

Meeting notes from Ely Pickleball Board - July 8, 2024

1. Meeting called to order @ 12:19 p.m.

- a. Attendees: Michelle Hedin, Craig Seydel, Cathy Bell, Liddy, Jeff LeMaster

2. Approval of June 12, 2024 Minutes

- a. Motion by Cathy to approve June minutes which was seconded by Craig
- b. Treasurer Report from June 13 - July 8, 2024
- c. Beginning Balance: \$10,796.66
- d. Income - drop in fees: \$136.00
- e. Expenses: \$1024.89
 - i. Portable Nets: \$705.84
 - ii. 100 Outdoor balls: \$140.00
 - iii. Go Daddy website renewal: \$179.05
- f. Ending Balance: \$9907.77
- g. Motion by Cathy to accept report as given, second by Craig
 - i. Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

3. Old Business

- a. Facility/Land Search Committee Update
 - i. No immediate to mid-range opportunities available thru Fall Lake Township.
 - ii. Board commits to having primary and secondary plans for future play identified (not finalized) by **September 30, 2024**.
 - iii. Action Items to be completed prior to **Aug 12, 2024** Board Meeting:
 - 1. VCC Tennis Courts: FLSC (Facility/Land Search Committee) to have a conversation with VCC leadership to confirm their interest in converting tennis courts to PB courts and confirm willingness to enter into contractual relationship that allows for EPB Club to have a satisfactory long term control of the courts.
 - 2. Outdoor Ice Rink: FLSC to schedule a meeting with Park & Rec to determine interest/support for PB Courts, confirm ability to install permanent net posts, and willingness to agree to satisfactory control for EPB Club.
 - 3. Ely H.S. (current courts): FLSC to schedule meeting with decision maker on Ely School Board to gain insight into existing plans or proposals that would impact access to current courts.
 - 4. City of Ely: Michelle to send out email to all EPB members inquiring if anyone has a relationship with current Mayor. The intent is to schedule a meeting to assess the interest/willingness of the city to partner with EPB Club to find a long term solution to ensure court access.
- b. Pickleball Machine:
 - i. Don to schedule a demo to PBC. We will laminate instructions along with a clipboard containing a signup sheet which will be stored in cabinet.
- c. Receipts for donors:

- i. Cathy created a receipt template which must be completed upon request and mandated for any donation greater than \$250.00.
 - ii. Michelle to discuss with Harlan the possibility of adding a “donate” button on our website along with the ability to create an online receipt.
- d. Current Play Format:
 - i. After gaining feedback from a significant number of club members it was decided to go back to the split schedule (winners/challengers 0800-1000 and then skill level play from 1000-1200) effective July 15th, 2024. Tuesday will be skill level play with Thursday designated as open play. Vote was 4 Aye and 1 Nay with Jeff L. voting for all skill level play.
- e. Paid Member List:
 - i. We have requested an updated list.

4. New Business:

- a. Ladder Play:
 - i. First ladder play will be scheduled for July 18, 2024 and will be open to first 20 members who signup using Sign Up Genius.
 - ii. We will look to expand based upon club response.
- b. Tournament for Scholarship:
 - i. Scheduled for July 25, 2024 with Round Robin format.
 - ii. No entry fee but donations are encouraged.
- c. Vermillion College Fund Tournament
 - i. Board will continue to support and encourage members to participate
- d. Spiritwood Tournament
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- e. Annual Meeting:
 - i. Scheduled for August 14, 2024 with potluck following scheduled play
 - ii. Board will work to find candidates to replace Cathy and Liddy whose term is completed.
- f. Other:
 - i. Board approved purchase of material to fix cracks in court.
- g. Next Meeting:
 - i. Scheduled for August 12, 2024