

CAPITAL AREA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2022

1:00 ZOOM MEETING

Present were Rico Goedjen, Jerome Klein, Shelley Reynolds, Karen Jerg, Mike Barone, Mark Blitz, Mick Viney Heidi Lawton, Kevin Devine, and Joanne Crapisi.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Administration Report:

Joanne reported updates were made to the website. Website calendar will list the site of event first. Listing of all the open indoor play made the calendar very busy. Need to figure out what information to place on the calendar to make it useful to members.

Court Representative's: Karen suggested that there be a designated person for all the outdoor courts to keep the board and CAPA members current on events and happenings on the individual courts. Court reps would be invited to the board meeting. Board members were asked to send an email to all the board with names of potential candidates. An email will be crafted to go out to potential candidates.

Play Time Scheduler: CAPA member Len Widra suggested the board look at using the Play Time Scheduler for scheduling time players are playing at different courts in the Madison area.

Membership:

Kevin generated a report on the membership statistics that was sent to the board prior to the meeting. Memberships have increased by 20% this year. The number of players who feel their skill level is beginner have increased. CAPA membership numbers are 666 as of 4/11/22. Mark wondered if we should look at changing the Membership Year so those people joining could be included in the events that take place during the summer months. The board has discussed this in the past. Members who join July 1 are granted a membership for the new year. There would be administrative changes that would have to be made. Which are doable. Membership year will remain September 1 – August 31 at this time. With the increase in membership Mike suggested that the board consider increasing the number of At Large Board members with the goal of having all communities represented.

Events Committee:

Jerome reported that there are 17 volunteers that are interested in helping with events that are being planned.

The priorities currently are Beginners clinics in May and June. Intermediate events will follow. With weekly leagues and skills and drills being considered.

Court availability is being considered. Courts that are being considered are Fitchburg, Stoughton, Middleton, Verona, and Monona. Availability of Garner is uncertain due to repairs that need to be done.

David Mott has joined the events committee. He has proposed training 8 facilitators for a clinic a month. Some topics that would be offered at the clinics are skills at the net, soft game, and match play. The proposed plan is to train facilitators in May. Roll out clinics in June. Jerome will continue to talk to David on this event.

David Mott and Bob Gross are working on a rating event. More information will follow.

Player Development Committee:

The lesson plan documents that were developed by this committee are posted on the website under Members Only with a password required to view the documents. The Events volunteers were given the password so they could review the documents and give feedback on them.

Ball Machine Policy:

The board was sent the Policy for use of the Lobster Pickleball machine prior to the meeting. Mick wanted to address the number of days the machine can be reserved and the fees for rental. There are 2 requests for rental of the machine currently. The board agreed that limiting the reservation to 3 consecutive days was appropriate as well as the fees. This can be revisited at any time. Instruction on how to reserve the Lobster will be on the CAPA website. A calendar on the website will show the days the Lobster is available.

Rating Considerations:

DUPR app is an option for players to receive a skill rating. There are some drawbacks with the app. The people you play with need to be registered on the DUPR app and you need to remember your scores.

Competitiveness Level is a program that CAPA member Len Widra would like to roll out to CAPA. Len contacted a couple of the CAPA board members to share his idea. A summary of the program is sponsoring weekly leagues where you keep track of wins and losses. Jerome will talk to Len and invite him to the next board meeting to explain it in more detail.

Board will work on an answer for the frequently asked question on how members can be rated if they are not playing in sanctioned tournaments.

Court Site Updates:

Sun Prairie: Bids came in higher than expected. Meeting being held to vote on acceptance of bid. Will know by Tuesday April 19th when the construction will begin.

Oregon: The existing courts on Oak St. had light poles taken down in a windstorm. The courts have been closed as they feel the poles that remain are aging and could potentially be a safety issue. Courts will reopen when all poles are removed. Community night will not be as robust as it has been in the past as there will be no lights. The high school is considering remaining open this spring and summer. The Oregon Village Board met and stated that Pickleball Courts are not in the 1st Phase of the Jaycee Park project. They are in phase 2. There is no date scheduled for phase 2.

Fitchburg: Shelley reported that the season kicked off for McGaw Park will be April 28th 5:30pm – 7:30pm. They will announce open play schedule, future court improvements and more. There is a Friends of McGaw group of about 20. Strips weaved on the fencing all around the courts will be used to mitigate the wind.

Waunakee: Parks and Recreation meet with pickleball players to discuss what the needs are for the Waunakee pickleball courts. Windscreens will be put up at Kilkenny Farms in 3 weeks. Developer Don Tierney will expand the apron on the east side of the courts. Benches will be placed in that area. Signage is being discussed and will go up as soon as it is decided. They thanked CAPA for providing samples of signage that is posted at other courts. They are looking at paddle saddle and use instruction to manage busy courts. There are 4 multi use courts in Waunakee. Parks and Recreation is hosting 2 leagues and beginner classes this spring. A follow up meeting will be held on May 9th.

Beef Butter BBQ: The opening has been moved to May.

New Business: Zane Navratil is planning on hosting a clinic around June 8th. A member inquired why we are promoting a clinic being offered by a non CAPA member. CAPA policy is if the clinic offers a 10% discount to CAPA members CAPA will send 1 email to members and post the event on the website.

Next Meeting: Meeting date Wednesday May 11th 1:00. This will be an in-person meeting.

Submitted by Joanne Crapisi