**CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB**

**BOARD MEETING**

**June 10th 2020**

Board Members in attendance: Kevin Chandler, President, Brent Young, Treasurer, Emily Martinelli, Director of Communication, Carolyn Ryan, Vice President, Jeanne Login, Secretary, Jackie Niedermayer, Director of Membership and SuAnn More, Director of Social Events.

Guest in attendance: Henry More, Committee Head for Permanent/Dedicated PB Courts in Wilmington

Board Members absent: Patty Hochwalt, Co-Director of Training, Joe Reina, Co-Director of Training and Mike Walz, Director of Competition.

Attendance was sufficient for a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

A motion to approve minutes was made to approve the May and March 2020 meeting minutes. Minutes are approved and will be posted on the website by Emily Martinelli**.**

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**President -** Kevin Chandler reported that he went through all his old files and managed to find the June 2016 meeting minutes, Emily will post. May 2016 meeting was cancelled as was the December 2019 minutes and the March 2020 meeting was cancelled. Emily will update website with that information.

Covid 19 playing guidelines were prepared and they have been posted on storage boxes. We can have up to 25 people on the courts. Kevin hopes that all are continuing to practice social distancing. Instances of Corona Virus are still rising as are hospitalizations. Kevin noticed that last Saturday at GFL, people were congregating. He asks that Board Members please encourage folks not to congregate.

Kevin now can send mass mailings to members through Mail Chimp. Emily is moving to Florida and we are hoping to find someone to take over her duties. Emily has agreed to continue with her duties remotely until a new person can be found.

There was a discussion about the playing conditions at Greenfield Lake. A concern that the back of the courts do not get a lot of sun and there appears to be black algae or mildew. If it gets wet, it can get very slippery. Kevin contacted Parks Dept, they sent someone there during the week and cleaned up some of the issue. They are planning to trim back tree branches to allow more sun which may help alleviate future problems.

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

**Treasurer** – Brent Young reported that the Club has a total cash available of $6,988.93 as of 5/31in the Bank account. Paypal balance was transferred in June which will be reflected in June numbers.

**Secretary** – Jeanne Login had no report.

**Director of Membership** – Jackie Niedermayer reported that we have 259 members up 9 members, 5 of which are new. Compared to last year at this time we had 232 members so our membership has increased by 27 year to year.

**Director of Communications** – Emily Martinelli said (with tears in her eyes) that she has enjoyed meeting everyone. I have learned everything here about pickleball and made amazing friendships. Thank you.

**Director of Competition** – Michael Walz was absent, but sent an email as a update. It said: Nothing to report, other than that I did not get enough responses to try the "Social Distancing League"...maybe more interest in the fall.

**Co-Directors of Training** – Patty Hochwalt and Joe Reina were not present to provide an update. Patty did send an email to Kevin which he read: “Training is still canceled due to Covid. Patty would like to start lessons again on July 11th. The YMCA is holding their children’s summer camp, but format is in question. She does not know when the MLK will start its summer program, they have not been in contact. She suggests we put out a memo to members about donating paddles. She still has some paddles. Joe does not see starting program at Greenfield Lake in the near future.” We will wait to see if we get more guidance from the State. Emily suggests purchasing more paddles with CFPC logo on them so our logo is out there. Kevin feels that Patty could utilize paddles currently in the boxes, we probably have 15 to 20 of them. Emily and Carolyn think we should just buy new ones for use by training.

**Director of Social Events** – Suann More says we will just hold off on social events and see what the State guidance is. May investigate the possibility of a Zoom meeting, others have done it.

**Old Business – none**

**New Business**

**Red Cross Ceremony** – There is a ceremony planned by the Red Cross to present awards to those who saved Jay’s life through CPR given on the Robert Strange Pickleball courts last November. The Mayor will be there. But there is a limit on the 25 person gatherings. Carolyn suggested that Board members attend and the honorees can bring family. We will send congratulatory memo to membership after the ceremony.

**Permanent/Dedicated Public PB courts** – Henry More reported that the Committee had their first meeting yesterday via Zoom. Initial response to Kevin’s email was 12 members. Last night only 7 folks attended. Henry sent out the meeting invitation. Marcia Easton, Feri Nejad, Jim Carlo, Evonne, and more. People are from a variety of areas. Henry released an outline before the meeting. Two directions: one to pick a park that we can retrofit underutilized tennis courts (RSP). This would be beneficial due to central location. The Committee also spoke about GFL, Region Park, and Echo Park. The second option is brand new construction and identification of a site on which that could that be accomplished. What are our options? Expand on existing space. They spoke about Hugh McRae Park which is a County park. They spoke about which location to develop first. For new construction, Echo Farms. The City has taken over Echo Farms and the City will expand existing facilities. They have a plan to expand tennis courts. We would like to see some of that expansion be pickleball courts. Hugh McRae has 3 or 4 tennis courts, so we could look to expand into adjacent available space. There is plenty of parking and they have the infrastructure in place (bathrooms, parking, etc). Both Echo and Hugh McRae. These were initial thoughts. Henry said that he tried to come up with tasks for each committee member. One is: how do we find out how many folks really play who are not members of the club. Jimmy Carlo mentioned that we should put a sign in sheet of people playing to try to capture those who play. Kevin thinks that is doable, but as an alternative can we identify all the venues where PB is played including developments, then identify a point of contact for each of those places. Then ask them for members names and numbers. Also point out that PB players numbers are rising, fastest growing sport.

Marcia is working on cost information, what was the cost of retrofitting, say, NRP.

Evyonne Shank, who has a project management background, will investigate the cost to build from the ground up. Fencing, groundwork, lighting, etc.

Holly Manning pulled up the 10-year park plan for the area. It is 83 pages, one of the key sections was where they tell you what the need for different sporting events at the different parks. Trails, performance based, community gardens, etc. No where is pickleball mentioned. However, the plan is probably 4 years old. In there is the Echo farms park expansion. May be an uphill battle to make ourselves known.

John Sable – going to do some research on a model facility and speak to the people who developed it. Will also reach out to Joe Berelli.

Feri Nejad will assist by reaching out to some of the other locations. River Lights, River Landing, Covill, Porters Neck, etc., etc.

Henry’s timing is 3 to 4 months to put a package together to present to the City Council. Follow up meeting set up for 2 weeks to see where the committee stands. Marcia was going to see if the committee can reserve a space at Hugh McRae for June 23rd.

**Policy Number GOO3** defines Board Meetings. Kevin made a motion to approve, Jackie seconded. The Board approved G003 unanimously.

**New Communications Director** – We need to find a new Director of Communications since Emily will be leaving. She will continue remotely, but we are hoping to find someone to replace her. We need someone who can deal with the website and the Facebook page. Kevin will prepare an email to the Club.

Next board meeting Wed July 8th at 2 pm, location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.