

CAPITAL AREA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2023

1:00 ZOOM

Present were board members Rico Goedjen, Shelley Reynolds, Karen Jerg, Mike Barone, Mark Blitz, Mick Viney, and Joanne Crapisi. Guests Richard Russell, Kevin Devine, and Michael Wedge. Not present Jerome Klein and Heidi Lawton.

Treasurer's Report:

Jerome sent the board the financial information prior to the meeting as he is traveling and not able to attend the meeting.

Administration Report:

Joanne had nothing to report at this time.

Software Change:

Mick reported that he, Michael Wedge, and Jen Feldman have been working on learning the new software package in draft form. In doing that they have questions the Board needs to answer prior to finalizing the database as well as the new website.

1. Membership levels can be set up as Individual, Family - not recommended at this time, Multi-year, and Alternatives.... Bronze, Silver, Gold. The board agreed with the committee's recommendation of Individual only at this time.

2. Membership info fields:

- Name, Address, City, St, Zip will remain as it currently is with
- Self-reported DUPR - doubles and singles. Can be linked in the future.
- Self-reported UTPR - mixed, doubles, singles. Can be linked in future.
- Photo – optional
- Emergency Contact name and phone number. The board had a discussion and decided events can ask for emergency contact information.
- Volunteer interest will have a choice of yes, no, and pick from a preset list of options. Mark and Shelley agreed to provide a list.
- Gender can be added but the board decided not to add it.
- "Re-acknowledge the CAPA waiver? The board agreed with the recommendation that members confirm each time renew membership as well as first time logging in when we make the transition to new system.

3. Membership renewal. How to transition into personal annual dates. The committee was thinking that they would start all existing members with the renewal date of Sept. 1st. They will look into how difficult it would be to have the existing members' personal annual renewal date a year from the date of their renewal for this year's membership.

4. Note - each member sets their password to access member only info. Password reset included. A question was asked about members who share an email. The committee will investigate how shared emails work in the WildApricot software.

5. System can be Set for New Members to allow for automatic "recurring" payments. Do not recommend at this time.

6. Emailing - privacy options - member can opt in or opt out to event emails or mass emails.

7. Website Questions

- Facebook: Recommendation - needs someone assigned to regularly post or drop. Mark said there were very few people looking at the site.
- Area Courts: Get drone pictures and post by court name/locations.
- Upcoming Events: Move instructor links under Lessons and Leagues
- Lesson and Leagues: Drop leagues as no leagues listed. Move leagues under Events. Lessons, Instructors, learn to play, how to videos added here.
- Rules: Become Rules and Ratings - Add DUPR info
- Member Area: Note each member has their own password. We will reorganize to only include protected info.
- Grant forms: Online form submitted electronically.
- Photo Gallery: What is the purpose and function?
- Document naming format: We will develop a document naming format for all documents stored. Need to set a retention limit.

How to move forward? The committee will begin the CAPA 30-day trial & additional months that were approved by the board at the last meeting. The anticipated date for the transition is June 1st.

Membership Report:

Kevin Devine reported CAPA membership is 868.

By-Law Review:

Richard Russell has continued to do extensive work on updating CAPA By-Laws. In building a timeline for steps needed to be taken for the election of the board Richard recommended we move the annual meeting date to the 3rd Thursday of August. The board agreed to his recommendation. Regarding the board structure and terms, the board discussed the following options:

(1) 2-year terms (4 in odd years, 5 in even) vs. 3-year terms (3 each year). The board decided to stay with 2-year terms.

(2) Board members are elected by members and the board determines which office each elected member should hold. This option received a no vote from the board.

(3) Term limits were discussed. A discussion of a possible limit of 3 2-year terms in one position. The discussion of term limits was tabled until the next meeting.

Other options that were discussed were not all 9 board members be voted on. The District Directors be appointed by the board. Option of VP assume the role of president after president's term was up. No decision was made on these. The board was asked to think about the options presented for a discussion at the next meeting.

DUPR Updates:

Mike reported that he has been in discussions with DUPR to work out some issues that have occurred. The biggest of which was the number of organizers DUPR was permitting CAPA to have. DUPR had agreed to an unlimited number when the contract was signed but blocked the number at 8. After Mike talked to them, they will limit the number of organizers to 35. Mike recommended that new members join DUPR by following the flow link that he had in the January newsletter. There are 822 CAPA members that have claimed their DUPR account. It is uncertain how many members are using the app.

Tournament: The committee is working on details for the CAPA Cup. Proposed dates are August 25, 26, and 27. Still working on brackets that could be extensive. The goal is to keep the number of days the tournament runs to a limit. They will be meeting again in March and welcome any ideas for the tournament format.

Area Rep Report:

Cottage Grove recreation staff is recommending that the plans for a new park be modified to remove 2 planned basketball courts and replace them with 8 pickleball courts.

Events:

Fun Prairie Round Robin is being held June 2-4. There will be 3.0,3.5, and 4.0 skill levels. Signups will go out to Sun Prairie residents first then out to non-residents.

48-48-48 is being held on May 16th at Wyndham Hills in the late afternoon.

New Business:

Madison Area Sports Commission contacted Rico asking if CAPA would be interested in sponsoring a grant for a youth program. The deadline is in a couple of days. Mike brought up the possibility of adaptive pickleball growing and the potential for a program as well. Mick suggested the Player Development Committee consider youth and adaptive programs.

Rico was contacted about sponsoring the MadTown Open again this year. There was no information on the levels of sponsorship. This will be discussed when the information is received.

Referee Grant Proposal: The discussion continued from the January meeting regarding the proposal to expand our current scholarship grant for certified instructors to categories for Referee Certification and Rater Certification. The board would like to see the language for this proposal to contain the payback that CAPA members would receive.

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

Submitted by Joanne Crapisi