

Cambridge Area Pickleball Association, Inc

President's Report
May 5, 2020

2nd Annual Meeting -

We have truly had an amazing first year of existence. The incorporation process began in the winter of 2019, during which we were registered as a corporation by the State of Minnesota and subsequently certified as a nonprofit by the IRS. At the first annual meeting, May 16, 2019, we adopted Bylaws and elected a Board of Directors and Officers: Diane Hennig, Mary Person, Konnie O'Neil, Bill Smrekar, Tom Olson, Dick Welch and me. At that time we had almost \$7800 dollars in our account. Committees were created to address Membership, Organized Play and the Summer picnic. Dick Welch volunteered to lead recruitment, organize lessons and promote pickleball in our community. Membership dues were set at \$10 annually.

The Association agreed to an annual lease with the City of Cambridge and developed an open play schedule for Central Green Park. The Association also received a donation from Allina and used it to provide weekly Drill and Play sessions in June and July. This was in addition to a number of beginner lessons being provided at the Armory, Isanti Primary school with Community Ed, and at Central Green Park.

During the summer the City reached out to us about adding courts at Central Green, something we had been discussing with the City previously. The City had decided to develop a plan to add courts and include it in the 2020 City Street project as an "add-on" bid. The City asked for a commitment of money from us for 25% of the estimated cost. That amount subsequently turned out to be a cost share of \$20,000 from CAPA. A commitment to pursue that effort was made at the August 22 Board meeting and a formal fundraising committee was established.

I cannot thank the volunteers who helped put together our Four More Courts campaign enough. The Committee of Dick Welch, Sandra Ekerholm, Bill Smreker, Pete and Chris Fell, Patty Hines, Bob Vaughn, Pat Jaeger, Tracy Lehn and Clair Schaff developed a plan, put together the materials and subsequently reached out to about 90 individuals, local governments and businesses. A grant application to the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation was submitted through the

Initiative Foundation. Our original plan was to raise \$15000 and put \$5000 of our existing funds towards the matching cost share. More than 50 individuals stepped up with donations as well as local businesses, three townships, the Lions, and the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation. As of this writing we are at \$26000! We presented a check to the City in February for our cost share amount. All remaining donations will be used for benches, windscreens and accessories to the new courts.

During the winter we also submitted a filing to the IRS, required of nonprofits annually. We also had our books audited by two volunteers, Dave Jaeger and Nancy King. I also started developing a website, www.cambridgepickleball.com which has more information about who we are, what we do and who we need to thank for contributing to better pickleball in our area. Lastly, the City approved the 2020 street project, including our courts, subject to getting bonding. By the end of summer, we should have 8 beautiful pickleball courts. My deepest thanks to everyone who helped make this all possible.

Respectfully,

Mike Mueller, CAPA President