

CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2023, 4:30pm
New Hanover Regional Library-Northeast Branch

Board Members present: Holly Manning –President, Jimmy Carlo-Vice President, Anne Coffee-Treasurer, Lisa Cunningham-Secretary, Jackie Sage- Director of Membership, Peter Burrows-Director of Communication, Wayne Bigg-Director of Training, Carol Hunter-Director of Social Events.

Board Members absent: Christian Kalwa-Director of Training

Nonboard Members present: N/A

Attendance is sufficient for a quorum. Meeting called to order at 4:39pm

Motion made to approve the 1/18/23 Annual General Meeting Minutes, motion seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the 1/18/23 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

Board Member/Committee Reports

President-Holly Manning

Laura Fenton Training May 2023 -(still pending location and exact dates). Laura and 1 additional trainer will have multiple sessions for levels 2.5/3.0 and 3.5/4.0 and include a Pro Expo and Demo Night (free for participants, small charge for nonparticipants).

48-48-48 Pickleball Challenge -May 25, 2023 @ Northern Regional Park (NRP)

Guinness Book of World Records sanctioned event

Partnering with the Wilmington Convention and Visitors Center, Wilmington Parks & Rec, and city and county leaders Dean Matt and his pickleball partner, Shannon Yeager, are pilots are flying to 48 states, to play 48 pickleball games in 48 days. Wilmington is the chosen destination for North Carolina. No charge for NRP, there will be a press release. Event is over in 3 hours. Club will provide a gift bag for Dean & Shannon, Lisa will assemble.

Carolina Beach Pickleball Tournament

Tournament is not a fundraiser. We will post on our website/Facebook page.

Vice President- Jimmy Carlo

Update on 501c3 will be covered in old Business/Update on Legion Stadium will be covered in old business

Treasurer –Anne Coffee

February Budget was submitted in February. Everything was balanced through March 7th. Membership is \$11,574.92, one ball rental machine \$20, equipment \$35.64 includes Lock Boxes, \$2400 for Legion Court. Equipment purchase includes Legion Stadium \$5179. Expenses should include a line item for Permanent Pickleball Courts, budgeted for in December. Legion Stadium pickleball court lines was a gift to the city. 2021 tax exemption (990) -had not been completed, was just completed and there was a \$20.85 charge for filing it. Anne stated that she not aware when she took office that she needed to file 2021, 990 form. 2022 has been filed and there is not fee for filing that.

Secretary - Lisa Cunningham

Hands Only CPR Training was successful, approximately 40 people attended including some YMCA members.

Director of Membership –Jackie Sage

590 members as of 3/8. Next Paddle Banz Pick-up at the HOP 3/18. The following people have opted to donate their duplicate funds to the pickleball permanent courts. Phyllis Moore \$25, Curtis & Lucinda Cook \$50, Janet Coser \$25, Yvonne Bailey \$25, Bob and Jan Reid \$25, Robert Millar \$25 & Frank Moeller would like a refund.

Discuss Business page and what to charge (Graphics from business?) Consider a charge for advertising on club business page. Could charge businesses and the \$ could go towards one of our initiatives (permanent courts, member scholarship, outlook, etc) Ex rates= 1 month \$10, 2 months \$15, 3 months \$20. Yearly? \$50-70.

Next order for paddle Bandz of 100 cost will be \$5 each. Business page ads will be available to club members with businesses for \$120 a year for 12 months. Ads will be prorated for the year (\$10 per month). *Motion made to have offer members ads on our business page for \$120 a year (prorated by \$10 a month), ads submitted in April for display beginning May 1st on CFPC website. Motion seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.*

Director of Communication- Peter Burrows

No report. Looking for additional volunteers to help with Instagram and other social media posts.

Director of Training-Wayne Bigg Jr.

Beginner Training-Greenfield Lake

Fantastic turn out Saturday March 4th. About 30 students. 4 trainers. (participants coming all the way from Riegelwood and Porters Neck). Looking for a larger venue that can accommodate more/Arrowhead & Legion are options. Both restrooms were closed at Greenfield Lake and that was an issue (Holly will reach out to city about restrooms). Players were complaining that we had all four courts taken up.

Overall feedback was very positive and everyone is planning on coming back. Goal is to have 2 courts of beginners, 2 courts of drills, 2 courts of ball machine training from 8-9:30. Let the groups play for 30 minutes from 9:30 to 10 and have the instructors watch the games and give suggestions.

Possibly starting a "Level Up" group of players that want to go from 3.0 to 3.5 or higher. Possibly in the evening after work. Ashley or Legion stadium with the lights, considered as locations.

Director of Social Events – Carol Hunter

As of March club credit card will be used for most social event purchases. The January social at Cardinal Lanes was a huge success & should be repeated in the future.

Celebrating birthdays each month at our socials with a "sweet treat" and the majority of members seem to be enjoying it with the cost to the club being minimal.

February's social was a mix of Red Cross Hands-Only CPR training which was well attended and informative. It was followed by socializing and corn hole play at Flying Machine Brewery. The Red Cross has offered to do another training for us in the future, as well as participate in their Sound The Alarm "Free" Smoke Alarm Installation program which you can read about at: SoundTheAlarm.org/ENC. Also possible CFPC Blood Drive for the Red Cross

March

- Pickleball at the HOP on 3/18 with a similar format to the previous socials unless anyone has thoughts on trying something different vs. social play. Will discuss with Richard about Cosmic Pickleball at the HOP in the future. Members seem interested in trying it out.

April/May/June

- April 29th social is at Capt'n Bill's Volleyball and May 20th will be a cookout and social play with WBPG @ WB. June 11th Holly Shelter at Paradise Axe & Arcade.

Upcoming plans

- Possible Shrimp Boil this summer and social play at the new Arrowhead courts. Beau Rivage is another venue as that should be repeated and considered for future tournaments, along with bowling and the Christmas parade.

Director of Competition- Holly Manning for Christian Kalwa

Tournament dates are April 29th & 30th. Approximately 40 people attending Friday night leagues, Christian is entering games in DUPRA. Not enough interest in Community League for the spring but hope CFPC will participate in the fall. Community League BOD headed up by John Hambel is looking for a CFPC member to be on their BOD.

Old Business

Legion Stadium Update-lines are completed, surface is good. 8 new nets and combo lock are coming. *Motion made to purchase (2), \$100 gift cards for Steve Dayvault and John Vaivao for their assistance with Legion Stadium court lines. Motion seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.*

Springly update-in the works, fee has been reduced and Holly will be working on it.

Core Balls have been placed at all the locations. Balls will be purchased quarterly.

501c3 Update- City of Wilmington has said they would consider Empie Park for pickleball courts. Consider possibly piggy backing off another 501c3 (would have to give that 501c3 a percentage of our funds). *Motion made to explore piggy backing off another 501c3 (Jimmy will check with Carolina Beach Foundation). Motion seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.*

New Business

Wayne will work on creating a Rating Clinic for our members, possibly charging \$6. Wayne will also work on having a drill and skills clinic for non-beginners, Joe has created a training manual to assist with training. *Motion made to charge \$6 to provide a ratings clinic and skills and drills clinic. Motion seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 10th, 4:30pm via Zoom.