

# CAPITAL AREA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2022

1:00 AT HITTERS

Present were board members Rico Goedjen, Shelley Reynolds, Jerome Klein, Karen Jerg (via phone), Mike Barone, Mark Blitz, Mick Viney, Heidi Lawton, and Joanne Crapisi. Guests Richard Russell, Kevin McPherson and Anthony Suy (via phone).

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Jerome sent the board the financial reports prior to the meeting. There were no questions on the reports.

### **Administration Report:**

**Policy review:** Rico sent a copy of the current policies to the board. Joanne has a policy document with the dates that the policy was discussed at the board meetings. The policy document posted on the website will only contain the policies. There were a few changes to the document suggested. Joanne will make the changes and get them to the board. Mark asked about the event promotion policy regarding being asked to market for a profit venue. This will be a topic for another board meeting. He had a suggestion of collecting money for marketing/promo events and put it toward a designated fund such as youth play.

### **Membership Report:**

Joanne reported that CAPA membership is at 830. The membership lists on the website were updated at the beginning of December. There was a suggestion by a member to have an additional list for members by their self-rated skill level. The board agreed to add that list to the website.

### **Area Rep Report:**

**Area 1: Heidi Lawton:** Heidi hosted a holiday party for the Waunakee pickleball group. About 40 people were in attendance.

**Area 3: Mick Viney:** Bakken Park in Cottage Grove is considering changing the master plan to eliminate 2 basketball courts and construct 8 pickleball courts in their place.

**Events Committee:** Meeting was running long so will discuss this at the next meeting.

**Player Development Committee:** Nothing to report currently.

### **New Working Committees:**

**By-Law Review:** Richard Russel has done extensive work on updating CAPA By-Laws. He provided each board member a folder containing copies of proposed changes to the by-laws, a copy of what the by-laws would look like, and an overview of the amendment proposal. The board discussed the proposed changes. Richard will clarify the terminology of the executive board, draft a term limit statement of 3 consecutive terms for the board positions, change the quorum from 10 to 25 in Article 4 Section 4-1d, and change the wording of the annual meeting to read August or September. Richard proposed that we send the proposed updates to CAPA members early in the summer, so they have them in advance of the annual meeting. Thank you, Richard, for all your work!

**Software and website:** Mick reported that there will be a zoom meeting on December 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the findings of Michael Wedge's investigation on the WildApricot software that is being used by other clubs.

**Player Rating:** A large part of the meeting was discussion of DUPR. At the November meeting the board voted to move forward with the software program. Mike Barone took the lead on this and obtained a one-year contract from DUPR. After the board read the contract there were questions. Anthony Suy, who is using DUPR, called in so the board could ask questions. Kevin McPherson was also in attendance in support of the use of the program. Mike provided the board with a document to send to CAPA members that explains DUPR and answers questions. DUPR will calculate a singles and doubles skill level rating for individuals. DUPR is a modified Elo algorithm that considers 3 factors: points won, victory, win or lose, and type of result (self-posted rec play, league match, unsanctioned tournament, or sanctioned tournament). The more data that is input the more accurate the skill level rating will be. Data is refreshed on Tuesdays. DUPR projects what the expected score should be of the match and factors that into your skill rating. A question was asked if social players playing on their home courts would have a stale DUPR rating. If one of the players plays outside of the group, the skill levels of all of the group would be "connected" and skill levels may be adjusted. A concern about entering members that do not want to be in DUPR. Organizers can enter names into DUPR. Names entered by the organizers must be claimed by the person added. DUPR has tournament software that can be used for a 10% fee. Software is limited. Mike will check if they plan to upgrade the tournament software.

After a discussion on the DUPR application the board voted in favor of finalizing our agreement with DUPR, establishing the CAPA DUPR club, rolling out membership information, establishing CAPA DUPR administrators, and starting to use DUPR.

Thank you, Anthony, and Kevin, for your input.

**Tournament:** Rico sent the board the minutes of the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the committee. The committee decided to move forward with the CAPA Cup concept. A meeting will be held in early January to set the dates, formats, and exploration of costs.

#### **New Business:**

**Expansion of "Getting Started" tab on website:** A CAPA member suggested that the Getting Started tab be used for people who want to learn to play pickleball and have a way that they would be able to post their name. Once there is a designated number of players CAPA would organize a session with a volunteer to teach the group. The idea does have merit. Shelley pointed out that Richard Russel offers intro and novice sessions through Meetup. It was suggested that a link to Meetup be added to the Getting Started tab. It was also suggested that a link to beginner sessions being offered at different venues should be added. Joanne will work on getting that added.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday January 11th 1:00pm Meeting via zoom.**

Submitted by Joanne Crapisi