

CAPITAL AREA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY AUGUST 1, 2023

ZOOM MEETING

Present were board members Rico Goedjen, Shelley Reynolds Jerome Klein, Mike Barone, Karen Jerg, Heidi Lawton, Mark Blitz, Mick Viney and Joanne Crapisi. Guests were Richard Russell, Abigail Darwin, Kevin McPherson, and Jill Jorstad.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Jerome gave the financial report. He will send the financial report to the board when he receives the bank statement. There are 12 invoices that are outstanding. The board had approved suspending the membership if the invoice is not paid in 30 days. The question was asked why members are not required to pay when they register. Mick explained with the new system the way it is set up is a more efficient way to handle the membership fees. He will provide a summary of the registration system for the next meeting.

Technology: Mick reported that Meetup references were taken off the website since the board has agreed to support but disassociate with Meetup. CAPA membership stands at 1347. With 141 joining in the past 30 days. The self-rated skill level breakdown is 240 beginners, 202 novice, 452 intermediate, 274 high intermediate, 141 advanced and 44 not sure.

Player Development: Jerome reported the committee asked the 5 certified instructors for feedback on the CAPA Certified Trainer Program. One big challenge was court availability and venue challenges. Indoor was a real challenge. The instructors were underwhelmed with the PPR training and felt it was not value added. The training was a 4-hour session. If CAPA continues this program, we may want to look at IPTPA for the trainers. The committee will be using the polling tool in Wild Apricot to send surveys out to the participants of each clinic for feedback. A goal in the future is to work with area parks and recreation to help them with their pickleball needs. Abigail Darwin worked with Fitchburg and Stoughton when she offered clinics at their courts. The agreement was for ½ of the slots be available to CAPA members and ½ be available to community members. The hope is that this will help to mend bridges with the parks and recreation. We will try to identify volunteers to work in the communities. David Mott has agreed to run a Train the Trainer session for volunteers. Chad Shelton from Sun Prairie parks and recreation has provided Mick with the names of the area parks and recreation personnel who are responsible for pickleball in their communities. Mick will work on setting up a meeting with those people and members of the CAPA board. During the last player development meeting there was a question about what qualifications are needed to be able to have your name posted on the website instructors list. We are looking for guidance from the board for that decision. The board agreed those instructors that are listed on the website need to be certified trainers or a pro. The other question was regarding whether the list of upcoming lessons should be on the website home page. The technology team placed it on the homepage because they felt it is supporting what members are looking for. The instructors are responsible for posting the sessions they offer. The instructors will be asked to list the dates of the session in the title of the posting to prevent any confusion on when the session is being held.

Tournament, Leagues, and Events:

League Play: Mark reported that there are 3 more leagues being offered for August. He feels we need more leagues offered for next year. There may be leagues offered in September.

Communications: Joanne did not have anything to report. Rico asked if there are too many emails going out to members. Joanne felt that the emails that are going out are of importance to the membership. Members can contact CAPA with questions or concerns more easily with the new system.

CAPA Cup:

Rico sent the board an update prior to the meeting. The deadline for signup will be extended. Mark updated the board on the numbers. There are 125 teams, 18 total events which 12 events are full. The registration and payment system were a bit complicated, but Mark was able to work through it. The plan is to put spectator chairs on the court. They will double check to make sure the chairs will not damage the courts. There are still a few openings for volunteers. A suggestion was made to check the net height each day before the play begins and have tools ready to adjust them as needed. The plan for a large tent for spectators which would also be used for the annual meeting was changed. The reason it was changed was if the meeting ran until after dark there would be no lights available. The annual meeting will be held in the shelter. We will have smaller popup tents instead of one large tent for the tournament. The gates were installed in the middle of the courts and the additional slats were installed on 3 of the sides. Richard was going to check with a paid member of Playtime Scheduler to see about posting the open slots there.

Area Rep Reports: No reports.

Election:

Election Committee report/Ballot and voting process: Mark will get in contact with Joe Carter and Michael Wedge to create the ballot using the polling option in Wild Apricot.

Annual Meeting: An invitation was sent to all members on July 24th. The system will automatically send an invite to members who did not register on August 1st. On August 10th and August 15th, a reminder will be sent to all members who have registered. That reminder also asks them to cancel if they are not able to attend. Mick and Joanne will get Heidi the numbers so she can order the food and beverages for the meeting. Jerome has selected a variety of great door prizes. Rico will put together an agenda for the meeting.

New Business:

DUPR Update: Mike provided the board with the latest update from DUPR (it is posted on the CAPA website) Due to user feedback, DUPR has recently made changes to their algorithm. DUPR considers three factors: 1. Victory: Did you win or lose? If you win your rating will go up and if you lose, your rating will go down. 2. Type of Result: Was this a self-posted rec play score, a league match, or a sanctioned tournament result? Rec play will count less towards your rating change. 3. Rating Difference of Opponent: If your opponent is higher than you and you win, you'll increase more than if your opponent is lower rated and vice versa. Tournaments, club, and league matches are weighted more heavily than self-posted scores. For club, league, and tournament matches, the rating points "up for grabs" each match is 0.10. For rec play it is half as much at 0.05. For example, if you are a huge underdog and win, the most you could move up is 0.10. DUPR rating will be changed instantly as opposed to weekly in the past. All new players to DUPR will be rated a 3.5. The scores will not be connected to others you have played. Win or loss is all that matters. If you win you go up, if you lose you go down. There are 900 members in CAPA DUPR club. In the future it would be fun to have community vs community using DUPR scores.

Policy Compendium change: Richard made changes to the policy compendium and organization chart reflecting the board vote at the last meeting to disassociate but support the Madison Pickleball Meetup group. The proposal is to delete Section 5.7 which references the Meetup Committee and renumber the sections that follow. And add a 3rd type of grant the board would consider to Section 6.2 to include operating costs for “organizations that offer learning and playing opportunities”. Jerome made a motion to approve the proposed changes. Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Richard suggested that the board look at the organization chart in the future.

Community Recognition: Karen suggested that to bridge the gap between CAPA and the communities, CAPA consider recognizing in some way the communities that have worked with CAPA.

Thank you, Mike, and Rico! Karen thanked both Rico and Mike for their dedication and contributions to CAPA since its inception! The whole board agreed!

Next Meeting: Annual Member Meeting Thursday August 17th 6:00 pm at McGaw Park Fitchburg.

Submitted by Joanne Crapisi