



Minutes for the Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting

Wednesday January 18, 2023

Online Google Meets

1. Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

Attendance;

Annette Riley, Harlan Lundstrom, Cathy Bell, Liddy Sheppard, Michelle Hedin, Craig Seydel

2. **Approval of November 2, 2022 minutes**

- a) Motion by Michelle to accept the November minutes, second by Cathy.
- b) Motion passed 6 Aye 0 Nay

3. **Treasurer's Report**

- a) Beginning balance of \$8675, income of \$1020 from Round Robin Tournament, expenses of \$566.74, ending balance \$9128.26, Cathy spoke with the Crosby Pickleball Club about becoming a 501c3. They gave her all of the information that would be needed to accomplish this. Discussed what Crosby did to fund building their courts in 8 months time. Michelle will write the Articles of Incorporation. We need to look at what happens if we separate from Community Education and any effect on playing at Vermilion College. Discussed utilization of our current courts, using them all day long rather than just in the morning, setting up schedules, Signup Genius. Before making any decisions for the discussed issues we need to know the possibility of having land for courts.
- b) Motion by Liddy to accept the Treasurers report as given, second by Craig.
- c) Motion passed 6 Aye 0 Nay

4. **Old Business**

- a) Denis Miller Tournament Request
 1. The school and College are not available during MEA. Denis was going to talk with Chris Hartman, Annette has not heard any updates.
- b) College Issues/Concerns
 1. Communication has been difficult, Chris Hartman has been speaking with the Athletic Director. The basketball season should be ending in a few weeks.

5. **New Business**

- a) Scholarship Allocation
 1. We should split the \$1020 into \$500 for the college and \$500 for the High School 6th grade Wolf Ridge trip.
 2. Motion by Cathy to approve the donations to the college and the high school of \$500 each, second by Craig.
 3. Motion passed 6 Aye 0 Nay

6. **Other business**

- a) none

7. Next meeting date TBD

8. Motion to adjourn by Craig, second by Michelle meeting adjourned @7:11pm

Ely Pickleball Club Meeting
February 16, 2023
Northern Grounds

Meeting called to order at 1250
In attendance: Annette, Michelle, Liddy, Cathy.
Absent: Harlan, Craig

Unanimous approval of January minutes

Treasurers report:

Current balance \$8173.14

Expenses: \$40/ signs

\$ 500/ Donation to ISD for Wolf Ridge

\$25.12/ Craig / balls

\$500/Vermilion North Campus Foundation Scholarship

Income: \$110/ donation from fundraiser

Unanimous approval of report.

Old business: Don is working on court dividers for summer play.

New business: process for moving up in level of play. Discussion of many options. Current process on website has not been used. Board decided to create a survey with 3 options for moving up. Survey to be sent to all members. The majority will decide what if any process needs to be implemented. The choices will be:

1. After reviewing the skills needed for 3.5 play if an individual believes they meet the criteria they can play advanced.
2. Follow process on website.
3. Those interested in moving up need to be rated by a source. a. Advanced club member or b. Outside person

Next meeting as needed, not scheduled at this time.

Adjourned 1354.



Minutes for the Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting
Wednesday June 14, 2023
Whiteside Park

1. Meeting called to order at 12:33pm

Attendance;

Annette Riley, Harlan Lundstrom, Cathy Bell, Liddy Sheppard, Michelle Hedin, Craig Seydel

2. **Approval of February 16, 2023 minutes**

- a) Motion by Harlan to accept the February minutes, second by Michelle.
- b) Motion passed 6 Aye 0 Nay

3. **Treasurer's Report**

- a) Beginning balance of \$9128.26, expenses of \$1107.10, ending balance of \$8176.16. We haven't received payment from community ed for the winter session.
- b) Motion by Liddy to accept the Treasurers report as given, second by Craig.
- c) Motion passed 6 Aye 0 Nay

4. **Old Business**

- a) Court dividers
 1. The board is concerned with players running into them and getting injured. We would like to set up a divider behind court 4 but will not be putting up any other dividers. Don and Craig will put up the divider behind court 4.
- b) Donation Box
 1. Annette checked with Community Ed and has not heard about putting the box up.
- c) Porta-potty on site
 1. Annette checked with Community Ed and has not heard about giving us permission to have a porta potty brought in. Nothing was checked into for using the grandstand bathrooms or the baseball field bathrooms. Annette will check with Chris Hartman on using these bathrooms.
- d) Determining level of play
 1. Discussed the following options; 1. Self rating, a person should consider their rating based on the advanced skills sign posted on the fence and their win lose record as to what level they should be at, 2. Paddles up as we do now from 8-10 and doing away with levels, 3. Should people move down, part of self rating.
 2. Motion by Craig for people to self rate based on our advanced sign criteria, second by Liddy
 1. Motion passed 6 Aye 0 Nay

5. **New Business**

- a) Current Registration - 85 Players (Winter: 51 Beginner: 12)
 1. Annette will email Harlan and Michelle the registration list from community ed and put one in the cabinet. This list is used to add players to the clubs email list. There is

another player list maintained by the secretary used for players if they want to contact one another, players have the option if they want to be on this list.

- b) Equipment Needs - Squeegee
 - 1. We should check the garage and cabinet for foam squeegees that we had otherwise Craig will buy some more.
- c) Balancing Court Time during Level Play
 - 1. This is an issue when there are more intermediates than advanced. Players should monitor the amounts of intermediates vs advanced. When there is a significant difference the intermediates may have to go out twice before advanced to even out the playing time.
- d) Tuesday/Thursday Play Format Ideas
 - 1. We could use signup genius so you know how many people are coming.
 - 2. We could do round robins, this requires people to commit to the 2 hours and to sign up ahead of time. Annette will check with Roger about the charts. Players would arrive and write their name on the grease board with assigned number once its time to start the appropriate round robin chart would be put up which has the predetermined games. Typically in a 2 hour round robin players get at least 6 games in. All games in each round have to be completed before starting the next round.
 - 3. We could do ladder play. Ladder play is done by predetermining players on each court. After all players have played a game with each player on their court the player with the most wins or points moves up to the higher court and the player with the lowest moves down a court. The process is then repeated. Ladder play is also called up and down the river.
 - 4. Annette will contact Mary to see if she will create the signup genius events.
- e) Skills Training
 - 1. Drills could be done on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Harlan will consider running them which would probably be in the afternoons.
- f) College Gym Update
 - 1. The gym floor has been redone so our line marks will have to be put down. We will wait to put marks down in September. We have plenty of time to play during the week outside even if we have a rain day.
- g) Visitor/Drop-in Play
 - 1. If new people are there we should be checking with them to see if they signed in and paid. Craig will order wrist bands that a person would wear identifying that they signed in.
- h) T-Shirt Order
 - 1. The end of July Jeanne will organize putting an order together.
- i) AED
 - 1. Annette will check with Community Ed about having one at the college gym. The club will purchase one to leave in the cabinet at the high school courts.
 - 2. Motion by Cathy to purchase an AED up to \$1800, second by Michelle

1. Motion passed 6 Aye 0 Nay

j) Summer picnic

1. Wednesday August 30 at 11:30am. Cathy will reserve the pavillion.

6. Other business

a) Paint touch up on courts

1. Don and Harlan will be touching up the cracks in the coming weeks. Don has already filled the cracks.

7. Next meeting date Wednesday July 12 at 12:30pm Whiteside park.

8. Motion to adjourn by Craig, second by Michelle meeting adjourned @2:08pm.



Minutes for the Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting
Wednesday July 12, 2023
Whiteside Park

1. Meeting called to order at 12:37pm

Attendance;

Annette Riley, Harlan Lundstrom, Cathy Bell, Michelle Hedin, Craig Seydel

2. **Approval of June 14, 2023 minutes**

- a) Motion by Cathy to accept the June minutes, second by Michelle
- b) Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

3. **Treasurer's Report**

- a) Beginning balance of \$8,218.14, expenses of \$426.11, income of \$2,494, ending balance of \$10,286.03. Cathy obtained a debit card from our bank.
- b) Motion by Harlan to accept the Treasurers report as given, second by Craig.
- c) Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

4. **Old Business**

- a) Porta-potty update
 1. Its \$150/month, cleaned weekly by Lucky Boy Services. We will keep it until the end of summer or longer if needed.
- b) Status of Recent Play Changes: Level Play, Visitors, Round Robin, Tues/Thursday numbers
 1. The colored wrist bands are working well for drop ins. Round Robin had 12 women and 10 men, games were 12 minutes long. Discussed continuing round robins on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Annette will ask Mary Mills if she would create in Signup Genius for next Tuesday.
- c) Skills Training - Harlan
 1. We had 12 people for intermediates, there are 4 signed up for Advanced tomorrow.
- d) Gift for Daniel Mills for making donation box
 1. Motion by Cathy to purchase a \$50 visa gift card for Daniel Mills, second by Craig. Michelle will pick up the card.
 2. Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

5. **New Business**

- a) Beginner Lessons
 1. There are 15 people signed up with community ed that are interested. Harlan will talk with Mary Mills about setting up the lessons. We are not sure why these people aren't pointed towards the Wednesday evening play which is separate with community ed. Annette will talk with Chris Hartman about the people interested if they are looking to play during the day or evening.

b) Corn Feed Fundraiser

1. Jim Hudson inquired about the club doing the corn feed again. Annette has spoken with Zups and thought it could be done as part of rib fest. We could sell corn at a farmers market. The club is sitting good with finances. The board agreed that we would skip a corn feed this year.

c) Flags for wind

1. Discussed having a wind sock on the fence. Cathy will check at the hardware store for a wind sock. Annette will ask Chris Hartman about putting wind screens on the fence.

6. Other business

- a) The picnic is scheduled for noon on August 30th at Whiteside Park, Cathy has reserved the pavilion. This is the annual meeting where we vote on 2 new board members that start serving October 1st.
7. Next meeting date Wednesday August 9th at 12:30pm Whiteside Park.
 8. Motion to adjourn by Michelle, second by Annette meeting adjourned @2:08pm.



Minutes for the Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting
Wednesday August 9, 2023
Whiteside Park

1. Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm

Attendance;

Annette Riley, Harlan Lundstrom, Cathy Bell, Craig Seydel, Liddy Sheppard

2. **Approval of July 12, 2023 minutes**

- a) Motion by Cathy to accept the July minutes, second by Liddy
- b) Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

3. **Treasurer's Report**

- a) Beginning balance of \$10,286.03, expenses of \$839.24, income of \$201, ending balance of \$9647.79. The bank is changing its name to Highland Bank August 21.
- b) Motion by Harlan to accept the Treasurers report as given, second by Craig.
- c) Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

4. **Old Business**

- a) Porta-potty
 1. How long to keep it? We have only been invoiced once. We will keep it to the end of October. Cathy will check into invoices.
- b) Flag for wind
 1. Michelle has ordered a flag.
- c) Wind Screens
 1. No response from Chris Hartman
- d) AED – training?
 1. There has been two sessions, about 15 members have been trained. The AED should be brought to the college for the winter session, not left in the cabinet. Someone will have to do the monthly checks during the winter.
- e) New Board Members – no volunteers - need to recruit
 1. Some people have been approached but no confirmations. Annette and Harlan will have completed their term at the end of September. Board member terms are 3 years.

5. **New Business**

- a) T-Shirts
 1. Request to reimburse Jeanne for extra shirts and sweatshirts ordered. Jeanne should try to sell the extras and the club will cover the left overs.
- b) Order more green paint for practice court
 1. We cant order 5 gallon buckets and pick them up in Eagan, they have to be shipped from Ohio. The shipping would cost almost as much as the 20 gallons of green we want to

order. We are checking with seal coating companies that do courts to see if we could buy from them. Aurora is doing courts they might have some left over paint. We will need more paint in the future for touch ups.

c) Picnic – Wednesday August 30 at noon

1. Annette has supplies left over from the Christmas party. Everyone should wear their club shirts for a group picture.

6. Other business

a) There appears to be cleats walking on the courts. The board decided to have signs made up that will say “Please protect these courts by no bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, or cleats. Court shoes only”. A sign will be put at each entrance. Harlan would take care of ordering the signs.

1. Motion by Cathy to purchase 2 signs up to \$100, second by Craig.
2. Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

7. Next board meeting date Wednesday September 13 at 12:30pm Whiteside Park.

8. Motion to adjourn by Liddy, second by Annette meeting adjourned @1:25 pm.



Minutes for the Ely Pickleball Club Annual Membership Meeting
Wednesday August 30, 2023
Whiteside Park

1. Meeting called to order at 12:50pm

Attendance; 28

3. Treasurer's Report

1. Annual report January – August 2023. **Beginning Balance of \$9,028.26**, Income- drop in fees of \$286, Ely Ed \$1,624, Donations \$1,094.25, **Total Income \$3,004.25**. Expenses – AED \$749, VCC Foundation \$500, Website \$167.05, Wolf Ridge student trip \$500, Equipment 214.43, misc of porta-potty, cement, gift card, wind sock \$199.99, **Total Expenses of \$2,330.47. Ending Balance \$9,702.04**

4. New board members election

1. Motion by Steve Schon 2nd by Dennis Burns to accept Nancy Hernesmaa and Jeff LeMaster to the board for a 3 year term replacing Annette Riley and Harlan Lundstrom. Motion carried. Their first official meeting will be in October with their term ending September 2026.

4. Presidents message/comments

1. We have around 92 members.
2. Rented the porta-potty for the summer
3. Flag put up for wind direction
4. We have an AED now in the cabinet
5. Donation box put up
6. We have done several classes for beginners
7. Harlan ran drills on Tuesdays and Thursdays
8. Tshirts were ordered by Jeanne, almost all have been sold
9. The first 2 weeks of school the Phys Ed class will be teaching the students Pickleball so the courts will be unavailable.
10. We are still checking with the college about playing this winter, the floors would need to have new marks put down.

5. Next annual meeting date August or September 2024.

6. Motion to adjourn by Mary Mills, second by Cathy Bell meeting adjourned @1pm.



Minutes for the Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting
Wednesday September 13, 2023
Whiteside Park

1. Meeting called to order at 12:41pm

1. Welcome new board members: Nancy Hernesmaa and Jeff LeMaster

Attendance;

Annette Riley, Harlan Lundstrom, Craig Seydel, Liddy Sheppard, Michelle Hedin

2. Approval of August 9, 2023 minutes

- a) Motion by Liddy to accept the August minutes, second by Craig
- b) Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

3. Treasurer's Report August 10 to September 13, 2023

- a) Beginning balance of \$9647.79. Expenses – signs \$144, porta-potty \$322.13, flag pole \$16.05, total expenses - \$482.18. Income \$54.25. Ending balance \$9219.86
 1. Motion by Michelle to accept the Treasurers report as given, second by Craig.
 2. Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

4. Old Business

- a) Order more green paint
 1. Waiting to hear from Aurora for left over paint after they paint their courts. We will need it for touching up the courts next spring. We will need to store any left over paint in a heated garage, Harlan will store again.
- b) AED - winter storage/monthly checks. College is working on having one at the gym.
 1. Cathy will take home and do the monthly checks.
- c) New signs "Court Shoes Only" - Thanks to Harlan
 1. The new signs are posted at both entrances

5. New Business

- a) Bubble for courts – Harlan
 1. Harlan checked with a facility in the cities and they advised against putting one up due to maintenance/snow removal. Discussed the need to find a building for indoor courts.
- b) Clothing left in cabinet – donate?
 1. At the end of the season the clothes will be donated to Back on the Rack. No personal items should be left in the cabinet.
- c) Scholarship dinner at college
 1. Tomorrow night the college is having a dinner at Grand Ely Lodge 6pm, Annette will attend representing the club, the club will cover the \$30
 1. Motion by Liddy to pay for Annette attending the dinner, second by Craig.
 2. Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay
- d) College schedule
 1. Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7am to 10am starting October 2 until December 18.
- e) Election of new officers: president and secretary
 1. Michelle was nominated for President. Nancy volunteered to be the Secretary.
- f) Contribution to the high school for their fundraising efforts for the production of "Frozen"

1. Motion by Michelle to contribute to the High School for the production in the amount of \$500, second by Harlan
2. Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

6. Other business

- a) No other business
7. Next board meeting date Wednesday October 11 at 12:30pm at Northern Grounds.
8. Motion to adjourn by Michelle, second by Annette meeting adjourned @1:40pm.



Minutes for the Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting

Wednesday October 11, 2023

Northern Grounds Restaurant

1. **Meeting:** Called to order at 12:35 pm.

Attendance: Craig Seydel, Liddy Sheppard, Michelle Hedin, Nancy Hernesmaa, Cathy Bell.

2. **Approval of September 13, 2023, minutes:**

- a) Motion by Cathy to accept the September minutes, second by Liddy.
- b) Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

3. **Treasurer's Report September 13 to October 11, 2023**

- a) Beginning balance \$9,2219.86
- b) Income 0
- c) Expenses – \$296.49
 1. VCC dinner \$30.00
 2. Cones \$36.49
 3. Court paint \$230.00
- d) Ending balance \$9,057.37
- e) Pending income and expenses:
 1. Incoming: ISD voucher for \$2,770.60
 2. Outgoing: \$500 donation for production of Frozen
- f) Motion by Craig to accept the Treasurers report as given, second by Liddy.
 1. Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay

4. **Old Business**

- a) Scholarship dinner at college: Annette Riley and Linda Weidman attended.
- b) The college gym will be available until further notice for play from 7 -10 am, with level play beginning at 8:30.
- c) Tape on floor will be pulled up each day after play until we hear otherwise.
- d) Chris Hartman will be accepting Community Education payments once the new registration system is up and running.

5. **New Business**

- a) Outdoor Court Cleanup
 1. Scheduled for: Wednesday, Oct. 18th at 11:00 am.
- b) Porta Potty removal
 1. Scheduled for: Cathy will text for a pickup on Oct.18 and will await final bill.
- c) Inventory of equipment and location including items stored somewhere besides the outdoor cabinet and chest.
(i.e., balls, tools, blower, AED, etc.)
 1. Liddy will inventory cabinet and chest (outdoor courts) and items at the college.
 2. Michelle will get the Excel inventory sheet to Liddy..
- e) Develop plans to encourage new players
 1. Invite beginners to open play at the college and designate one court for beginners for the first hour of play. At 8:00, the beginner's box will be put out and the beginners will rotate the same as the

other two boxes. It will be strongly encouraged that all regular players, intermediate and advanced, rotate into the beginner's box to fill out a group of four players when needed.

2. Michelle will contact new players from the August class and invite them to play during regular hours.
 3. It was reiterated that new players do not need to take a beginner class if that player has the basic skills sets to play at the intermediate level.
- f) The Board will research and report to the Club alternative places to play indoors. Craig will investigate locations, hours, etc.
 - g) Research will continue relative to obtaining non-profit status and securing future indoor/outdoor courts.
 - h) The Board will e-mail the club attaching Policies/Regulation documents ~~reminding~~ to remind members of rules/courtesies, also, that meeting minutes are posted on our web site. Nancy will send an email to the club pending Minutes approval and updates to our website.

6. Other business

- a) Next board meeting date Monday, November 6, 10:30 at Northern Grounds.

Motion to adjourn by Craig, second by Michelle meeting adjourned @ 1:48.



Minutes for the Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting

Wednesday November 6, 2023

Northern Grounds Restaurant

1. **Meeting:** Called to order at 10:31 am.
Attendance: Craig Seydel, Liddy Sheppard, Michelle Hedin, Nancy Hernesmaa, Cathy Bell.
2. **Approval of October 11, 2023, minutes:**
 - a) Motion by Cathy to accept the October minutes, second by Liddy.
 - b) Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay
3. **Treasurer's Report October 11 to November 6, 2023**
 - a) Beginning balance \$9,057.37
 - b) Income
 1. ISD Summer play: \$2,770.60
 - c) Expenses
 1. Donation: "Frozen" \$500.00
 - d) Ending balance \$11,327.97
 - e) Motion by Michelle to accept the Treasurers report as given, second by Liddy.
 1. Motion passed 5 Aye 0 Nay
4. **Old Business**
 - a) Outdoor Court cleanup completed. A "big thank you" to John Moe for the prep work with net take down.
 - a) Outdoor court inventory of cabinet and chest completed.
 - b) Porta Potty removed.
 - c) A summary of indoor court options is now available in the Pickleball Google Group.
 - d) Pickleball By-Laws and "Courtesies/Procedures" document was sent to members.
5. **New Business**
 - a) Two accounting firms will be contacted to explore the conversion of the Ely Pickleball Club into nonprofit status.
 - b) Michelle will send a notification to the club once the college is ready to accept on-line registration.
 - c) Explore why Pickleball program pays fees when other sport activities use the college at no cost.
 - d) Christmas party will be hosted at White Iron Beach Resort on Wednesday Dec 13.
 - e) Order another Pickleball flag as the currant one is shredded.
 - f) Encourage all members to play with new players.
 - g) Skip December board meeting.
6. **Other business:12**
 - a) Next board meeting date: January 8, 2024. 10:30 at Northern Grounds

Motion to adjourn by Michelle, second by Liddy meeting adjourned at 11:12.