

CAPITAL AREA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8, 2023

1:00 ZOOM

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

Treasurer's Report:

Jerome sent the board the past 2 months' financial information prior to the meeting. There were no questions on the information. Jerome filed a form 990 report with the IRS which is a requirement for CAPA. Pickleball Central notified Jerome that the annual credit for CAPA is delayed but will be coming. The new policy is for the credit to be used in 12 months or it will be lost.

Administration:

Membership report: Kevin sent the board a membership report prior to the meeting. CAPA membership is 883.

Software Update:

Website review: Mick reported that he, Michael Wedge, and Jen Feldman have been working on developing the new website with the Wild Apricot app. They sent an email to the board prior to the meeting asking for feedback on what they liked and did not like about the current website. They will keep the feedback in mind moving forward. Mark commented that members may be using their phone to access the site so it may be better to use scrolling options as opposed to a check and to keep popular links visible. A suggestion for photo gallery to be of event photos.

Implementation schedule: Mick, Michael and Jen are meeting on Monday to continue to work on the website. In April the rest of the Software committee will meet. The plan is to have the new site ready by mid-May for the board to play around with. The roll out to CAPA members is planned for June. That will be in time for the beginning of the membership renewals.

Unique email requirement: Wild Apricot requires a unique email for every member. Of our 883 members there are 12 who have joint email addresses. 7 can be worked around leaving 5 members that need to be told about this requirement.

Renewal date resolution, auto renewal: Members renewal date will be one year from the date they renew their membership.

By-Law Changes:

Term limits: Richard Russell pointed out that the by-law language for term limits needs to reflect what we want the term limits to look like along with how we get there. Richard provided a visual document showing 4 different examples of term limits. Examples presented were 3-term limit, 3-consecutive term limits, 3-full-term limits and 8-year limits. The board discussed the examples and agreed that a 3-consecutive term limit in any position would be the language they would like to see in the by-laws. That would enable a board member to break after 3-consecutive terms and return to the board after the break. This would take effect after the annual meeting where the updated by-laws will be voted on by CAPA members.

A concern that all demographics of all the Dane county area be represented. This has not been an issue currently. The nominating committee should try to get candidates that represent all demographics if possible.

Appointed positions: Rico suggested that the Secretary and Treasurer be appointed candidates with the proper qualifications, not elected positions. The candidates for treasurer must possess the proper background and qualifications for the position. CAPA members would have to approve the change of appointing the secretary and treasurer positions.

With this proposal, members would have to vote on the board positions of President, Vice President, and 7 at-large positions. All these positions would have voting rights.

It was suggested we review the duties of the board positions that are written in the by-laws. And possibly take the board duties out of the by-laws and add them to CAPA policies.

DUPR Updates:

Mike reported that he has worked with DUPR on a work around for additional organizers. Currently CAPA has 8 organizers and a DUPR login. Mike can give the sign in and password to individuals that want to enter scores. DUPR recently emailed a newsletter explaining some changes they are making to the algorithm and other information about DUPR.

Tournament Update:

Nothing to report currently.

Area Rep Report:

Cottage Grove recreation staff's recommendation for the 8 pickleball courts was approved by parks and recreations. Final approval is still needed by the village.

Oregon construction is at a standstill during the winter. The asphalt is down, and net posts are in. Weather permitting, the 6 courts will be ready by mid-May.

Events:

Process for requesting CAPA support: Rico would like to have a policy written on how organizations approach CAPA for help either financially or physical support. The policy should include what CAPA considers a cause they can back.

Madtown sponsorship consideration: Jerome recommended that CAPA sponsor the same level as last year. This year that sponsorship is \$800. All were in favor.

Player development:

Jerome reported that he will be scheduling a meeting of the committee prior to the April board meeting.

New Business:

Referee Grant Proposal: The discussion continued from the February meeting regarding the proposal to expand our current scholarship grant for certified instructors to categories for Referee Certification. Joanne commented that though a certified referee is a value to CAPA she did not feel the payback would benefit a majority of the CAPA members.

Lobster: Mick is looking for someone to take over coordinating the Lobster rentals. He wanted the board's approval before asking Blake Lewis to continue coordinating the rentals.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 18th 1:00pm In Person Meeting. Site TBD.