

**CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**July 8, 2020**

Board Members in attendance: Jeanne Login, Secretary, Brent Young, Treasurer, Mike Walz, Director of Competition, Jackie Niedermayer, Director of Membership, Joe Reina, Co-Director of Training, Carolyn Ryan, Vice President, Suann More, Director of Social Events and Patty Hochwalt, Co-Director of Training

Board Members absent: Kevin Chandler, President and Emily Martinelli, Director of Communications

Visitors present: Feri Nejad

Attendance was sufficient for a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

A motion was made to approve the June 2020 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved and will be posted on the Website by Emily Martinelli

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**President** - Kevin Chandler – absent, no report.

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

**Treasurer** – Brent Young stated that as of the end of last month, the Club had \$7,154.60 in the Bank before a reimbursement to Mike Walz for purchase of balls that would be made in July. We have one more bill coming due and that was for the rental of the post office box. On another note, Brent said, you all received the email from Kevin about erroneous/fraudulent emails. The last one Brent received seemed more real than those received in the past, so this is concerning to Brent. He contacted the Bank to which it was requested he send funds and they have referred it to their Fraud Department. Brent just wants the Board to be aware that this entity seems to have access to the Club's email addresses.

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

**Director of Membership** – Jackie Niedermayer reported that we are up 3 additional members, 1 new and 2 renewals. We also have 22 new Facebook members. We have 262 club members and 162 members on Facebook.

**Director of Communications** – Emily Martinelli was absent and had no report. We are trying to find a replacement for Emily who moved to Florida at the end of June. Until we do, she will handle her responsibilities remotely.

**Director of Competition** – Mike Walz reported that he had purchased new outdoor balls. Some of the more advanced players are starting to use the Dura 40, so he purchased some of those as well as the

Onyx. Mike tried out the Social Distancing league idea at the HOP and the format worked, people seemed to like it. He will try to put such a league in place again in the fall, Covid dependent.

**Co – Directors of Training** – Patty Hochwalt and Joe Reina – Joe reported that due to Covid restrictions, they are at a standstill, no training.

**Director of Social Events** – Suann Moore had no report. Social activities are not possible under Covid restrictions.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Feri Nejad was there to report on the activities of the Permanent Pickleball Court committee. She reported that we are working on identifying all pickleball players in New Hanover County. We are focusing on two parks: Arrowhead or Veterans Park.

We discussed recommendations to replace Emily. Kevin sent around an email which was posted on Facebook. We know of no responses to date. Jackie looked at the membership listings to see if anyone has a computer background. She found Jane Hambel and Ray Frieberg. Kevin should reach out to Jane and Mike will reach out to Ray.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On the issue of whether we should consider raising money to donate to the City toward new permanent, dedicated pickleball courts, Henry is working on this as part of the committee for permanent courts.

There has been no change on when we resume training, start league play or host social events. All these activities are dependent on Covid restrictions. Mike feels we should wait till Phase 3, Joe want to wait for a vaccine.

Paddles – two were found broken. Should we replace? Mike thinks we have enough for the time being.

Nets – some may need to be replaced. Mike agrees, but the problem is getting rid of the old ones. Jeanne asked if we could just replace the net and not the entire set up. Mike says he has not had much success with that. The nets don't fit the old frames. Brent may be willing to take one for his development. SuAnn suggested that we auction them off at a future party. Mike will order a couple more nets. In the meantime, keep your ears open for some opportunities to donate nets. Jeanne asked if we could get 2 more nets for RSP some of them are in really bad condition. Jeanne also mentioned that she purchased a net at a lower cost during the time the Club did not want its equipment used. She will forward name of net to Mike so he can compare.

Feri reported that Dr. J may be willing to provide music with his band at our next social.

Club clothing sales – Feri spoke about procurement of shirts/hats, etc. She asked if there is anyway someone can post our catalogue on Facebook with Feri’s contact info? Feri will send an email to Emily asking her to confirm that information is on website in terms of Feri’s contact info.

Mike Walz made a suggestion that the Club forgive dues in 2021 for existing members. Many other organizations, insurance companies and the like are giving their members and customers reductions and rebates of monies spent since they could not realize the benefit for which they paid due to Covid restrictions. There was a brief discussion, but it was generally agreed that this issue needed to be discussed when Kevin was present.

Next Board Meeting will be held on August 12th at Northern Regional Park at 2 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50.