

Cambridge Area Pickleball Association, Inc  
Board Meeting November 16, 2021  
East Central Regional Library / Great Northern Room  
111 Dellwood Street North, Cambridge, MN 55008

Present: Mike Mueller, Dick Welch, Tom Smith, Ken Nastrom, Ken Sutton, Diane Hennig, Bill Smrekar, Debra Hadden, Mary Person, Mary Kay Thomas, Brad Brown

The Final Board meeting for 2021 was called to order at 6 PM by Mike Mueller.

Members present introduced themselves.

The Agenda was presented with no additions or corrections. It was moved by Steve Wilson and seconded by Bill Smrekar that we accept the agenda. Motion carried. (Agenda attached)

The motion to approve the Minutes of the May 25, 2021 Annual Meeting was made by Mary Person and seconded by Dick Welch. The motion carried.

There was no written President's report but Mike Mueller, President, presented the following:

- It has been a busy summer with all 8 outdoor courts being used
- There was a good turnout for beginner lessons by Dick Welch throughout the summer with 50-55 people showing up, resulting in more than 25 new members. Dick did a great job with lessons, along with the help of members. He will continue to arrange lessons in the future.
- There was league play in June and July and in the fall. Leagues of mixed doubles used 7 courts while a womens' league used 4 courts during evening play. The fall league was unable to have an end tournament because of conflicting schedules.
- The Grand Opening was held on August 10.
- Additions that were to the courts included 2 cabana awnings, 4 benches installed in the new court area, a bike rack and fence topper guard (which were made possible through use of league dues), and a flag. Six new awnings were donated and are being stored.
- Membership is now at 241 players.
- The lease at the Armory has been renewed for the winter season. Playing time is 3 days per week at \$20.00 per court. There is also indoor play at Isanti Primary School Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

### Treasurer's Report: Mary Person

Checking account balance as of November 15, 2021 is \$13,253.58

Savings account balance as of November 21, 2021 is 111.07

The second savings account was closed.

See attached Treasurer's Report for list of transactions.

Charge for using PayPal for dues payment will be \$11.00 as of January 1, 2022. Steve Wilson asked how we know if someone has paid using PayPal. Mary Person is notified when there has been a payment.

There was discussion about players on courts who are not members of CAPA. Debra Hadden asked if they are allowed to play. CAPA has a rental agreement with the City of Cambridge for 6 courts in the morning and the evening and Saturday mornings.

Mary Person suggested a vinyl banner which would state CAPA designated playing times and which would be more visible to visitors and non CAPA members

Windscreens will be removed on November 17, 2021 by Mike Mueller and Bill Smrekar. Two windscreens are being repaired. Mike will also remove First Aid Kit from locked box.

The motion was made by Dick Welch and seconded by Mary Kay Thomas to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

### Proposed Budget 2022

See attached for anticipated expenses. Highlighted items, which include First Aid supplies, Grand Opening Celebration, Paddles for beginner lessons, Sponsor and Donor recognition signs, and fence guard, topper, backboard and closures do not have to be paid.

The website renewal for 2 years is \$282.00 for wix platform. \$42.00 is due in January 2022.

Repairs and replacement of indoor nets budgeted amount also includes repair of windscreens.

Backboards are not included as City of Cambridge will not allow because of noise to residents near the courts.

## Old Business

Sunshine Committee sends electronic cards to CAPA members who are ill, injured or have a personal loss. Diane Hennig has sent 14 cards to members in the past year. Bill Smrekar will take over in 2022. The renewal cost for 2 years is \$39.99. Bill made the motion to renew the subscription. Mary Person seconded and the motion carried.

Website domain rental renewal is due. It is \$20.00 per year and will renew in January.

## New Business

2022 Outdoor Court Use – leagues, tournament(s), lessons (committees)

Dick Welch will continue to be in charge of beginner lessons during the summer from 6-8 on 2 consecutive evenings with help from other CAPA members. Debra Hadden asked if beginners have special times to play. Brad Brown commented that he would show up and no beginners were there to play. Dick encouraged texting to one another to schedule playing times. Tom Smith and Ken Nastrom helped and included new players in the mornings when they were there.

Mike Mueller and Becky Baaken held clinics for specific skills for players during the summer. Mike presented the option of having more clinics. Dick Welch will try to get clinics going.

League play was discussed. Mike Mueller has run the leagues for the past 2 years and would like another person to run it. \$800.00 income was made last year. Mike was not paid. There is a possibility that whoever runs it could be paid. There were many questions regarding running league play. Jeanne Wilson brought up concerns about permits, insurance, parking, tying up courts. Diane Hennig will set up committee to investigate ramifications of running a league with the help of Ken Sutton, Debra Hadden and Tracy Lehn.

Tournament play was discussed. There are 6 or more players who have expressed a desire to have tournaments. Again, the questions asked were about what is involved in running tournaments and who will do it. Bill Smrekar will look into this.

Mike would like a summary regarding league play and tournament play by the end of February 2022.

Bylaw changes (committee)

Discussion whether changes should be made regarding terms of board members, in particular Mike Mueller, Dick Welch and Mary Person. Mike will check into this.

## Used Paddles

The question of asking members for donations of used paddles was brought to discussion because most new players do not own a paddle. With paddles available for use, beginners can make a decision about what kind of paddle they would purchase. Mike will send e mail to all members asking for used paddles that could be brought to the Armory. Mary Person will take care of collecting them.

## Winter use of Courts

Many pickleball players want to play outdoors in the winter but there are concerns that the outside courts can be damaged by snow shoveling, snow plowing and chipping of ice.

Dick Welch presented a schedule from the City of Cambridge regarding resurfacing dates for pickleball courts. The anticipated date for this is 2036. (The schedule is attached). This led to discussion of care of the courts. Mike will contact City of Cambridge about snow removal.

Ken Nstrom also voiced concern over chair indentations in the heat of summer.

Mary Person moved that we do not allow snow and/or ice removal in the outdoor courts, but allow the sun to do it. Ken Sutton mentioned that we do not own the courts and so cannot decide if the courts can be used in the winter, that this is a park and rec department decision. Also, if there is to be snow removal, we must be more aware of damage to courts.

Mary Person moved that we do not allow snow and/or ice removal on the outdoor courts, but allow the sun to do it. A vote was called for with 10 in favor and 2 opposed. Motion carried.

## Establish Audit Committee

Ken Nstrom and Tom Smith agreed to audit the financial accounts after December 31, 2021 and before the 2022 annual meeting.

## Future Meetings

2022 Annual Meeting will be held mid April or early May 2022

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Thomas

Recording Secretary

