

**CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**December 9, 2020**

Board Members Present: Kevin Chandler, President, Brent Young, Treasurer, Ray Frieberg, Director of Communications, Joe Reina, Co-Director of Training, Jackie Niedermayer, Director of Membership, Suann Moore, Director of Social Events, Patty Hochwalt, Co-Director of Competition, Jeanne Login, Secretary.

Board Members absent: Carolyn Ryan

Non-Board Members present: Ken Huff, Henry More, Lisa Cunningham

Attendance is sufficient for a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm. Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes from October/November. The motion was seconded by Suann More. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**President** – Kevin Chandler reported that he received a thank you card from the YMCA along with a gator/mask. Included was a letter from the Y thanking us for our sponsorship. He went on to report that, a couple of weeks ago, we decided to buy a court roller and a squeegee. The court roller was put in place awhile ago and the squeegee is used, too. Lastly, Kevin stated that he would like to thank Carolyn Ryan for her time on the board, for filling in for him when he was not available and for all her valuable input.

**Vice President** – Carolyn Ryan was not in attendance.

**Treasurer** – Brent Young reported that the bank balance was \$6,787.13 at the end of November. We took in \$330 in dues as well as a \$10 donation totaling \$340. A reimbursement of \$116.27 was made to Kevin Chandler for the court roller and the squeegee. Additionally, Suann More was reimbursed \$70.96 for general meeting items.

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

**Director of Membership** – Jackie Niedermayer stated that she worked on the membership renewal reminder which was posted and sent out on 12/1. She reported that we currently have 358 members. Keeping track of the reduced full rates is a little challenging. She had to remove 2 members since 1 person is moving and another couple became a single membership. Ray changed the membership renewal vs. new member tab and made it much clearer. He also changed the new membership form. Jackie stated that she checked the renewal form process and when she entered her renewal, it automatically populated from her browser. So it worked.

**Director of Communications** – Ray Freiberg reported that he was busy this month working with Jackie making the renewal and new membership forms as easy as possible. Kevin would like to see if they put in that they are a new member, can we confirm that they are really a new member.

Jackie said whenever she gets a new application, she does manually check to see if they are a new member. There was some discussion on new software that could do this automatically, but this will be further discussed at a future date.

**Co-Director of Training** – Patty Hochwalt said that she started Saturday morning again, but nobody showed up. They left at 8:10 and went to RSP when all courts were full. She suggested that we move training to 9 am. It was agreed that we would do that.

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

**Committee for Permanent/Dedicated Pickleball Courts** - Henry More reported that since we last spoke about the proposal, we decided to take a more direct approach and have been speaking to Ron Woodruff. He is an attorney and a member of the City Planning Commission. We have been working on a letter to the City Manager and the County Manager. Basically, the letter contains a lot of the information we have developed already. There was an article in the newspaper about the popularity of Pickleball. We are providing a link to that article. Bill Traina put together a great video which showed the full use of all courts at Robert Strange, panning down to lower courts where no one was playing tennis. We will imbed that video into the letter. On the County side, we are going to focus on seeing what we can do at Ashley HS and state some of the things we have already done. Parks and Gardens has reviewed the budget, they do have the money in the budget. They have it being spent to prepare courts at Arrowhead. We, however, would like to see that money spent on conversion of courts at Ashley. We also noted that we had over 350 members and have a petition signed by over 300 people.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Kevin reported on the purchase and distribution of equipment. He said we did get 4 new nets, 2 went to Robert Strange Park and 2 old nets were removed from there. At Greenfield Lake, we also put in two new nets and removed 2 old nets. Of the 4 old nets, two of them were taken to Ashley and placed in the box there. What should we do with the 2 remaining old nets? Salvation Army? Restore? Elementary School at Ashley may be interested in training and might like a net. Feri might like to have one. Might be able to give one to Carolina Beach at Mike Shappel Park. It was decided that Lisa will follow up with Mike Shappel Park and the other will be given to Feri.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Elect Mr. Huff – Kevin made a motion to elect Ken as the new Director of Competition. The motion was approved unanimously.

A discussion was held about where we will hold Board meetings in colder weather under Covid restraints. Kevin can rent his clubhouse for \$75.00. It was agreed to meet there in January.

Places to play – We spoke about the issue of how to we keep the information updated. We have places all over town where people play, should we post them. Kevin will send out emails asking those that run private groups if they would like to be included under Places to Play. We talked about Robert Strange Park and the crowded conditions. Wherever we play, we should maintain

distance. Henry gave an example of what has been happening: 2 folks come in from Colorado and they are told to go to Robert Strange Park. Those folks should quarantine for 2 weeks. Kevin said, as far as I am aware, there is no quarantine requirement. Bottom line is the club does not have an issue with non-members from in town or out of town using their equipment in the presence of club members. Kevin will send out the email.

Ken asked: does Cape Fear PC have a mission statement. We have an "About tab". Ken will look at it.

Meeting adjourned 2:47 pm. Next meeting will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at Kevin's clubhouse. The Clubhouse is located on Steeplechase Road in the Carriage Hills sub-division.