

**CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2021 2pm Via Zoom**

Board Members present: Kevin Chandler –President, Jeanne Login-Vice President, Brent Young-Treasurer, Lisa Cunningham-Secretary, Jackie Niedermayer- Director of Membership, Suann More-Director of Social Events, Ray Friberg-Director of Communication, Ken Huff-Director of Competition, Patty Hochwalt & Joe Raina -Co-Directors of Training

Nonboard Members present: Henry More, Ann Coffee, Lisa Graham, Carol Hunter, Holly Manning and Jimmy Carlo.

Attendance is sufficient for a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 2:06pm.

Kevin motioned to approve the Board Meeting minutes from September 8th, 2021, motion seconded. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Kevin made a motion to approve the Budget Meeting minutes from the September 16th, 2021, motion seconded. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

President - Kevin Chandler

Lights at Ashley High School have been replaced. Scott Childs contacted Kevin, October 7th and was asked to remove club notices that were requesting nominations for new board members for the club, notices removed.

Construction has started on Pickleball courts at Beau Rivage Country Club, at a later date information about Pickleball memberships will be available.

Vice President-Jeanne Login

No report

Treasurer – Brent Young

Current bank balance as of 9/30, \$8870.98 did not include reimbursement check for \$777.22 to SuAnn for event on 9/25. Incoming income included \$330 in dues and \$15 keys, \$5 donation for pickleball nets, \$240 for apparel \$57.78.

Social event costs-May event \$676.80 September \$947.22

Kevin made a motion to approve payment of \$113.64 for ball machine refurbishment. Motion seconded. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Secretary - Lisa Cunningham

Received the nominations below for the upcoming Board of Director positions.

President-Holly Manning

Treasurer-Anne Coffee

Director of Membership-Lisa Graham and Jackie Sage

Director of Social Events-Carol Hunter

Director of Training-Patty Hochwalt

Director of Membership - Jackie reported currently the club has 466 members which is an addition of 27 members since the last meeting. Of those new members only 1 is a returning member. An email was sent to all members requesting they check their spam folder and adjust settings so club emails do not go into spam accounts. A total of 4 emails were returned and member email addresses have been updated.

Director of Communication-Ray Freiberg

No report.

Director of Competition-Ken Huff

Several competitive events on sign up genius. Currently the next event on 10/27 (3.0 event) only has 3 players. Ken has

events set up until the end of the year. Competitive events have had a low turn out, possibly as a result of Covid.

Suggestions for improved attendance included text message or email reminders and Board members continue to increase conversations with others to promote events. Also suggested a club wide survey to see what members want from the club.

Ken and the Board will discuss the possibility of a yearly club tournament, table the idea of a survey until the new board is voted into place.

Co Directors of Training - Patty Hochwalt/Joe Reina

In response to member feedback, Patty and Joe would like to schedule 3 drill sessions on 10/30, 11/7, 11/14, from 10:30am-12pm. Location will be at the upper courts at Robert Strange Park.

Director of Social Events – Suann More

Suann received positive feedback on the September social event from all attendees, with the only a negative being the wait time for pickleball courts. Over 100 people attended, some people came without rsvping but were still able to attend and all found nametags helpful.

All raffle donors have received a thank you note for their donation. Board should reexamine the fee of \$5 for the social event and/or consider raising the price.

Permanent Pickleball Courts Committee-Henry More

Beau Rivage has torn out two tennis courts and is converting them to 6 pickleball courts. Owners said they would consider offering some type of discount for CFPC members who wanted to join the Beau Rivage facility.

Club members have been involved with the surveys for Parks and Garden master plan. In the last survey in 2015 there was no mention of pickleball courts. Club has signed petitions and attended several meetings with the city and county in regards to building permanent pickleball courts. There will be one more opportunity before the end of the year for public input on the Parks and Garden master plan.

Henry will be stepping down as the Permanent Pickleball Courts Committee chairperson. Henry suggests keeping committee in place and finding someone to head up the committee. Henry will compose an email to committee members looking for a committee chair, if no one from the committee is interested in the chair position, Board will look club wide for a replacement.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Henry for the hard work and progress that the committee has made under his leadership.

Outreach Committee-Lib Wanner

Training with the school staff was a success and Lib and Joelle Newman from New Hanover County Public Schools remain in contact. Lib cannot line outdoor courts tennis courts at NHC High School for pickleball, however, there is a possibility that the indoor gym that is being refurbished at NHS might be lined for pickleball.

Lib requested \$300 to purchase 2 nets for the NHCPS schools, that would be available for staff to “sign out”.

Kevin made a motion to authorize 2 nets for Outreach Committee to donate to schools. Motion seconded. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Outreach Committee met with city recreation staff and Davis Center staff. Both recreation site supervisors reported positive experience with summer camps this summer. City does not want lower courts at Robert Strange to be chalked for pickleball. Downtown courts are and need to be continued to be available to all members of the community, especially those in the areas near the courts. CFPC should continue to look at the promoting pickleball in the local communities near the courts. Courts are also in the works for Olsen Park. Lib also suggests we broaden the search area for permanent pickleball courts beyond the city and county.

Old Business

Parkinson’s Tournament-Ken and Lisa assisting Jane.

November Elections-we have volunteers for vacant Board positions. We will email all the club members with a list of Board member nominees and by 10/29/2021. The email will also include information on the date, time and location of the annual Board Meeting. The Board will be postponing the meeting until Saturday, November 6th. (meeting is usually 1st Wednesday of the month). Suann will reserve the pavilion and pickleball courts at NRP from 12pm-4pm. The meeting will be held rain or shine. The club will be voting on nominees and the 2022 dues.

New Business

Club Apparel – Feri who is in charge of apparel is suggesting we contract out the CFPC apparel to Pickleball Extra LLC, located in Florida. There is a \$45 charge artwork fee to set up the club logo. Pickleball Extra will send several t-shirts to the club so we can see the styles, quality and fits available. Pickleball Extra will take the order, payment will be made directly to them by person purchasing the item, and item will be shipped directly to purchaser removing the club as a middleman.

Feri followed up with Pickleball Extra and the club will receive 5% of the purchase price of each order (excluding tax and shipping). If the club places a bulk order we can receive 10-15% of the order price and bulk shipping cost is \$.75 per item (standard shipping \$3-\$4 per individual order)

Kevin made a motion to approve \$45 for Pickleball Extra artwork set up fee. Motion seconded. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Co-directors on the CFPC Board of Directors- After a review of the CFPC bylaws the Board realized that the By Laws did not allow for “Co-Directors”. It was decided by the Board that we abide by the current By Laws, and continue with only one director for each committee and allow each director to form committees as needed.

CFPC Board Meetings

Next meeting Wednesday, 12/8/21, 2pm. New Hanover Regional Library. (second Wednesday, in person if no mask mandate. Annual meeting Saturday, November 6th, noon at NRP.

Kevin motioned to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded (Jeanne Login). The Board approved the motion unanimously. Meeting adjourned 4:06pm.