

CAPITAL AREA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY FEBURARY 7,2022

1:00 ZOOM MEETING

Present were Rico Goedjen, Jerome Klein, Shelley Reynolds, Karen Jerg, Mike Barone, Mark Blitz, Mick Viney, Kevin Devine, and Joanne Crapisi. Not Present Heidi Lawton.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

**Administration Report:**

Joanne reported that the newsletter email had a 74% opened rate.

Waiver Discussion: The insurance agent who wrote the CAPA Liability Insurance policy updated the participation waiver that members agree to when signing up for membership and events they participate in. The board had no questions on the waiver. Rico called for a vote to approve the updated waiver. All board members voted to approve the updated waiver. Waiver will be updated on the CAPA website.

**Membership:**

Joanne reported that CAPA membership numbers are 603. 13 of the memberships are complimentary. Complimentary memberships are given to Parks and Recreation directors who help promote pickleball in their community.

**Events Committee:**

Shelley reported that there are 10 volunteers that are interested in helping with events that are being planned. Shelley also said that Jerome will be taking over as chairperson of the Events Committee. She will be co-chairperson.

Because there will be more events offered this year a discussion was had on how signups should be handled. We presently have Meetup and Signup Genius used for signups. A member suggested another app that was used in a city that he recently traveled to. At this time board felt we should stick with the two apps we have. A future discussion will be had on how to best utilize Meetup and Signup Genius.

There could be 4 new outdoor sites this summer. Our role should be to assist the community to make best use of the courts. When scheduling CAPA events on courts we need to be respectful of the court use in the community.

**Player Development Committee:**

Jerome reported the committee has developed lesson plans and pulled resource information together. The goal is to have all the information posted on the CAPA website by the end of February. The information will be posted under the members tab and have it password protected in order to have control over who has access to the information. In April we will meet with volunteers to help them understand how to use the materials. The materials will be used for CAPA sponsored and co-sponsored events. We will help organize events in different communities. The committee will have an evaluation form to get feedback so the committee can improve and refine the materials. Depending upon how many volunteers we have we will see if we could get a mentorship program started.

Members should be encouraged to use the calendar of events on the CAPA website.

## **Insurance Update:**

Ball Machine questions: Does the use of the ball machine change now that we have liability insurance? Yes the insurance policy covers the use of the machine. Board feels the ball machine needs to have a sign out in order to have accountability for the machine. Along with the sign out a waiver will need to be signed. Mick volunteered to take charge of the ball machine. All board members were in favor of putting the machine back in use.

## **New Site Updates:**

McFarland: Rico reported the project is moving along. They have asked for input. They did go with one of the 2 suggestions.

Cross Plains: Rico reported the project is moving along.

Cottage Grove: Rico reported they are still in the planning stage.

Mt. Horeb: Rico reported that they are still in the planning stage. There is an enthusiastic group of players from Mt Horeb working with the village.

Sauk Prairie: Rico reported project is moving fast. The project is a multi-sport complex. There is going to be 8 lighted courts.

Sun Prairie: There will have 4 new courts.

Villas Park: Rico reported they probably will not be completed until 2023 because of budgeting.

Oregon: Jaycee Park West may be completed in phases depending on bids that are due the end of February. Proposal is for pickleball courts to begin construction in spring.

Fitchburg: Shelley and Mark are continuing to meet with Parks and Rec. The items they have discussed with Parks and Recreation are lighting, a pavilion, benches, bleachers, and trees planted. Shelley asked for other input from the board they suggested bathroom and water closer, shed to store equipment and enough water source to wash courts.

## **New Business:**

Verona Tournament: Mike Barone spoke to Allison from the Chamber of Commerce. He suggested keeping the first tournament simple. The plan is for it to be a for fun social tournament held on a Saturday and Sunday in August. They would have 4 dedicated courts and the ability to convert tennis courts that are nearby to 16 pickleball courts. Mike said that CAPA would be here for support but not take the lead role in the organization of the tournament. He suggested she contact the Madison Sports Commission who is thinking about running a tournament in June. Allison would like to have a clinic or exhibition on the Friday evening before the tournament. Karen said she would be willing to assist. Mike told Allison that she could contact any of the board members for further information.

## **Next Meeting:**

**Meeting date Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00. This will be a zoom meeting to build the event calendar.**

Submitted by Joanne Crapisi