

Cambridge Area Pickleball Association, Inc

Board Meeting, November 5, 2020 6:30 pm via Zoom

Present: Mike Mueller, Dick Welch, Mary Person, Diane Hennig, Robert Vaughan, Tracy Lehn, John Wheelock, Fred Nolan, Bill Smrekar Dee Mueller and Konnie O'Neil.

Diane has had a suggestion that lights from the hockey arena be directed toward the pickleball courts during the summer months and toward the hockey arena during the winter months. Agenda amended to include this item under new business #7, item 7g. Motion made by Dick and seconded by Mary to accept amended agenda.

Secretary's minutes of May 5, 2020 meeting approved.

President's Report:

Mike included update on fundraising for 4 additional outdoor courts. Greater than \$26,000 was raised. \$20,000 has been paid to the City of Cambridge. \$6,000 from the Memorial Hospital Foundation made it possible to purchase 4 10' benches, 285' wind screens and 2 cabana awnings. Refer to Treasurer's report. The financial report was submitted and the grant process is now closed. Communication will be coming regarding celebration in May 2021. Banners will list donors and ribbon cutting ceremony will also include donor recognition. A "Ribbon Cutting Celebration" committee will be established.

Restarting Community Education evening pickleball in Isanti is yet to be determined. Community Ed Coordinator Joell is in favor of scheduling play, but half of the gym is being used for cafeteria space and there would be issues with the custodial staff having to move tables, conduct extra cleaning, and having only 2 courts available. FYI: North Branch is currently having no evening pickleball. The closest location is Andover for evening pickleball.

Dan Balk from Isanti would like to have pickleball lines painted on the tennis courts in Mattson Park. Mike will attend the Isanti Park Board meeting with Dan. There is also another park in south Isanti with tennis courts. The mayor is very supportive, while the Park Commission directed staff to investigate cost and report back. Net height felt not to be an issue.

Committee chaired by Pete Fell will be established to take down and put up windscreens.

Dave Jaeger and Nancy King have agreed to again audit the financial records of CAPA for 2020.

A committee is needed to strategize how CAPA tournaments and leagues will be organized in 2021. Mike organized the Summer League 2020, but it was a sizable amount of work organizing, setting guidelines for subs, purchasing new balls, etc. Members paid a fee of \$10 to participate, while nonmembers paid \$20.

CAPA had 148 members in 2020. Indoor play at the Armory should be reserved for CAPA members only. New membership forms for 2021 will be available soon.

A lease was signed with the Armory for \$20.00/court/day. Current play is 8:00 am-12:00 pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Sargent Wester indicated CAPA members could continue to play from 12:00-2:00 pm if needed because of number restrictions secondary to the pandemic.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking account balance as of 10/31/2020 is \$12,561.01. Savings account balance as of 10/31/2020 is \$105.44. Savings II account balance as of 10/31/2020 is \$5.51. See attached report. Treasurer's report received and approved. Secondary to the pandemic we did not use funds for room rental, purchase of balls and picnic as itemized on 2020 budget.

2021 Budget

We discussed expenditures to be included in the 2021 budget:

\$75	Repair indoor nets
\$200-300	Repair of Central Green court wind screens
\$275	Banners
\$100	Keys and Court numbers
??	Lock box for new courts
??	Large squeegee
\$204	Annual Domain renewal

Dick requested new paddles for beginner lessons to replace the wooden ones. Several members have used paddles they might donate or sell for a nominal fee (\$15-20) versus purchasing new. We also discussed donating basketballs to promote use of the new basketball court adjacent to the new pickleball courts. General thought that the basketballs would be stolen.

New Business

2020-2021 Indoor schedules or CAPA protocols

Fred Nolan had earlier emailed concerns regarding indoor play with increasing numbers of COVID-19. Fred agreed to chair a committee including Konnie and Bill to make recommendations and get back to the board.

2021 Outdoor Court use—play, leagues, tournaments

Endorse lessons, welcoming new players.

Tracy commented that in the evenings there is no conflict with waiting to play.

Mike and Dick will recruit a few more CAPA members to be on a committee to make recommendations regarding league and tournament play. Suggestion 8 teams on 4 courts for league play and remaining 4 courts for open play.

Community Pickleball Partnership Celebration

Committee to be established to plan event.

Emergency Preparedness—AED/CPR

CAPA members have voiced concern regarding Emergency Preparedness should one of our players experience a medical emergency while playing. Konnie has discussed with several CAPA members with medical background and emphasized the importance of initiating cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Also the importance of calling 911, accurate description of location, arrival of First Responders with an AED, and rapid transport to hospital. An automated electrical defibrillator (AED) is expensive plus security and quick access is a valid concern. Bill mentioned YouTube and other sites have CPR skills online to obtain certification. Diane made a motion and seconded by Konnie that CAPA cover ½ of enrollment fee for CAPA members who would like to be certified.

Sunshine Committee

Dick presented an online American Greeting service which costs \$20/year to send email greetings to CAPA members who have injuries, losses, hardships that would benefit from some sunshine. Board agree to try 1 year trial for the \$20 which seems reasonable considering the cost of cards and postage.

Replacement Paddles for Beginner Lessons

Motion made to spend up to \$400 for beginner paddles for use during beginner lessons. Further discussion that CAPA members may be willing to donate their used paddles or sell for a nominal fee of \$15-20.

Hockey Lights

Direction of the lights may create a visual disturbance in the neighborhood. Mike will check with the Public Works Committee if needed before the May 2021 meeting.

Annual Meeting to be held in May 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Konnie O'Neil

Secretary