



Minutes for the Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting

May 15, 2024

Whiteside Park

1. **Meeting:** Called to order at 12:15 pm.
Attendance: Craig Seydel, Liddy Sheppard, Michelle Hedin, Nancy Hernesmaa.
2. **Approval of April 2024 minutes:**
 - a) Motion by Liddy to accept the April minutes, second by Michelle.
 - b) Motion passed 4 Aye 0 Nay
3. **Treasurer's Report: April 8 – May 13, 2024**
 - a) Beginning balance: \$9,884.43
 - b) Total Income: Drop-in fees \$40.00
 - c) Expenses: \$166.53
 - d) Ending balance: \$9,757.90
 1. Motion by Nancy to accept the Treasurers report as given, second by Michelle.
 2. Motion passed 4 Aye 0 Nay
4. **Old Business**
 - a) Cathy has completed and obtained the 501 3(c) status. Big thanks to Cathy for her tireless efforts!
 1. Harlan will post on the Pickleball Club (PBC) website stating our updated non-profit status and encourage donations that will now be tax deductible.
 - b) Current play times through May 31
 1. Due to safety/security issues with the school it is mandatory that we adhere to a 9:00 start time.
 - c) A new and improved first aid kit has been purchased and is in the cabinet at the High School outdoor courts.
5. **New Business**
 - a) Summer play time beginning June 1:
 1. Outdoor play times at High School: M, W, F 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - a) Format: Even calendar day – all levels play together; Winners/Challenger.
Odd calendar day – Level play: Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner.
 - i.) Self-designation for level play.
 - ii.) Advanced and Intermediate: Please rotate in with Beginners if there are not enough paddles in that box.
 2. Indoor play times at VCC gym during inclement weather: M, W, F 7:00 am – ?
 - a) Tape must be pulled up and nets must be taken down and stored in closet after every session.
 - b) Level play: Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner.
 - c) Conversations regarding our 2024-25 fall/winter schedule will begin late this summer.
 - b) Facility/Land Search Committee update
 1. Parks and Rec last meeting regarding multi use arena had no progress to report.

We will inquire when a feasibility study will be completed and continue to research other potential options.

2. Next Parks and Rec (P&R) meeting is May 20 at 5:00 pm. at Whiteside Park. Ely Pickleball members are encouraged to attend and support our interest in a facility that allows the EPC more say in our playing time. Please attend, and if you have questions to ask council members, let a board member know.
 3. Craig will contact and discuss options with Kerry Davis and Fall Lake TWP regarding funding for potential indoor/outdoor courts.
 4. Nancy will contact Phil Hyde to discuss possible real estate options for indoor/outdoor courts.
 5. Michelle will research how EPC can attend Ely School board meetings to garner information about future campus upgrades and the relevance of our outdoor courts.
- c) New Pickleball court at Ely Rec Center (ERC)
1. Weather permitting, we will begin painting lines.
 2. The court will be open to the public, EPC, and will encourage youth play.
 3. EPC will provide a portable net, balls, and members are encouraged to donate used paddles.
- d) Twenty-four pairs of anti-fog safety glasses (12 clear and 12 smoked lenses) have been made available to club members for eye protection. You can find the glasses in the cabinet.
- e) We are planning an In House (EPC), round robin type tournament to raise money for the Vermillion Scholarship Fund. Details to follow.
- f) We are looking for two EPC members to organize and staff a booth at the Ely Farmers Market this summer starting in July on any Tuesday from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The intent is to educate the public about our club, sign up new players, and seek donations. Contact board members for details.

6. Other business:

7. Next Meeting: June 10 at 12:15 at Whiteside Park

8. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Michelle, second by Liddy. The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 pm.