Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Draft Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting March 3, 2022 10:30 am Charlotte Centre

1. Quorum

In Attendance:

President:Phyllis DalgleishCommittee Chairs:Archie Reach - DrawmasterVice President:Frank PhillipsHeather Comba - InstructionPat McEvoy - Social

Treasurer: Jim Judge Mary-Louise Mathews - Greens Cheryl McBain - Tournaments Secretary: Ron Logel Lynn Searby - Membership Guy Montanaro - Publicity

Past President: Jan Collings Brian Butler - Property

Regrets: Alice MacLean - Interclub Jerry MacLean - Supplies

Welcome to Lynn Searby as Membership Chairperson, replacing Laurie Fitzpatrick

2. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2022 meeting: M – Guy S – Pat: Carried

3. Business arising from February 5, 2022 BOD meeting included:

a) **Wells Fargo** – Jim went to bank, spoke with a teller and a manager is to call Jim about changing our Club's Signing Authority.

b) **AGM Preparation:**

i. New Date for AGM is March 24, 2022 at 11 AM.

- ii. Notice Needs to be posted and distributed by March 10th, 2022
- iii. Notice needs to include three Bylaw Changes:
 - 1. Currently ARTICLE III Section 1e of the Bylaws states -A visitor/guest of a resident, who is an experienced bowler, may participate in the weekly jitneys upon a space available basis and upon the payment of the established visitor/guest fee. The fee shall be set by the Board from time to time. Change to: A resident guest who is an experienced bowler may participate in the weekly jitneys upon a space available basis and upon the payment of the established visitor/guest fee. Addition:
 A visitor, who is not a resident guest (i.e. resides or rents outside Maple Leaf) and who is an experienced bowler, may at the request of a member participate in the weekly jitneys upon a space available basis and upon payment of the established visitor/guest fee, for a maximum of 2 times per year. The fee shall be set by the Board from time to time.
 - 2. Currently **Article IX Section 2b** states All checks for payment must be signed by the Treasurer and one of at least two other members who are to be designated by the Executive Committee. **Change to:** All checks must be signed by the Treasurer or, if necessary, by one of the other two members who are to be designated by the Executive Committee.
 - 3. Currently **Article IX Section 4** states a. The Executive Committee shall recommend for the approval of the members at each annual general meeting, an appointee as <u>Auditor</u> for the coming year. b. The <u>Auditor</u> is responsible to report to the members of the Club at the annual meeting on his/her audit of the accounting records and his/her examination of the financial statements to be presented by the Treasurer at that meeting. **Change:** "<u>Auditor</u>" to "<u>Financial Reviewer</u>".

BIRT The 3 Bylaw changes be presented at the March 2023 AGM. Mover: Jim Seconder: Frank

iv. In accordance with **ARTICLE III Section 1b** of the Bylaws: Propose the following change to our current membership dues: Regular member increase from \$45 to \$50. All other fees remain the same...

BIRT Regular membership increase from \$45 to \$50 Mover: ML Seconder: Guy Carried

Action

Jim/Wells Fargo

Ron to post AGM Notice After discussions on various pricing possibilities, the Board set, as a Club Policy, a \$10 membership fee for new bowlers, who have completed instruction for the month of March.

BIRT \$10 membership fee for new bowlers who have completed instructions for the month of March.

Mover: Jan Seconder: Cheryl Carried

- v. **Budget for the 2022-2023** year needs to be prepared. Budget will include **a**) 4 new steps for on and off the green. Approximate cost of \$100. **b**) A new Sign for the fence similar to what tennis has. Pat indicated these signs are expensive. Mitch might know a contact to get an estimate. **c**) Establish a reserve for the purchase of new sunshades. Phyllis and Brian to develop a sunshades presentation for Mitch. **d**) Jim suggested stopping all donations to the Park and other Clubs except for the Garden Club, and Remembrance Day
- vi. Food for AGM: after brainstorming several options, the Board decided on cold cuts.
- **vii. Microphone/sound system**: Pat to ask if Tiki Bar sound system is ready; Ron to complete Communications Group request form for microphone and speaker.

Jim/Ted Beebe new steps

Pat / AGM food Ron / Mic request

Action

4. Officer Reports:

President Phyllis Dalgleish

- I think we've had a good month; jitneys are being really well attended and people at the green seem happy.
- Super Seniors went well although we only had 20 bowlers. There was a mix-up with 2 people, who thought they had signed up, but were not on the list. Towels were well received. 24 surplus towels have been turned over to Jerry MacLean for sale at \$10 ea.
- As everyone is aware, there is some differing of opinion on how getting the needed number of entries for the Club Championships was decided. I think, the email from myself and the one from Jan, did clarify the issue for everyone. It's OK that we have different thoughts on how things should be or should have been done but it is important that we continue to communicate what is going on so that people aren't caught off guard. Email is important and that we use it to keep the Board informed when are deviating from traditional practice. There has been lots of deviating in this year of Covid and change is not a bad thing when we understand why it is needed.
- Jan expressed her concern that there was no communication to the Board about the changes to the Club Championship tournament. Jim also felt the change should have come to the Board or at least the Executive.
- Cheryl explained that the Tournament Committee had decided on the changes and felt that it was within in their discretion. There was some discussion around the discretionary power of the Tournament Committee and past practices. The Tournament Committee will bring a proposal to the Board updating the Tournament Guidelines.
- Space requisitions for next year have been submitted. On the Nov. 12 Welcome Back Social, I submitted for the Charlotte Center instead of the CanAm thinking that it would give us more flexibility if we wanted to use the rink and bowl for our entertainment. I submitted a request for the CanAm for January 14th for a social/fundraiser to allow us the flexibility of deciding what we want to do that night.
- If you read the volunteer appeal in the last club newsletter, good news and bad news. Glenda has volunteered to run Fixed League next year. Have not had anyone step forward for the Super Seniors or Party in the Park. Pat has indicated an interest in doing Mardi Gras again.
- On the fundraising front, Party in the Park is going forward next year.
- I have had my thinking cap on regarding fundraisers for us. I think an interesting alternative would be a Coke/Pepsi vending machine beside the Ice Machine or the shed that could be a passive fundraiser. Obviously would need

Tournament Committee

proposal to

Board

Phyllis to seek Volunteers

b)	Vice President Frank Phillips	 park approval. Other alternatives would be a a. Culinary cookoff (like Chili Contest) with an entry fee and ticket sales b. Casino Night or Night at the Races with winnings used to bid on prize items c. Takeoff on "The Amazing Race" with a multi-activity event held throughout the park Our group suggestions for fund raising included selling name plaques, selling memorial plaques and a real men can cook event. Continuing to enjoy and learn my role with the Club. 	
c)	Secretary Ron Logel	No Report.	
d)	Treasurer Jim Judge	February 1st Beginning balance Bank and Cash \$15,858.73 February income \$885.00 February expenses. \$602.73 Net income January. \$282.27 February 28th Ending balance Bank and Cash. \$16,141.00 Income was from tournaments \$64.00, Super Seniors \$140.00, towels \$90.00, supplies \$51.00, memberships \$540.00.	
		Expenses consisted of social \$438.30, tax \$18.48, miscellaneous supplies \$145.95 I will distribute full year ending February 28th as soon as I have it finished and have audit completed.	
e)	Past President Jan Collings	 Keith Robertson from Pelican Preserve has invited our Club to bowl at their rinks in Fort Myers. Jan to put sign-up sheet for this Inter Club event tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 20. 	Jan/Pelican Preserve Inter Club event

BIRT the Officers Reports be accepted as presented: Mover – Guy Seconder – Frank : *Carried*

5. Standing Committee Reports Action

Chief Drawmaster Archie Reiach	Best group of Drawmasters that I have worked with over the years. I will be retiring from our Club this year.	
Instruction Committee Heather Comba	 We had one new bowler that became a member in February. We still have 3 bowlers in training. One just played his first jitney this Monday and the other 2 have just started. We only have a month left so wondering if they can bowl for free or for a fee that might keep them interested. The first 2 practice sessions in February attracted several members but the past 2 attracted very few. Practice sessions during March will be on a request basis only. I am puzzled how hard it is to get new members out. 	
Social Committee Pat McEvoy	 I have just been providing refreshments as required. Pat to ask Bill Scott if there will be food/refreshment for the Fixed League finals, March 18. Mardi Gras will be sponsored by Flea Market next year. 	Pat/Bill Scott – food for Fixed League?

Greens Committee	Greens crew put plugs in south east corner of greens so we could use		
Mary Louise Matthews	rink number 1. Chris said they cannot do anything about north west corner as that is where all the equipment is brought onto the green. • Hopefully sprinkler head in middle of greens will be gone by next year.		
	All in all I think they have done a good job of maintaining our greens		
Property Committee Brian Butler	 Brian has installed the new broom (sweeper) on the fence backing onto the tennis courts; the Park has started fixing the benches but they are not yet attached to concrete; power washing of concrete not started; Mary Louise to try and get a credit for the dead planter. 		
Supplies Jerry MacLean	Supplies are with Frank Phillips for the remainder of this season.		
Interclub Committee Alice MacLean	No report.		
Publicity Guy Montanaro	 March Accents is out Guy suggested making promotional signs for our golf carts to advertise our Lawn Bowling Club. Suggestion also made advertise on the 2 ML Facebook blogs 	April Accents deadline is March 20	
Tournament Committee	Since the last Board meeting there were two tournaments held - Aussie Pairs and Maple Leaf Trophy		
Cheryl McBain	 Aussie pairs had 16 entries - 32 participants. Treasurer received \$64 Maple Leaf trophy had 6 triple teams - 24 participants. Treasurer received \$48. Next up is the Leads and Vices on March 4,2022. At time of writing, there are 23 participants The sign up sheet for the Club Championship is now posted. The tournament committee agreed the format will be modified for this year. Due to the impact of COVID on the number of tournaments hosted this season (ie 6 out of 11), there was a substantial reduction in the number of qualifiers (first and second place finishers). This made the target of 30 participants impossible. In an effort to have a robust and meaningful Club Championship it was decided to allow any one who has played in a tournament this season to sign up 54 members have participated in at least 1 tournament so far this year. Brian suggested we send reminder emails for tournament participation. Cheryl to email Ron the text for this email. 	Cheryl email Ron text with reminder tournament text	
Rating & Nominating Committees	There will be no more rating changes for this season.		
Jan Collings			
Membership Committee Lynn Searby	 We currently have 94 full paid members, 13 social members and 10 people have joined so far this season. We know of 11 members who have sold and will not be returning next season 		
BIRT t	the Committee Reports be accepted as presented: Mover – Frank Seconder	– Cheryl : <i>Carried</i>	

6. New Business		Action
Fun Day – March 19	 Ask Bruce Frost if he would do a BBQ as he has in past; if not, purchase food. Jim requested \$1 coins for one of the games. Phyllis will produce sign-up sheet . BIRT Motion to adjourn our meeting. M – Jim S – Lynn Carried	Phyllis Fun Day sign- up sheet

Next BOD Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2022 10:30 AM Charlotte Centre patio