**Janesville Pickleball Club**

**Minutes July 29, 2025:**

Board Present: Gary Dannenberg, Julie Fiebig, Jim Fritz, Cathy Jennings, Patti Brugger, Jodie Rindt Absent: Ed Stried

Guests: Cheryl Williams

Meeting called to order at 11:05 AM

The following topics were discussed:

**Video for the City**-The club was approached by a UW-Whitewater intern, Betsabe Ramos, about having a video on the Pickleball Club. She was unable to attend the meeting. The board discussed the purpose and value of a video and questioned the benefit to the club.

*Action Step*: Tabled for now

**Tournament Report by Cheryl Williams**. Profits not finalized yet. Currently at net $3500 approximately. 86 participants. Good feedback. DUPR all entered. Next time, the tournament needs a committee, it’s too much work for one person. Suggestions for tournament committees: an administrator, Swag committee, volunteer coordinator, group for getting sponsors and donations, and IT person. Other suggestions: need for Stripe account as most platforms need this and more universal, Need a budget (money up front), need a makeup date in advance (no refund after that), not July 4th Weekend, decide whether DUPR or not? Not might attract more people. Some sites will not list if DUPR required. Not men and mixed on the same date. Discount with early sign up. Possibly expand with more divisions, decide one day or more? Firmer rules. Overall the tournament was a great success. Jim motioned, Julie seconded to give Cheryl a gift certificate for $100 to Two Brothers as a thank you. Motion carried.

*Action Step*: Jim will purchase it the gift certificate and get it to Cheryl

**Membership** 429 Active members on the rolls, 167 paid members. Some may have died. Board needs to decide what defines an active member. Decision was made to define Active as paid only, Inactive means on the rolls but not paid. Purge after two years of not paying. Discussion was held as to what are the benefits of being a member. Answer-Community. The suggestion was made to have an organized Membership Drive in the spring. Membership should also be a committee. Currently Todd runs a Social Committee, perhaps this could be a part of the Membership committee

**Facilities/Projects including ball machine** Should be another committee. *Ideas*: awning above walkway (provides shade for place to sit), wind screen only on outside of new courts, take down wind screens at the end of year to preserve, ball machine, the park needs a WIFI booster for convenience and safety, Board of Honor needs criteria (Ask Ed if criteria exists) Backboard for practice (approved in the past but never happened). More courts in other parks. AED storage outside where accessible. Projects may need coordination with the city, Cullen Slapak. Currently have about $19,000 available. The board prioritized club projects as follows:

1. AED storage box, 2. Backboard, 3. Awning.

City needs to do WIFI booster

Jim Fritz made a motion, Patti seconded to pursue these projects. Motion carried.

*Action Steps:* Jim will get a preliminary ball park cost for an awning. Gary, Julie and Jim will meet with Cullen at the City to investigate the possibility of getting our projects approved and budgeted. Jim will talk to Ed about the Board of Honor criteria, Gary will do the backboard and investigate cost of the AED case

**Open Play Definition**

Currently there is an issue regarding what is open play and what is not. Discussion was held as to whether the current system is working on the new courts. The separation of the courts makes contiguous open play between the 12 courts very difficult. Jodie drafted a proposal to keep the Jim Clark courts (courts 1-6) for open play as they are currently and then make the new courts (courts 7-12) on a first come, first serve basis. If courts 7-12 are full then the paddle racks can be used to determine who next in line for an open court. Jodie made a motion to take the new set of rules to the city to have them posted at each end of the new courts. Cathy seconded . Motion carried.

*Action Step:* This discussion and sign proposal will be included in the meeting with Cullen.

**Liaison with City**

Gary, Julie and Jim will approach the City of Janesville Parks Director Cullen Slapak together.

**Venmo vs Stripe or other format**

Andy Seils son-in-law Zach Holmes set up Venmo and is the owner. Jim attempted to update this to himself as the current treasurer but was unable at this time. Currently Gary and Jim are on the bank account.

*Action Step:* Jim will speak to Venmo about how to correct this. Cheryl will work with Jim on investigating Stripe

**Education Committee**

The board sees a need for an Education Committee. 10 week sessions for lessons is way too long. Perhaps a newbie could be assigned a Mentor. Needs to be coordinated with the city before the summer catalog comes out.

**Bi-monthly board meetings**

Board meetings will be held monthly in the summer months (June, July and August) and on a as needed basis after that. Next Meeting will be August 25th at 11 AM.

**Gang box for paddles,**

Just waiting for locks.

**Ideas to induce membership**

Refer to the membership committee. Drive held at one point, table at the courts, festival with pizza parties, balloons, etc.

**Bylaws**

Need to be updated. For example, meetings cannot be set up by text. Fiscal year should be June to June. Officer terms and fiscal year should align. Also, update statement regarding the past president serving on the board, approval of $50 expense (very low), election of officers needs to be addressed to allow for more people to vote, what constitutes a quorum should be set in the bylaws.

*Action Step:* Board members will review the Bylaws and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Jodie made a motion to set the Tournament budget to $1500, second by Jim. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn. Cathy first/Patti seconded. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.