

# CAPITAL AREA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY AUGUST 17, 2023, 6:00 PM

MCGAW PARK SHELTER, FITCHBURG

There were 96 members in attendance along with board members Rico Goedjen, Shelley Reynolds Jerome Klein, Mike Barone, Karen Jerg, Heidi Lawton, Mick Viney and Joanne Crapisi.

Rico called the meeting to order about 6:15pm. Door prizes were handed out throughout the evening.

**Introduction:** The board members were introduced.

**President's remarks:** Rico reflected on the changes in the organization since it was formed in 2016. The membership has grown tremendously since 2016. Membership stands at 1396.

### **Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Jerome reported that the fiscal year for CAPA runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>. CAPA ended last year with about a \$17,000 balance in the checking account. This year with the increase in membership we have about a \$27,000 balance. This balance is a bit inflated because there are some outstanding bills. Some are from the CAPA Cup tournament. CAPA Cup Tournament had 2 sponsors, Baird, and the City of Fitchburg. Any proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County. CAPA has yearly expenses for the website and a liability insurance policy. CAPA's grant program paid out \$1500 this year. Five hundred each to McGaw, Garner, and Mount Horeb for court construction or accessories to existing courts.

**Organized Play:** Shelley reported on the number of events that have been offered so far this year. There were 13 clinics offered by the PPR Certified Instructors as a condition for receiving the stipend for the training. 110 members participated in those clinics. In Sun Prairie 85 organized play events with 1526 members participating. David Mott offered 3 clinics in which 48 members participated. There have been leagues offered in May, June, July, and August in which 198 members participated. The challenge is to continue to offer events for our members.

**Player Development:** Jerome Klein, the chair of the committee, reported that the members of this committee are Karen Jerg, Shelley Reynolds, Kevin Devine, David Mott, Mick Viney and Joanne Crapisi. The goal of the committee is to increase the number of players and to increase the level of play of our members. There were 5 certified trainers who took advantage of the CAPA trainer stipend. Abigail Darwin, Lisa Otis, Dina Weinbach, Jim Halberg and Joe Martin offered the free clinics for novice to intermediate skill levels as a payback for the stipend. We gathered feedback from the trainers and participants. The biggest issue has been getting court time and what is the best way to work with communities. The committee will make a recommendation to the board about whether the PPR training stipend should be continued. The committee has developed skill specific and level specific lesson plans that are posted on the CAPA website. Moving forward, we would like to see more volunteers and will strive to work with communities to help meet their pickleball needs.

**Communications:** Joanne talked about the number of emails that were going out. CAPA tries to limit the number of emails, however this summer there have been a lot of events going on and we wanted to keep members informed. Some emails are going out to targeted skill levels depending on what skill level the organizer is targeting. With the new system members can manage their own profile. Members can update their skill level on their own. If you have any questions, you can send an email to CAPA via the “contact us” on the website. There are 3 people that receive those emails, and they try to direct the questions to the person that can best answer it.

**Technology:** Mick reported that in May Kevin and Joanne managed 800 members in a google document format. Today there are 1,396 members. Jen Feldman and Michael Wedge were instrumental in setting up the new system. Mick thanked members for their patience as we work through transitioning to the new system. We realized that the “Button” for sign up is new for members. The public side of the website is limited on what information they can view. When you log in as a member you can see the member directory, future skill and drills clinics and much more. By the end of the month the mobile app will be downloaded. The plan is to put “How To” videos on the website to help you navigate the site. Instructors can post classes they are offering. Members can manage their own profile. In the future we hope to be able to download the DUPR scores. CAPA membership year is now a calendar year. Members who had joined between January through May will be sent a renewal notice one year from the date they became a member. Members who joined prior to January will have October 1<sup>st</sup> as a renewal date.

**DUPR:** The Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating system is an algorithm that takes wins and losses of games played and spits out a rating. If you win your rating will go up and if you lose, your rating will go down. In the past the algorithm predicted whether you should have won or lost the game. The more games you enter in DUPR the more accurate your rating will be. And playing with several others is more reliable than consistently playing with the same group. DUPR is an instantaneous rating. New players will have no rating. Using DUPR is a free voluntary service for ratings and is a great way to get a rating. The latest DUPR document is posted on the CAPA website.

**CAPA Cup:** Thank you to the committee for all the work in organizing. Thank you to the sponsors Baird and the City of Fitchburg.

### **Area Rep Reports:**

**Karen Jerg:** Rep for Windsor, DeForest and Sun Prairie. There were a lot of fun things happening in her area. Wyndham Hills now has 10 courts, and the lights are going up right now and will be completed in 3 weeks. In May there was a 48-48-48 event at Wyndham Hills. A pilot who is also a pickleball player from Sarasota Florida had a goal of playing 48 games in 48 states in less than 48 days. He flew in and played a few games. In June the Fun Prairie Pickleball Open was held. In July the Madtown Open sponsored by the Madison Area Sports Commission was held.

**Mick Viney:** Mick reported that McFarland has 8 courts. Cottage Grove has 4 new courts at Community Park. Another 8 dedicated courts with 4 dual striped tennis courts are being built at Phoebe Bakken Park in Cottage Grove. The hope for the future is to host a tournament. Mick also thanked Karen Jerg for leading the effort of a 16-person joint committee in Sun Prairie.

**Heidi Lawton:** Heidi reported Waunakee is going to do a fall play and potluck in September. Cross Plains has 4 dedicated courts. Spring Green courts have windscreens installed.

**Board Member Additional Comments:** No additional comments.

**Business:**

**Bylaw discussion and vote:** Rico said with the increase in membership the board needed to get governing documents properly align. The proposed changes to the bylaws were sent to all members for review. Amendments suggested by members were discussed and received approval. The approved amendments are as follows:

- Proposal to leave “of the members in attendance at a membership meeting”. This was agreed on. And the bylaws read: **Article 6: Amendments** -These Bylaws may be amended, after an explanation and discussion of the proposed changes, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in attendance at a membership meeting.
- Proposal to modify the first sentence in dissolution article to “CAPA may only be dissolved by a majority vote of the members in attendance at a membership meeting.” This was agreed on. And the bylaws read: **Article 7: Dissolution** - CAPA may only be dissolved by a majority vote of the members in attendance at a membership meeting. In the event of CAPA’s dissolution, the disposition of its property, funds, and other assets shall be determined by the Board. Such disposition shall occur only after all outstanding liabilities and debts have been settled.
- Proposal to change the statement to “support the construction of new courts and improvements to existing courts throughout Dane County” for Purpose (d). This was agreed on. And the bylaws read: Article 1 General – Section 1.2: Purpose. (d) work with local governments to establish policies for the safe and equitable use of facilities, including but not limited to supporting the construction of new courts and improvements to existing courts throughout Dane County

Rico stated that Richard Russel worked very hard in updating the bylaws. A vote was taken to accept the proposed bylaws with the amendment. All members present were in favor.

**Candidate introductions:** There are 2 candidates for the open President position, Abigail Darwin, and Kevin McPherson. Jill Jorstad is a candidate for an open at large position. Mick Viney and Joanne Crapisi are seeking reelection. Both Abigail and Kevin gave a brief speech to introduce themselves to those present and told members what they see for the future of CAPA.

**Ballot Release:** The ballot will be released at midnight for members to vote. Voting will close on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Members must log in to vote.

Submitted by Joanne Crapisi