

CAPITAL AREA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2022

1:00 AT PICKLE PRO COURTS SHERMAN PLAZA

Present were board members Rico Goedjen, Jerome Klein, Shelley Reynolds, Karen Jerg, Mike Barone, Mark Blitz, Mick Viney Heidi Lawton, and Joanne Crapisi. Guests in attendance were Janice Kellogg, Tom Schwarz, and Len Widra

Treasurer's Report:

Jerome reported on the financials. There were no questions on the report.

Administration Report:

Brochure, cooling towel supplies: Rico brought a supply of cooling towels for board members to take and hand out on the courts.

New giveaway item for 2022: Suggestions were: Bag tags, magnets for car, sweat bands, and a small ball bag. Whatever we decide on, it would be good to have them for the Madtown Tournament in July.

Shirt/hat consideration: With the increase in membership there are many members that have not had an opportunity to purchase a CAPA shirt. Heidi was working with a couple of people on a design that would look good on a shirt/hat. She thought there are companies that would allow people to pick out style of shirt and pay for the shirt and apply the design that we choose. Heidi and Mark will work on this project. The CAPA logo will remain the same.

Court Representative's: Janice Kellogg who is in attendance has agreed to be the rep for Stoughton courts. CAPA is still looking for court representatives for Monona and Verona. Sandy Bernhardt is a person we could ask for Verona. The board will define the role of the court reps.

Membership:

Kevin again generated a report on the membership statistics that was sent to the board prior to the meeting. CAPA membership numbers are 725 as of 5/11/22.

Madtown Pickleball Open:

Tom Schwarz talked about the tournament which is being run by the Madison Sports Commission. The proceeds will benefit Madison Area Sport Commission Youth Grant Program. Tom is the tournament director. The goal is to make this event big. Divisions are Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. It will be held at the 10 courts at Wyndham Hills in Sun Prairie. Sign up is through the Pickleball Den app. The goal is to complete play each day in 4-6 hours. There are 120 spots filled. Brackets may be combined depending on the numbers. July 8th is the deadline for registration. Volunteers may be needed the day of the tournament.

Norse Open Pickleball Tournament: Will be held June 25th and 26th at Mandt Park in Stoughton.

Events Committee:

Jerome reported the Events Committee are planning several events. Leagues in Fitchburg, Soft Game Clinic in Stoughton, and a Rating Clinic in Waunakee. 17 volunteers that are interested in helping with events that are being planned.

Jerome asked the board for a clarification on the role of the Events Committee on who facilitates skills and drill events and who facilitates social events. Currently the focus is on skill/play type events not social events. He is not interested in heading a group that would facilitate social events. He will ask volunteers if there would be anyone who would be interested in taking that on.

Player Development Committee:

Rating discussion: Len Widra presented his idea on a program he developed called Competitiveness Level. The program is based on the number of wins a player has. Players who do not play in tournaments do not have a rating. He feels this program would be useful for skill level play and for finding people at similar level to play with. The program would be objective rather than subjective. Players would not have to learn skills in a predetermined order as they presently are required with other rating systems. There was discussion about the amount of data entry that this program would require as well as some members feeling that learning the skills is a big part of playing pickleball. Len would like to launch a league that would use the Competitiveness Level Program using under utilized courts.

Playtime Scheduler: Len described the use of the Playtime Scheduler app which he discovered when on a trip to the west coast. It is a free app that you can find or organize play time, place, and skill level. Several groups in the Madison area are using it to schedule play. It is a free app that a person visiting the area can use as well to see where people are playing.

Playdate Training: David Mott is offering training sessions in Sun Prairie and Stoughton to train facilitators on how to manage a "Playdate". A Playdates purpose is to have fun and learn the game in a friendly manner. Jerome is working with David to set up training for people who are interested in facilitating the Playdates.

A discussion was had questioning if we have enough qualified people to offer training at different sites. If we offer teaching type events, we need knowledgeable people in place. How do we want to train the trainers? There will be a note in the next newsletter looking for interested members.

Court Site Updates:

Sun Prairie: Construction has begun.

McFarland: Bid was accepted for 8 lighted courts.

Sauk City: Beginning construction in June with completion predicted for spring of next year. 8 light courts with wind screens.

Cross Plains: Contractor doing a lot of the work himself.

Cottage Grove: Set to begin July 1st with completion predicted for fall.

Newsletter Assignments:

Mick- Lobster article

Jerome-Player Development update

Len-Playtime Scheduler

Mark- Player Profile

Rico- New Court construction

Janice – Norse Open information

New Business:

Karen asked if CAPA would consider being a sponsor for Madtown Pickleball Tournament. Tom will get back to us on what that sponsorship entails.

Next Meeting: Meeting date Wednesday June 8th 1:00. Harriett Park in Verona

Submitted by Joanne Crapisi