Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Draft Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting January 10, 2023 3:30 pm Charlotte Centre

1. Quorum

In Attendance:

President: Phyllis Dalgleish

Vice President - chairing: Frank Phillips

Treasurer: Jim Judge
Secretary: Ron Logel
Past President: Jan Collings

Committee Chairs:

Heather Comba - Instruction Mary-Louise Matthews – Greens

Lynn Searby – Membership

Jerry MacLean - Supplies

Brian Butler - Property
Guy Montanaro – Publicity
Susan Butler - Social

Regrets: Cheryl McBain – Tournaments

Action

- 2. Approval of Minutes of the Dec 1, 2022 Meeting. M Brian S Mary-Louise : Carried
- 3. Business arising from the previous Minutes
 - Sunshades:
 - Frank stated that, for our first effort, the sales totals have been incredible.
 - Members are volunteering for various dinner tasks including beverage purchases, etc.
 - There were concerns about selling beer and wine but Frank spoke to Mitch who stated that we can operate under the Park's liquor license as long as we submit the Florida tax.
 - Suggestion made by Board members that we include a Tips for Sunshades jar at the bar.
 - All Board members felt that we need bar tickets and not have the bartenders handle cash.
 - Ron stated that most of our sales were via word of mouth. 60 tickets were handled to the 10 Fixed League Teams. Facebook posts, besides being good PR, sold about a dozen tickets. We have deposit \$2,600 in sales into the Bank and have \$370 in cash.
 - Phyllis has heard no word from the letter to flea market committee fund requesting \$1,000. The flea market has a huge fundraiser for replacing trees in the Park.
 - Board Vacancies/ Super Seniors Tournament
 - Phyllis welcomed Susan Butler to the Board as our new Social Director.
 - Lynn asked who has run the Super Seniors Tournament in the past? What is the format?
 - Phyllis replied that sign-ups are done as singles; Pat McEvoy did it last year. There is a budget for it. List posted 2 weeks ahead.

Ron to get a "Tips" jar for the Bar

Frank to discussion with Kermit about bar tickets

Phyllis to forward Super Senior material to Mike Searby

4. Officer Reports: Action

a) President Phyllis Dalgleish

- Thank you everyone for the wonderful welcome back and for all your hard work keeping things rolling while I was north. A special thanks to Ron for filling in so many gaps and keeping communication lines flowing.
- Congratulations and thanks to Brian & all his helpers for getting the sunshades
 installed. They will be a legacy that bowlers will enjoy for many years to come.
 We still have considerable work to do to pay them off but we will work on that
 until our debts are paid.
- Great to see tournament play going on. Entries are less than we would like to see but it is an important part of the sport we need to encourage.
- b) Vice President Frank Phillips
- The season is shaping up to be another successful one. Very successful Charlotte Trophy Tournament on Saturday and Upcoming Mens singles on Monday.
- Lots of work still to be done for the upcoming fundraising BBQ on Jan 14. The sell out for our first event of this type is amazing. My thanks to those who sold tickets. Special thanks to Ron and Kermit for charging ahead with the plans and still keeping me in the loop while I was up north over the holidays.
- Kudos to Brian Butler, and his team, for arranging the installation of the Sun shades. I was a benefactor of their efforts on Saturday.
- Lastly, welcome back Phyllis

c)	Secretary Ron Logel	 VERY busy month. Lead the sales effort for our Fundraiser Dinner and we are sold out for this event. Many thanks for our 15 sales members especially Jan Collings and the Butlers for making this event sold out. Assisted in the sunshades construction for which our club is TOTALLY indebted to Brian Butler for his efforts. This construction would not have been completed this year without Brian skills and stamina. Also, thanks to the other Club Members who volunteered to assist Brian. Now working with the Fundraising Committee to complete all the tasks to achieve a success Fundraising dinner.
d)	Treasurer Jim Judge	My report for December 2022. Opening Balances Bank \$9,568.18
e)	Past President Jan Collings	 Gulf Coast Engraving store is closed due to storm damage so ordering must be done online. Instead of shipping all of the trophies to them, I will suggest they do the name plates and I will attach them to the trophy. This will save some money Also rather than ordering New Trophies, I suggest we remove the oldest year names from Trophies and put them on a plaque. We could get woodworkers to build us these plaque(s). BIRT Jan can remove names from Trophies and order plaques from woodwookers. Mover – Susan Seconder – Jim: Carried

BIRT the Officers Reports be accepted as presented: Mover – Guy Seconder – Mary-Louise: *Carried*

5. Standing Committee Reports		
Rating & Nominating Committees	We will meet on Thursday. Still need someone from the Tournament Committee. Cheryl said she would attend.	
Jan Collings		
Greens & Drawmasters Mary Louise Matthews	 Chris Spence supplied us with extra sand and seed and I have been spreading over areas that were damaged by objects landing on the green during IAN. It looks like they are mowing up and down and not diagonally; Chris replied that a new fellow did the cutting and has been advised to do it diagonally. Still no cap on the central sprinkler head that Chris said is on order. 	
Instruction Committee	• The 5 new bowlers trained in December have all joined and are playing in jitneys. They are ready and need to be encouraged to play in tournaments. 2 new bowlers have had 1 lesson and need 2 more.	
Heather Comba	 15 signed up at Expo to give bowls a try. Many thanks to Lynn Searby, Dave Burrows and myself for manning the table. Training will be done on Thursdays at 1:30, if possible, by appointment to ensure we have sufficient trainers. Otherwise, one on one will be arranged. So far, only 4 of 15 have replied to our follow-up. The BBB program in December was attended by 6 players and went well. We covered changing jack length and mat position and played a game to practice these strategies. Game plans and shot choice were covered. We then played 3 player singles so they each had the opportunity to be a player or a 	

	marker. They discovered asking questions and visiting the head revealed what you saw from the mat was not always what you thought. The BBB program scheduled for Jan 4 was cancelled. Jitney turnout was down over Christmas and we felt it was too soon after the new year to attract many people. The next BBB program is on Wednesday Jan 25. • Players are welcome to come out on Thursday afternoons to develop their skills	
Property Committee Brian Butler	 Took around 4 days to install shades with support from our members; Needed a few extra supplies with minimal costs. Phyllis asked Brian to calculate an approximate number of man hours to do the job. Jim earlier asked that we revisit the Ian Insurance Claims that we submitted to Mitch after Ian. Ron to forward email he originally sent to Mitch to all Board Members. 	Brian to calculate the # of man hours to install shades. Ron to forward to Board original Insurance Claim email sent to Mitch
	• In light of the maintenance that Brian has done to Score boards, shades etc,, we should update Insurance Claims email to include actual expenses and labour expenses that we did and saved the Park these expenses. Since the Tennis Club are getting their light poles fixed and estimates on their sunshade expenses, we should highlight these areas.	Brian to determine all expenses & Phyllis to include this expenses in her letter to Mitch, Mike
Interclub Committee Alice MacLean	 Kings Gate: Maple Leaf at Kings Gate Feb23/23 Kings Gate at Maple Leaf March 9/23 No word from Kings Gate if these dates are a go. Sarasota: Sarasota has confirmed Feb. 5/23 with 5 teams of triples (15 players). Sign-up sheet for MLers on our club bulletin board. We should wear Red & White; Coffee on arrival at 9:30 to play at 10:00am, \$5.00 fee. They bring their lunch, 2x14 end games. Pelican Preserve (Cape Coral): They now cancelled play for this year. 	Alice to continue contacts with other Clubs
Membership Committee Lynn Searby	 We have 74 paid memberships (3 more today) and 9 social memberships. The activities expo went quite well as Heather covered off. 	
Supplies Jerry MacLean	 a request for 2 sets of new bowls, an invoice for the \$813. which I sent to Jim dated Dec. 31 and up to this point it has been accepted, and I understand there is a Feb.23 delivery date. Jerry announced his retirement from the Board on and received an ovation from all members for his many years of service. The spare shed keys and list of who has keys are maintained as part of his VP duties. Frank to confirm what keys he has. 	Frank to confirm # of keys he has as well as list of key holders
Publicity Guy Montanaro	The January ACCENTS is filled with all the fun activities and tournaments the club has sponsored in December and highlights all the special activities and tournaments planned for January. If you haven't read the ACCENTS for January, please take the time to read it and come join in the fun.	It was Guy's birthday 알
Tournament Committee Cheryl McBain	 The tournament committee hosted the first tournament this season on December 17,2022, The Presidents Trophy, with 16 people = 8 pairs. First place Phil Payne and Brian Butler, Second place Bill Scott and Pat McEvoy and Third place Cheryl McBain and Jim Judge The second tournament took place on January 7, 2023, The Charlotte Trophy, with 20 people = 10 pairs. The change from triples to pairs was made because of the low number of members signed up. 	

	 Courtice and Martin Gray, Third place Phil Payne and Dee Livingston The next tournament, Combo Fours, will be held January 29. Hopefully more people will sign up but I suspect the numbers will be somewhat lower again. It will be difficult to change the format of Combo 4's as it is such a unique tournament. We need 24 members to sign up to make the draw work. So please encourage people to participate-all skill levels are welcome! Just a reminder - we can make a little money by running these tournaments even with lower numbers. The 50/50 share the wealth draws help along with proceeds from the bar. While not part of the Tournament Committee responsible, Jim questioned why 3 jitneys are being cancelled in order for the Mens and Ladies Singles to be held in the mornings when they have always been afternoon events. Phyllis stated the Singles are trying to reestablishment themselves and they requested morning timeframes. Ron suggested that, when the Board does our 2023-2024 calendar that we revisited the Singles scheduling. 	Board to review Singles scheduling during 2023-2024 Calendar development.
Social Committee Susan Butler (hurrah!)	 Have run 2 tournaments so far with beer, wine, pop and 50/50 raising funds. We are cutting cost with no coffee or food before tournaments. Welcome aboard, Susan! 	

6. New Business Action

a. Proposal by Ron to have an **Official Opening Ceremony (ribbon cutting)** for our new sunshades. Invitees to include Mitch, Mike Rooney, Patrick, etc.

• January 25th during the jitney was determined as the date.

- Post meeting Update: Ron realized that Mike Rooney's Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings are not good due to tennis and golf commitments.
- Phyllis will investigate a possible Monday or Friday date and write letters to parties involved.
- Suggestion made to invite entire Park. (entire Board too?)
- Ron spoke to a Park drone operator who may be available but needs more specifics.

b. Any ideas how to use or selling our old shades?

- Market on Facebook Marketplace for \$50
- Brian to determine how many are still saleable.

c. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: M: Frank S: Susan : Carried

Next Board Meeting Thursday, February 2, 2023 1PM Charlotte Centre Phyllis to establish date & invite dignitaries

Brian = how many umbrellas are saleable

Phyllis to post ads to try & sell them