those present included: Kevin Chandler, President, Mike Walz, Director of Competition, Jackie Niedermayer, Director of Membership, Suann Moore, Director of Social Events, Patty Hochwalt, Co-Director of Training, Carolyn Ryan, Vice President, Emily Martinelli, Director of Communications, Jeanne Login, Secretary and Brent Young, Treasurer

Joe Reina, Co-Director of Training, was absent.

Attendance was sufficient for a Quorum.

The meeting was held at Northern Regional Park in the open pavilion to allow for social distancing. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm.

The minutes for the March 2020 meeting were not distributed in time for all board members to review. We will hold off on approving minutes till next month.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President**  – Kevin Chandler said that at our last meeting we discussed forming a committee to try to get more dedicated Pickleball Courts and was going to ask Jane Klippel to head a committee to work with the City to this end. He recently found out that Jane is no longer a member of CFPC. Kevin asked Suann if she thought Henry would be willing head up the committee. Suann spoke about her desire to improve the indoor facilities, i.e., the Edge. Kevin responded saying that this was two separate issues, he wanted to develop dedicated permanent Pickleball courts. Suann still wants to know how we improve indoor play for players. Kevin says he is fine if Suann wants to meet with Management of the “Edge” YMCA, she can represent that the club wants to improve play for club members. On the Committee issue, Suann will check with Henry and get back to us. Kevin reported that Insurance for the club is due for renewal in June. Our agent sent a quote with a premium for over $1,000 vs. last year which was around $400. Kevin asked why the increase? She checked with the company that writes the policy and was informed that the increase was due to a revision by their underwriter. Kevin checked with another insurance company who wanted $2000, so he opted for the renewal of the existing policy. Kevin thinks the VP should handle looking for alternate insurance providers since we are required by the by-laws to carry this insurance.

Kevin said he wanted to thank the Board for their input and support on the Covid-19 issues. The comments that Kevin has received from members support our position.

**Vice President** – Carolyn Ryan had no report.

**Treasurer** – Brent Young had previously circulated a monthly financial report. It shows a bank balance of $6,756.33. That is the sum-total of the money, there is no balance in Paypal.

**Secretary** – Jeanne Login again indicated that the minutes from the March 11th meeting were distributed late and will be submitted to the Board for approval at our June 2020 meeting.

**Director of Membership** – Jackie Niedermayer reported that we currently have 251 members. Of these, 6 are new members and one late renewal since the last meeting. Facebook followers went up by 25% to 140.

**Director of Communications** – Emily Martinelli discussed the fact that she has been trying to figure out how to streamline storage of emails, sending them out and determine if there is a way that if any Board Member who wants to send out an email to membership, they can do so. She has been investigating G-Suite. It is not as simple as it seems. She investigated Google Hangouts, but some folks could not download, so the best idea is to dump G-Suite. She spoke with Brian Chandler and is trying to find the PW for the website. Brian thinks we can do the things we want to do through BlueHost. She has been speaking with BlueHost, but not getting anywhere. We do have a club email, a Paypal address and a CFPC.com and CFPC.org. Kevin thanked Emily for all her efforts and asked her to follow up again with Brian.

**Director of Competition** – Mike Walz mentioned that shortly after our last meeting, the community league was cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. He does have some thoughts on Covid-19 play which he will discuss later.

**Co-Director of Training** – Patty Hochwalt reported that all training was canceled due to Covid-19. She mentioned that Jesse Simon posts his training videos directly to the Club’s Facebook page.

**Director of Social Events** – Suann Moore had no report.

**Covid-19**

Kevin spoke about the fact that North Carolina’s Governor has decided to enter Phase I of the opening of the economy as of 5 pm, Friday, May 8th. The important thing that pertains to the Club is the 6’ distancing and limiting social gatherings to no more than 10 folks. Kevin feels that we need to better define the 10 folks limit. Governor includes stadiums and arenas in limiting gatherings to no more than 10. The City of Wilmington has posted a sign at GFL, that says no more than 10 people may gather. Brent mentioned that his neighbor, who works for Parks and Rec says no more than 10 folks may gather even if the number of courts could accommodate greater numbers. Jeanne brought up her experiences at RSP and in Brunswick County. In both instances, she was part of a group that self-policed. If more than 10 people showed up, any excess had to remain outside of the court areas. Carolyn thinks that what the CFPC should stand behind should mirror the governors ruling. What other people do on their own is okay. The Board seems to agree that more than 10 people on the courts is a violation. Kevin that asked: Do we want to remove our restriction on Club members using the club equipment? Board agrees yes, we should open it up. Should we have members bring their own balls? Yes, we will recommend they bring their own balls, but they will be able to use the balls in the boxes if they choose to do so. Mike asked if we should limit the nets to two and remove any excess. There was no definitive decision of removing nets. Kevin feels if a Board Member see people in excess of 10 they should say something. Kevin will prepare a communication to members about the Phase 1 re-opening. He will stress the 10-person limit and social distancing requirements. He will provide a link to the USAPA guidelines but will make no mention of ball machine.

Mike Walz has given some thought to starting a Social Distancing League – each team would consist of 4 folks, 2 M, 2 F. Could be 4 to 8 teams in the league. Limit play to 2 courts. Each team has a captain, can find subs if necessary. Play Tues/Wed/Thurs, everyone plays 4 games. Location needs to be determined, NRP may be too far for people from Carolina Beach. People can elect to be on teams with people that they are with whom they are comfortable. No playing levels, open to everybody. Recommendation for balls, the club could provide balls 3 or 4 to the teams for their use during the league. Each team responsible for the balls provided to them including cleaning. Board thinks Mike should put out a feeler to find level of interest without any commitment to start time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ratification of Policies &Procedures G002 – just one change, getting rid of email voting and need for a quorum. Kevin made a motion to approve 2 & 5, Mike seconded, Board approved unanimously. Kevin will finalize and send to Emily to post on Website.

Goals for 2020 – Kevin solicited ideas. Jeanne brought up goal of improving membership levels. Mike thinks that increasing membership may not be easy since people have so many different venues at which to play, including their own community courts. Jackie suggests targeting new communities and having developers mention something in their brochures. No other goals were discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Policy G006 expense reimbursement. This is one of those P&P’s not on our website. Kevin read proposed policy and the Board approved unanimously.

G007 – Quorum for Annual Meeting – This revision eliminates the requirement because it is in G005. Board agreed with elimination of this policy.

There are Board Meeting minutes that are not posted on the website. Jeanne to forward minutes that are not posted to Emily for posting. If for any reason, Jeanne cannot find minutes from 2017/18/19, will provide reason for ones not able to be found. Kevin will reach out to Bill Shomo, the Board Secretary prior to Jeanne, to see if he has the missing minutes from 2015 and 16.

Emails to membership still an issue. G Suites not the answer. Jackie asked Emily is she can use membership listing. Kevin feels we need to have the capability to send out emails to the club membership coming from the club and not some third-party entity like Mail Chimp which ends up in members’ spam folders. Kevin asked Emily to speak to Brian again to see if the issues can be simplified.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on June 10th at a location to be determined.