

CAPITAL AREA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14,2021

AT WYNDHAM HILLS SHELTER

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6:00 PM MEETING

Present were Executive Board Members President Rico Goedjen, Treasurer Jerome Klein, Vice President Shelley Reynolds, Secretary Joanne Crapisi and At Large Board Members Karen Jerg, Mike Barone and Mark Blitz. There were about 60 members present.

Call to Order:

President Rico Goedjen called the meeting to order at about 6:20pm.

Explained reasons for the changes requested in the By-Law Language. With the increase in the number of courts and the increase in membership the board felt the number of At-Large Board members should be increased. He called for questions or discussion and there were none. The proposed By-Law changes were voted on and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Jerome thanked Warren Luehring for handing over organized books. CAPA fiscal year is September 1st through August 31st. Last year CAPA balance was \$9,250. Funds have built up over the past 18 months because of restricted activities due to Covid. CAPA presently has \$12,150 balance as of this time. CAPA has fixed costs for MailChimp, Signup Genius, Meetup, Facebook, and PayPal.

The board has given \$900 in grant money. Oregon, Sun Prairie and Waunakee have each received \$300 for improving pickleball courts in their communities.

The board had determined that once the CAPA funds reached \$10,000 we would file for 501c7 Social Club status. The application is still under review by the IRS.

Membership Report:

Joanne Crapisi thanked Mark Schwoerer for his work over the last several years maintaining the membership list. And thanked Kevin Devine for taking over the membership position that Mark resigned from. Kevin provided a summary report of the membership. As of September 12,2021, CAPA has 584 members which is a 42% increase over 2020. About 186 members have not renewed memberships yet and will receive a reminder to do so.

Other facts on Kevin's membership report:

Members:

In 2020 there were 337 members a -24% change

In 2019 there were 419 members a 34% change

In 2018 there were 277 members a 31% change

In 2017 there were 191 members

Skill Level:

Beginner 17%

Intermediate 60%

Advanced 17%

Not Sure 6%

Joanne requested that all members sign up online. With the increase in membership numbers, it makes maintaining a membership list much less complicated. You do not have to have a PayPal account to use the online registration. Follow these procedures:

Select PayPal Check Out

Select check out as guest

Select Continue to payment

Joanne and Kevin will strive to update the Members List on the website once a month.

Questions asked:

What is the fix for members with gmail accounts having problems finding CAPA emails? The problem might be in the settings on the members email account. No one had a real solution to offer for this issue.

Has the board thought about raising the membership fees? We have discussed it. A suggestion was to add a contribution line to the registration form.

Has the board considered multi-year membership registrations? This has been discussed by the board.

Social Media Report

Meetup:

Shelley R. is administrator of the Madison Pickleball Meetup group which has 76 members. All CAPA members are eligible to join. Shelley reported that there are several events being held on a weekly basis at Taylor Park.

Facebook Campaign:

Mark B is manager of CAPA Facebook page. Photos and events are posted on the Facebook page. Worth checking it out!

Community Updates and Board Member Comments:

Oregon: Jerome reported the city has borrowed \$3 Million for the multi-use sports complex. The sports teams were responsible for raising \$500,000. At this time approximately \$260,000 has been raised. The project manager is in the process of updating the building costs since costs have gone up since the project started. Potential timeline is beginning in the spring of 2022 with completion the fall of 2022.

Fitchburg: Grand opening for McGaw pickleball courts is September 21st. Dave Weinbach will give a demo. There are 8 dedicated pickleball courts. There are still items on the wish list such as fences between the courts and windscreens.

Sun Prairie: Karen reported the goal of \$60,000 was reached and exceeded. They have raised \$76,000! They will be adding 4 more courts for a total of 10 dedicated pickleball courts. They plan to break ground next spring.

Wauwaukee: Heidi Lawton reported that they have 6 courts that were opened in 2018. She thanked CAPA for the grant that helped pay for windscreens. There is a wish list for benches, lights and more.

Verona: Rico reported that 4 dedicated courts were built in Harriett Park. Great courts to play on.

Cross Plains: Rico reported that Frank Durham a resident of Cross Plains stated that the village has allocated \$10,000 for converting tennis courts to pickleball courts. The project is expected to start this fall.

Madison: Villas Park plan is to have 4 pickleball courts. It looks like it could be 2-3 years out. There have been some concerns about parking and concerns from the neighborhood. Warner Park has the space for courts with existing lights. However, there is not money currently.

Rico Goedjen Presidents Report:

Rico is happy that there are a mix of opportunities for outdoor play in the area now. He is also encouraged to see new faces on the courts as well as present at the meeting.

Rico encouraged members to organize events on the courts and assured them that CAPA will support them as needed. CAPA has an Events Committee that has scheduled several events in Stoughton and Fitchburg. They plan to schedule events on additional courts in the future.

Board Member Election:

Introduction of Candidates:

President: Rico Goedjen

Secretary: Joanne Crapisi

At Large Candidates: Mike Barone, Heidi Lawton, Mick Viney, Stacy Weiner and Janice Kellogg

Voting instruction:

Voting will be done online only. Voting will take place September 14th - September 20th.

An email with a link to the ballot and candidate bios will be sent to all CAPA members. Members who share and email will each be able to vote.

Question and Answers:

Rico thanked Karen and her team for hosting the annual meeting!

Mick thanked Joanne for her support in sending signups out.

Joanne complimented Mick on his dedication as he has offered a 3.5 skill level mini tournament and a Novice play every week since May!

Shelley talked about the events committee and encouraged others to join.

Cheri from Sun Prairie asked if there is a mentoring program to assist players to move up a skill level. There is not one in place currently but is a great suggestion. Some events that are now being offered to players are: Mick offering a 2.0-2.5 Novice round robin. He is going to use the Lobster Ball machine for skills. The Events Committee is hosting novice/beginner open play 4 Wednesdays in September at McGaw Park in Fitchburg.

Kathy E. commented that if you play with better players, it helps improve your play.

Rico reported that there are no more CAPA shirts available. The board has discussed placing an order for shirts in the next 6 months. Board has also discussed ordering hats and visors in the future.

Submitted by Joanne Crapisi