

Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Draft Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting March 31, 2022 10:30 am Charlotte Centre

1. Quorum

In Attendance:

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| President: | Phyllis Dalgleish | Committee Chairs: | |
| Vice President: | Frank Phillips | Heather Comba - Instruction | Pat McEvoy - Social |
| Treasurer: | Jim Judge | Lynn Searby – Membership | Cheryl McBain - Tournaments |
| Secretary: | Ron Logel | Brian Butler - Property | Guy Montanaro - Publicity |
| Past President: | Jan Collings | | |

Regrets: Alice MacLean – Interclub Jerry MacLean – Supplies Mary-Louise Mathews - Greens

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2. Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2022 meeting: M – Frank S – Lynn : *Carried*

3. Approval of Minutes of the March 24, 2022 AGM. M – Guy S – Cheryl : *Carried*

4. Business arising from the March 3 Minutes

a. Inquired about the cost windscreen with logo like the tennis club has. Quote was \$30 for the windscreen 6’x6’ and \$595 for the imprinting from 10-S supply. Could try a sign company instead. Did not check into stickers/decals yet.

- VistaPrint was suggested as a possible supplier; Frank goggled them and their prices look cheaper. Guy to look for a supplier for decals (maybe VistaPrint too)

b. Proposed **changes to the Tournament Guidelines** from the Tournament Committee.

- Cheryl stated the current Guidelines are good and only need some minor tweaking. Times have changed and we will be lucky next year to replace the members leaving. Cheryl estimated that we will have the same number of tournament participants next year as this year. With this background, the Tournament Committee is proposing:

I. Previously Tournaments **required 5 rinks** in order to proceed. **Motion to Change:** Tournaments can have a minimum of 4 rinks to play. M – Cheryl S – Lynn : *Carried*

II. Previous **Ladies only Tournaments were pairs and Men’s triples**. **Motion to Change:** Both Ladies and Men’s can be pairs or triples dependent on the number of entries. M – Cheryl S – Lynn : *Carried*

III. Committee reviewed the 12 End versus 10 End tournaments and are recommending the two Tournaments (**the Maple Leaf Trophy and the Club Championship**) be made 12 Ends.

- There was some discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of the 10 end vs. 12 end format and that this proposed change would allow an opportunity for both.

- **Motion to Change:** Maple Leaf Trophy from 10 to 12 Ends M – Cheryl S – Lynn : *Carried*

- **Motion to Change:** Club Championship from 10 to 12 Ends M – Cheryl S – Frank : *Carried*

IV. Club Championship: previously to qualify it was Tournament winners and second place finishers. This year, there was not enough players and next year (with even more tournaments), we are forecasting there still will not be enough players. Needing a minimum of 30 players this year, the Tournament Committee include first and second place winners as well as anyone who signed up for tournaments this year. With this change, we were able to meet the 30 player minimum guideline. Within the current guidelines, the Committee is asking that we take out the wording, “winners”.

- Discussion was held on whether people liked the concept of the Club Championships being an event you had to qualify for or whether achieving maximum number of players was preferable. Discussion favoured keeping the Champions of Champions approach..

- **Motion to Change:** For the Club Championship eligibility, include first, second and third place finishers, change minimum to 24 players and if not enough players, then only open to

Frank to investigate VistaPrint for windscreen

Guy to investigate for decals

other event winners.

M – Cheryl S – Brian : *Carried*

V. Aussie Pairs: we are recommending keeping the 10 Ends. We are proposing to change event from “**Mixed Pairs**” to “**Open Pairs**”. We have had two same gender pairs over the last two events. Discussion included comments that Aussie pair has always been mixed. Another commented was, that as a same gender couple, we were originally excluded from a mixed paired golf event in Canada until our club’s members demanded that we be eligible.

- **Motion to Change:** Change Aussie Pairs from Mixed Pairs to Open Pairs.

M – Cheryl S – Lynn : *Carried*

- **The tournament guidelines to be amended accordingly:**

1. A tournament will be cancelled if there are not enough players to fill 4 rinks (change from 5 rinks).
2. Ladies only and Mens only tournaments can be either triples or pairs dependant on the numbers that sign up.
3. The following tournaments be changed to 12 ends - Maple Leaf Trophy and Club Championship (was 10).
4. Club Championship - minimum number will be 24 (was 30); Eligibility will be determined by first, second and third place winners of the tournaments. If the minimum number is not met then it will be opened up to winners of other events.
5. Aussie pairs change to OPEN PAIRS (was Mixed Pairs).

c. AGM member suggestions about **Night Bowling**.

- After a discussion on many alternatives, the consensus was to remove the Saturday night bowling from our Calendar and add the First Monday night of the Month as a bowling event. This Monday is always a maintenance day with no jitneys in the morning.

- On an AGM member suggestion about changes to the Singles tournaments, the Board will address this in November.

Cheryl to update
Tournament Guideline
with Carried Motions

Phyllis to update Club
Calendar

Board to address
Single Tournaments in
November

5. Officer Reports:

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| <p>a) President Phyllis Dalglish</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to everyone for helping make the AGM a success. • I feel that our Club has been a safe place to express one’s ideas and we have become a stronger Club because of it. • After the AGM Kermit Morse let me know he may be interested in leading the fundraiser/social in January. Maureen Nelson may assist. • Still have not had anyone step forward for the Super Seniors. • I will undertake to organize the Party in the Park. Ron volunteered to assist. • I did submit the sun shades proposal to Mitch Krach and Mike Rooney on Thursday Mar. 24th and it was tabled at their March 28 meeting. The Park Board in the meeting had just addressed increasing HOH and golf course fee increases and asked us to come back in the fall with a different proposal. • We will address our next steps later under New Business. • I’ve asked Mary-Louise if she would take on the drawmaster duties in addition to the Greenskeeper role and she has agreed. I feel that, with a membership under 100 members, we are a bit top heavy with 14 Board members. • Jobs before we go include closing our facilities - removing Metal Score Boards, Planters, Fence Sign by golf course and Brooms for greens dew removal. The last official jitney will be April 8. • Pat places the First Aid Kid in the kitchen. • We need to ask Archie if he will supervise the shed key for any summer lawn bowling requests. | <p>Phyllis/Ron: Party in the Park</p> <p>Brian to remove equipment</p> <p>Who is to ask Archie</p> |
| <p>b) Vice President</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 4 months, I have been very impressed with the open discussions within the Board and the ability to discuss opposing ideas. I am looking forward to the next | |

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| Frank Phillips | year working with good people and the openness to address changes. | |
| c) Secretary Ron Logel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After reports of members not receiving Board email due to Gmail issues, I am investigating a possible new email software, Mailchimp, that can also handle sophisticated newsletters and online sign-up sheets. I will learn this system over the next few months and report back to the Board. | Ron investigate Mailchimp |
| d) Treasurer Jim Judge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donations previously were Garden Club Memorial Fund \$100, Communications \$100, Park Office \$100, Nov 11 Committee \$50, Woodworkers \$1,000, Park Corporation \$1,000. Motion to only donate this year to Garden Club Memorial Fund \$100 and Nov 11 Committee \$50 M: Jim S Brian : <i>Carried</i> March report not ready but will send out via email to Ron. To date March Income is \$1,770 and Expenses are \$1,793 with Total Bank Balance in \$16,000 range. For next year, we need to determine what we can and cannot do. We will need low key events within a private group setting. We will need to raise money via the term "Fund Raiser". | <p>Stay Note: Next presentation to Board remind them of our \$1,000 donations & how many we have done</p> <p>Jim to Ron the March financials</p> |
| e) Past President Jan Collings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I was happy with our AGM and the answers that were given to members. I have not heard yet from the Trophy people about them fixing the wrong names on our trophies Next year, I will get trophies engraved after each few tournaments and request Cheryl to email after each tournament the winners. | Cheryl to email Jan each tournament winners |

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

6. Standing Committee Reports

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| Tournament Committee Cheryl McBain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am not here for the Early Bird Tournament on Nov 19 so Glenda will run it. She has all the material ready. This tournament has a Welcome Back BBQ after it which Pat will supply. (see more on this BBQ under Pat's Report) | |
| Greens Committee / Chief Drawmaster Mary Louise Matthews | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Report. | |
| Property Committee Brian Butler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will discuss more on Sun Shades under New Business. | |
| Supplies Frank for Jerry MacLean | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are out of tape measure but still have towels and grippo. Suggestion made to get a Supplies Price List to new members as they may not be aware that we offer supplies. Suggestion made to promote supplies with a table at our events. | |
| Publicity Guy Montanaro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am enjoying my position but am unable to send emails to members due to my Apple ipad. Ron commented that, hopefully, Mailchimp (if we select it) would address this problem. If we want an article in our November Accents, please get me the information by mid October. | |
| Rating & Nominating Committees Jan Collings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have scheduled one more meeting. | |
| Membership Committee Lynn Searby | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new members to report. Looks like we are losing up to 11 members for next year. | |

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| <p>Social Committee Pat McEvoy</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to cut back on our food expenses at tournament especially with the inflation that we are experiencing. • Suggest we only have cold drinks and coffee before tournaments and then cheese & crackers as snacks. • Our AGM cost \$600 for food. Our options next year would be for people to bring food or just have cheese & crackers. We had 70 sign-up and only 50 came for food. There were lots of leftovers. • Ron commented that the Pickleball AGM just had cheese, fruit and crackers with free drinks. • For BBQs, I have cost them out and at \$5, we are barely covering costs. For drinks, we may need to raise costs to make money. • With the Early Bird Tournament, the Board approved to charge \$5 for food in addition to \$5 for tournament entry. • Pat also suggested BYOB and snacks to our future events next year. | <p>Board to decide on event food requirements</p> <p>Cheryl to notify Glenda of \$5 food BBQ charge</p> |
| <p>Instruction Committee Heather Comba</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our pusher and swing arm training went very well. • Heather asked if the Club should purchase an Arm for \$300. • Consensus of Board was not at this time as we are trying to raise money. | |
| <p>Interclub Committee Alice MacLean</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report | |
| <p>BIRT the Committee Reports be accepted as presented: Mover – Pat Secunder – Jim : <i>Carried</i></p> | | |

7. New Business

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8. Sun Shades

- With the Park’s Board suggestion to come back to them later this year, we discussed our options to address getting our sun shades sooner.
- Consensus was to order one side of sun shades now.
- We get the benefit of shade sooner and members / park residents / Park Board will see them and know what the shades are all about.
- Suggestions for raising funds included donations from members, sell name plates or bricks to members, have members prepay their membership dues for 2 years, ask other Clubs for donations especially one’s that we have donated to in the past (ie. Woodworkers, Garden Club).
- Action Items:
 1. Brian to get cost of 1 side and shipping. Once information available, we will have an email Board vote to proceed or not.
 2. Once Action Item #1 is done, email all members asking for a donation and the etransfer procedures to Wells Fargo.

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9. Appreciation for Greenskeepers

- Pat addressed this appreciation by giving all of the AGM sandwiches etc. to Chris and his people.

10. Recognition Policy Proposal

- For Archie’s retirement from lawn bowling, the Club gave him a Club towel and gift certificate to the Sandbar.
- We then realized that we have no recognition policy in place to reward such members without picking at random.
- Should we award Honourary Members, etc?
- The Board appointed an Working Group to address this issue. Members will be Jim, Pat and Phyllis.

Recognition Working Group: Jim, Pat, Phyllis

Motion to Adjourn: M: Guy S: Ron : *Carried*