

Meeting notes from Ely Pickleball Board - October 16, 2024

1. Meeting called to order @ 12:22 p.m.

Attendees: Michelle Hedin, Craig Seydel, Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook

2. Approval of June 12, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Craig to approve September minutes which was seconded by Debbie

3. Treasurer Report - September 16 - October 16

Beginning Balance: \$10,517.52

Expenses: \$100 Gift Certificate to Harlan and Carla

Income: Drop in fees - \$55.00

Ending Balance: \$10,472.52

Motion by Craig to accept report as given, seconded by Michelle.

4. Old Business

A. Facility/Land Search Committee (FLSC) Update

- i. Ely City Ice Rink: Craig met with new City Planner and had a productive meeting. Commitment received to help us look for land and to explore the possibilities of converting the ice rink (spring / summer) to six pickleball courts. Adam Bisbee is pursuing this also with the city and it would include a basketball court as well in the area. This would require the boards to come down in the spring and to be put back up prior to winter. We (EPC) would also need to purchase and install fencing
- ii. Fall Lake Township: Fall Lake Township is currently working to purchase 3 acres of land which would provide the opportunity for the Ely PB Club to partner and build 6 courts. Once purchase is completed Craig will schedule a follow up meeting to determine potential next steps.
- iii. VCC Tennis Courts: No new action here....given the two viable options listed above the Ely PB Board has decided to table any further action at this time.
- iv. Summary: There is positive movement with two options moving forward but both with significant work ahead. The Board is committed to ensuring that whatever options we present to membership that we have secured commitment to control and protect exclusive courts times for Ely Pickleball Club. Great work so far by Craig keeping this process moving forward.

B. Treasurer Documentation change has been completed

C. No new players for Fall lessons

D. Court take-out date remains for October 25

- v. Matt to perform inventory

F. Fundraiser has been set for July 18th with Zups. More to follow.

5. New Business:

A. Fall / Winter Indoor Play

- i. M & W 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. We hope to be able to play on Fridays beginning in November.
- ii. Times will be re-evaluated as we get close to end of year with the hopes of extended play.

B. Board will inquire about the possibilities of partnering with Jim Hudson for a summer “corn” fundraiser.

C. The Board wants to remind all members that this is a social game and the relationships that are developed within our Club are critical to our continued growth and we all must work to protect these relationships. We believe that all players want to continue to develop and improve their game but at various speed and intensity. In light of this, we want to remind all club members that coaching and critical partner comments are not appropriate unless the club member asks for help. Regardless of intentions, we ask all members to please respect this and keep critical comments to yourself.

6. Next Meeting:

- i. Scheduled for November 20, 2024

7. Meeting adjourned at 13:03