

**CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2021**

**Board Members present:** Kevin Chandler-President, Brent Young-Treasurer, Lisa Cunningham-Secretary, Ken Huff-Director of Competition, Jackie Niedermayer-Director of Membership, Joe Reina-Co-Director of Training, Patty Hochwalt-Co-Director of Training, Suann More-Director of Social Events.

**Non -board Members present:** Henry More

**Board Members absent:** Jeanne Login-Vice President, Ray Frieberg-Director of Communication.

Attendance is sufficient for a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm. Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes from February meeting. Jackie seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

**Permanent Pickleball Court Committee Report-Henry More**

Henry presented a letter from Amy Beatty, Community Services Director and Superintendent for the City of Wilmington. The city will be doing a review of city parks in the spring.

On the county side-Kevin and Henry sat in a zoom meeting with on Tara Duckworth, New Hanover County Parks Director. Kevin and Henry informed the group of the growth of pickleball in the area and what other areas in the region (Brunswick County) have done to support the growth of pickleball. Currently the only permanent courts in the works are at Arrowhead and those current tennis courts will be converted to 6 permanent courts without lights. Kevin and Henry asked the county to look beyond the Arrowhead development and requested the addition of 16 courts, explaining a tournament grade facility would also bring in revenue for the county. They received positive input back from this meeting, including the possibility of a site at Long Leaf Park and Olsen Park in the Castle Hayne area.

The committee feels they have taken the request for permanent pickleball courts as far as possible.

Next steps:

- City Side-Follow up with Amy Beatty who will be in charge of whatever new is proposed and discuss the city council using the club as a resource to determine future decisions regarding pickleball courts. (Henry)
- County side-Follow up with Tara Duckworth about the deed at Long Leaf Park and if that location is a possibility for a tournament grade facility. Looks like Arrowhead will be converted to 6 permanent courts without lights, this is in the budget.

**President - Kevin Chandler**

Court rollers at Robert Strange and Greenfield Lake are locked now with the *same key* that the equipment box uses.

Kevin, Jackie and Brent are on the list for the PO box. Kevin is the primary name on PO Box. The names of board members who have access to postal box needs to be updated yearly. The names of the board members who have access to the bank need to be updated yearly also.

Reward from PB Central is \$360, Ken has been given that information.

Arrowhead courts will be oriented to the North/South. When completed will be 6 permanent pickleball courts.

Tidewater Tournament will be at Northern Regional Park 4/22-4/25. If we want to reserve the courts it costs \$2.50 per pickleball court—we can use 5 courts for a total of \$12.50 per day for all the courts. Cost to reserve pavilion is \$25.

**Treasurer – Brent Young**

Balance as of the end of January \$9700.88. Jeanne sold \$35 dollars \$35.85 -reimbursement \$35 for keys deposited, Jeanne will keep track of what she sells and buys there will not need to be exchange of money. 2020 tax forms have been filed.

**Secretary - Lisa Cunningham**

No report.

**Director of Membership - Jackie Niedermayer**

We currently have 309 members. This includes 21 new memberships since our February meeting. We are turning off the renewal option on the website until the fall and Jackie recommends we do this every year.

**Director of Communications - Ray Freiberg**

No report.

**Director of Competition-Ken Huff**

Ken distributed pickleballs to the courts, cost was \$233.25 and he will get reimbursed.

Jane Klippel from the YMCA of Southeastern NC has been in touch to see if the club would like to partner with the Y on a league. Jane suggested a small fee and board discussed where that would go and what it would be used for. Options for location include Midtown Y, Robert Stange, Greenfield Lake and Northern Regional Park. Consensus was an outdoor venue would be best, league should include two different levels of players and that players should be a CFPC or YMCA member to participate.

The Board is in favor of partnering with the Y to run a league. Ken will discuss dates, time, location, levels and format with Jane and follow up with Andy Johnson to see about reserving courts if league is held at NRP.

**Co Directors of Training - Patty Hochwalt/Joe Reina**

Joe and Patty suggest keeping the time at Greenfield Lake at 9am until later in April. Demographic of age of people showing up at Greenfield Lake for training is getting younger. Joe and Patty have worked out a schedule to supervise/run Greenfield Lake training between themselves.

Ranking issue- The CFPC did run a ranking clinic in 2019 at the YMCA. The club could offer a “rating” option, 2-3 times during the spring between 8am-9am. Players who would like to be rated do not need to be a club member and there will be no charge. Links to the rating criteria should be posted on the website.

**Director of Social Events – Suann More**

Suann suggested a Social event at NRP April 17<sup>th</sup>, raindate April 18<sup>th</sup>. Do we need to rent the courts and pavilion? Covid restrictions to consider, 50 people until March 26<sup>th</sup>. The event will consist of competitive play and a food truck. Use Sign Up Genius, to sign up. If we overlap or back up the league (if league is held at NRP) to the social event we will have the people from the league as possible attendees.

**Old Business**

Permanent Pickleball Courts -See Henry Mores report.

Offer rating session-see above in Co-directors of training report.

Level of play at locations-When listing a venue we should include the level of play we list level of play at a venue, with list low intermediate or high intermediate. Ray and Ken will look at the places and put together numeric wording for the locations.

**New Business**

**None**

Next meeting Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2pm, via ZOOM.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28pm.