

Grand Rapids Pickleball Club Board Mini Meeting and Cookout – August 11, 2017

Board Members Present: Neil Johnson, Dave Boyd, Bob Trout, Frank Graves. Others present: Mike Bart, Jeff Howlett, Phyllis Wordhouse, John Schowalter, Linda Jirous.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05

Minutes of the last meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance of \$23,567.13 including \$14,790.46 in the General Operating Fund and \$8,866.67 in the Belknap Park Improvement Fund (BIF).

- The Club Championship tournament had a positive balance of \$1,613.34 which was added to the BIF.
- Dave Weinbach clinics netted \$100 for the club after T-shirt/court rental, flight costs, and a \$2438.00 payment to Weinbach.
- Club purchased 3 new portable nets from the State Games of Am.

Dave B. moved and Frank seconded that, ***“The club reimburse Keith Wolverton for unreimbursed expenses of \$350 from the Taste of Pickleball during the SGA.”*** Discussed and **passed**.

Neil moved and Frank seconded that, ***“The club purchase Directors and Officers Liability Insurance as offered by Loomis and LaPann, Inc. at a price of approximately \$638.”*** Discussion and Information from the firm was look at. Price is about half of other quote. **Passed**.

Mike Bart and Jeff Howlett updated the board on plans for Belknap improvements and the need for more funds to pay for them. Jeff has investigated a larger shed, 10'x20', that will go where the current shed is located. It will have a couple of windows, one place so a video camera can oversee some courts, and will have a section for everyday public use and a more secure area for longterm storage of larger items. Cost is \$6173.69. Paul moved and Neil seconded that, ***“The club should purchase the shed as described and that Jeff should coordinate the purchase and delivery of the shed.”*** Discussion followed of the ongoing need for secure storage, especially since Schowalters would like to reduce the storage of equipment at their home. Motion **Passed**

Mike explained that he is working with the city to agree to our plan/design for a large sun/rain shelter between the parking lot and courts and possibly a smaller one in the walkway near courts 9-10. He's hoping to get approval this fall so that the concrete pads can be poured this fall and the structures ready for next spring. Dave moved and Paul seconded that, ***“The club will proceed with fund raising activities between now and the October Fun Tournament in order to fund the proposed improvements.”*** Discussion on types of fundraisers planned (100 donating \$100, Fall Friendly, Labor Day Breakfast, Banners, etc) **Passed**

Linda J reported that the Caring Committee of herself, Mo Smith, Erin Shonhard, and Maggie VandeVelde had met and suggested the following policy for the board to consider:

- 1) Club members should reach out to one of the Caring Committee members if one of the GRPC members are sick or passes away so the committee can reach out in the appropriate manner.

- 2) The club will donate up to \$50 to the family and the family can use that gift in whatever manner they would like. One of the committee members will reach out to the family. Suggestions include a charitable donation, a plaque to be added to the board at Belknap, etc.
- 3) If one of our club members is seriously ill or injured we would also send them a card and provide support (not financial).

Dave moved and Paul seconded, **“The club should accept the Caring Policy as suggested by the Caring Committee.”** Discussion followed that the “up to \$50” amount might need to vary depending on club funds available. They also suggested that families might want to add to these funds for memorial items at Belknap or other future sites. Motion **Passed**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50