

CAPITAL AREA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11, 2023

1:00 ZOOM

Present were board members Rico Goedjen, Shelley Reynolds, Jerome Klein, Karen Jerg, Mike Barone, Mark Blitz, Mick Viney, Heidi Lawton, and Joanne Crapisi. Guests Richard Russell, Kevin Devine, Jennifer Feldmann, and Michael Wedge

Treasurer's Report:

Jerome sent the board the financial reports prior to the meeting. There were no questions on the reports. Jerome told the board that he will be traveling and may not be able to send the next financial report until March.

Administration Report:

Policy review: Rico sent a copy of the current policies to the board. The copy that was sent should have had the CAPA Repeat Social Event policy deleted as that was agreed on at the December board meeting. All board members were in favor of posting the policies on the website after deleting the above-mentioned policy.

Newsletter assignments: Deadline for articles to be sent to Mark is January 20th. DUPR update from Mike, CAPA Cup-Rico, MadTown Tournament- Karen, Rules- Tim D, Etiquette- Kevin D, Player Profile-Karen.

Insurance Policy Update: The insurance policy is up for renewal. The policy was updated with new member numbers. The premium will be about \$1900.

Software Change: The Software Change Committee made a recommendation to the board to use the WildApricot App. Michael Wedge, who has a background in choosing software, did a study on clubs that are using the WildApricot App. The organizations using the app spoke highly of the app and have good looking websites. Some of the features of the WildApricot App are the ability to have membership levels such as family memberships, and annual renewal dates with auto reminders to renew and could have auto renewal. We have an opportunity to look at membership groups. There is the ability to add data fields to target specific groups. Members can manage their own profile. The app uses AffiniPay for payment which is less expensive than PayPal. DUPR cannot be linked at this time but may be linked in the future. Shelley has used the app in the past and thinks it has improved since she last used it. Jennifer Feldmann, CAPA Website manager, signed up for a 30-day free trial so she could give her opinion to the board. She liked what she saw. Jennifer thinks this is a good time to clean up the website and decide what we want the website to look like. Mick stated that membership is all automatic. There are also templates available for newsletters and emails. The question was asked if it will look the same on mobile devices and the claim on the WildApricot site states that it does. Payment should be easy to set up to link to our bank account. If hosting a tournament check in is easy. Mike reminded the board that if we are hosting a DUPR event we are required under contract to use the DUPR software. Regarding the financial aspect of the WildApricot app it would be \$190 a month for 500–2000-member organization. If we choose to move forward with this proposed change it would eliminate the yearly cost for MailChimp, \$300, and WIX, \$533. CAPA would continue to us Signup Genius. Rico called for a vote by the board to move forward with the WildApricot App. All the board were in favor. The cost appears to be manageable. Mick clarified that the committee would do a trial of 4 months, Feb, March, April and May with a cost of \$570. The board was in favor. It was recommended that 2-3 members understand the software to ensure smooth transitions when members leave a position.

Membership Report:

Kevin Devine sent a membership report to the board prior to the meeting. CAPA membership is 847. Growth is continuing.

DUPR Updates:

Mike reported that he has received emails from people who want to be organizers. It does take time to enter scores into DUPR. CAPA covers a very large geographic area. His goal is to have organizers to cover most of the geographic area. Organizers are trusted to enter scores accurately. A reminder that the use of DUPR is totally voluntary. Mike will emphasize the need for organizers to be up-front and accurate in the article he will write for the upcoming newsletter.

By-Law Review:

Richard Russell has continued to do extensive work on updating CAPA By-Laws. Richard addressed the concerns from the December board meeting. The first was a clarification of the terminology of the executive board. Which was clear as written. The second was a draft of a term limit statement of 3 consecutive terms for the board positions. A discussion on the reason this is being looked at included the concern of members not running if the incumbent is on the ballot, healthy for the organization to have new blood and may force people to step up. There needs to be further discussion on the term limits for the board. The third was a change to the quorum from 10 to 25 in Article 4 Section 4-1d which was made and all were in agreement with that change. The last change we discussed was the wording of the annual meeting to read August or September which also affects the election timetable. After discussion it was decided to set the date for the Annual Meeting for the 4th Thursday in August. It was decided that we would not vote on these proposals. Take time to think about what was presented and discuss them at the next meeting. Thank you again, Richard, for all your work!

New Business:

Referee Grant Proposal: Karen would like to propose that our current grant for certified instructors be expanded for a category for Referee Certification and Rater Certification. The board meeting was long and there was no time for a discussion on this proposal, so it was tabled until next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 8th 1:00pm Meeting via zoom.

Submitted by Joanne Crapisi