



Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Annual General Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2022

1. Call to Order at 11:00. President Phyllis Dalglish declared Notice of the meeting was properly posted and a quorum was present with 63 members in attendance.
2. **Minutes:**
 - a. President Phyllis Dalglish advised that the Minutes of the December 4, 2021 AGM had been approved by the Board at the December 6, 2021 meeting.
 - b. President Phyllis Dalglish called the following motion: **Be It Resolved That** the Board be authorized to approve the minutes of the AGM at their next meeting.
Moved: Shelia Smith Seconded: Susan Butler **Carried**
3. **Officer Reports:**
 - a. President **Phyllis Dalglish**
 - This year we've faced a number of challenges due to covid. We've done our best to offer as many traditional events, as possible, while staying safe as possible.
 - Many indicators of success this year included smiling faces and laughter at the greens and solid attendance at both jitneys and tournaments.
 - Our club is in a great financial position that allows us to make some improvements
 - We have a diverse and talented group of Board members who bring both a variety of skills and a variety of opinions to our meetings; so we have healthy debate on topics.
 - Many hidden gems that other clubs can be very envious of, are our Coaches, volunteers and event convenors
 - We are proud that, not only do we provide a healthy active sporting option for people of Maple Leaf, but we also continue to contribute to causes within the park like the Garden Club Beautification Fund, the New Woodworkers Shop and to the greater community including Salvation Army Food Drive.
 - Challenges? of course. – there are a number of experienced players who are leaving, or unable to play and we need to get new players in to replace those leaving. Priority has to be to welcome our new players. We need to make them feel part of the club and make sure they don't get turned off with something like an insensitive comment.
 - Our Club was also challenged by the damage to benches and umbrellas in the windstorm of December 21, 2021. Repairs have taken much longer than anticipated.
 - I have made an appeal for volunteers to fill 4 roles:
 1. Co-ordinator for the Lawn Bowling booth at Party In the Park.
 2. An individual or group who would like to do a fundraising social event in January of next year.
 3. A convenor for the Super Seniors event.
 4. Someone who can manage a spreadsheet to track handicaps for 4321
 - I would like to thank Glenda Courtice for agreeing to be Convenor for the fixed league next year.
 - Thank You to everyone for helping make the club a success.

- b. Vice President **Frank Phillips**
- In my four months as your Vice President, I have observed communication issues within the Club, which is not unusual for any organization. We have a Board to run where there will be disagreements, but nothing is personal. Changes are normal and a wonderful thing. I have been pleased to see the attendance at our Jitneys.
- c. Secretary **Ron Logel**
- I would like to thank all the Board members for helping me through my first 3 months "on the job" as Secretary. Especially would like to thank Phyllis for handing over to me well maintained Club files and a completed, informative website.
 - With regards to the website, I would like to remind members that you can follow all the happenings of your Club on the website. The latest Board of Director and AGM Meeting Minutes are on the website. You can provide your feedback to the Board via the website portal, "Contact Us" or via direct email to the Board. I look forward to serving all of you members in the coming year.
- d. Treasurer **Jim Judge**
- i. **Presented the Financial Report for the year March 1st, 2021 – February 28th, 2022.**

Financial Statement
March 1st, 2021 – February 28th, 2022

Opening Balances

Bank Balance Mar 1/21	\$ 15,702.98
Cash on Hand	\$ 284.35
Inventory	<u>\$ 322.00</u>
Total	\$ 16,309.33

Revenue

Membership, Storage & Visitors	\$ 4755.00
Tournaments	160.00
Bowling Supplies Income	183.50
Promotional Wear & Towels	197.80
Special Events & Social	<u>220.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 5,516.30

Expenses

Administration	667.32
Training (UBI Launchers)	130.00
Property Maintenance	182.95
Greens Upkeep	372.60
Donations	2350.00
Special & Social Events	1193.28
State Taxes	18.48
Promotional Wear & Towels	<u>300.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$5,214.63

Net Income \$ 301.67

ASSETS

Bank Balance Feb 28/22	15,935.38
Cash	353.62
Inventory (Supplies & Towels)	<u>262.25</u>
Total	\$16,551.25

Be It Resolved That the reviewed Financial Statements be accepted as presented.

Moved: Brian Butler Seconded: Mike Searby **Carried**

- c. **Tournament Committee** **Cheryl McBain**
- I would like to thank my amazing tournament committee - Glenda Courtice, Bill Scott, Jan Sawyer and Phillis Dalglish. Also I would like to recognize support from these individuals on tournament days Pat McEvoy arranging the food each day, Gary Campbell for the bar operations, Guy Montanaro for publicizing the Tournament results and Mary-Louise Matthews who ensured the setting up of the greens and dedicating tournament lanes. Special mention to our umpires Glenda and Heather.
 - It was a “non-normal” year of tournaments but successful none-the-less. We were able to host 5 tournaments plus both Mens and Ladies Singles. We had 140 sign ups and that represented 56 individuals. Pretty impressive considering the membership numbers were down.
 - Our Committee looks forward to presenting a full slate of tournaments next season - starting with the Early Bird in November.
 - Finally thank you to all the members who supported the tournaments
- d. **Membership Committee** **Lynn Searby**
- We currently have 95 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
- e. **Social Committee** **Pat McEvoy**
- It has been my pleasure to ensure that there is food & drink before & after your bowling competitions as well as the special events Fun Day, Super Seniors, AGM and a few others. This year we added having refreshments after the games. Many thanks to Gary Campbell for taking over the drinks. He went and bought them, stored them, sold them and then went and did it all over again for the next event. That was a great help for me so thanks Gary
- f. **Chief Drawmaster** **Archie Reiach**
- Thank you all the Drawmasters this year who did a great job. They were Ron Logel, John Casey, Gary Campbell, Mary Louise Matthews, Bill Scott, Don Heywood, Phil Payne, Jan Collings and Laurie Fitzpatrick. I am retiring after 16 seasons of Lawn Bowling.
 - Phyllis thanked Archie for all his service to the Club and presented him with a gift.
- g. **Publicity** **Guy Montanaro**
- I have been submitting the monthly Club articles to Accents as well as posting on Facebook all of our Club Tournament results with pictures of the winning teams.
 - I am looking for ideas from members on how we can further publicize our Club as well as fund raising ideas.
- h. **Bowling Supplies** **Frank Phillips for Jerry MacLean**
- Anyone requiring any supplies please let me know. Supplies come from California. I also am selling Club towels for \$10.
- i. **Instruction Committee** **Heather Comba**
- Now is the time to reflect and acknowledge what a great year we had and to thank those that made things happen. I am so proud of our club and the way everyone worked to make everything as good as we could.
 - Open houses and New bowler Clinics were replaced with One on One training and a weekly practice time. Thanks to our coaches Vince Beal, Dave Burrows, Glenda Courtice, Mary Louise Matthews, Cheryl McBain, Bill Scott and Phil Payne for the many hours they gave to new and experienced bowlers.
 - Thanks to our members that spread the word to give lawnbowling a try. And thanks to everyone out there that made our new bowlers feel they belonged to a caring friendly club. It is club members that make new folks come back the next year. Well done everyone.
 - Marketing brings new bowlers through the door so thanks to Guy Montanaro for promoting our sport through Accents, the web site and the facebook page and through word of mouth.
 - Glenda Courtice and I were thrilled to give a Be a Better Bowler clinic to 10 experienced players. We gave a vices clinic to 8 new vices. We even gave a clinic to 10 bowlers visiting from Pelican Preserve. Great to see the smiles and watch the progress at each session.

- Many have left or are leaving Maple Leaf this year. We wish you happiness in your new adventures. Stay active and I am sure you will spread the word that lawnbowling is a great sport for all. For those that are returning enjoy your summer. See you in the fall.

j. **Rating Committee** **Jan Collings**

- The Rating Committee consisting of myself and three others with representation from the Tournament Committee, met this season 4 times to assess and rate all bowlers in accordance with the stated guidelines. We finished the season with moving 11 members. Thank you to the committee members for their time and dedication

Be It Resolved That the Standing Committee Reports be accepted as presented.

Moved: Mike Searby

Seconded: Court Wells

Carried

5. Special Committee Reports

a. **South East Division Report** **Heather Comba**

- We had 10 members join the South East division and to my knowledge 5 went out of club to play in South East Division tournaments. 3 went to the South East Division Open. Kathy Smith and Cheryl McBain were runners up in the Fours A flight. Kathy Smith's team came in second in the Pairs. Cheryl's team was runner up in the pairs A flight. Sophie Burrows was runner up in the singles A flight. Congratulations to these competitors.

b. **Sun Shades Report** **Phyllis Dalgleish**

- Our old umbrellas were cumbersome to put up and down, not always effect and they were destroyed in the wind storm of Dec. 21, 2021.
- We need retractable shade that will not affect the growth of our greens.
- We have approached ShadeX Industries of Australia, a leader in lawn bowling shade products. They offer 10 year warranty on the screens, 5 years on the posts.
- Mitch advised us to admit a proposal to the Park Board as soon as possible as they do their Capital Expense planning in the fall. We are seeking a 50/50 cost split with the Park.
- The proposal, which was emailed to all members, shows an approximate cost for the shades of \$30,000 AUD or \$22,000 USD or approximately \$11,000 for our Club.

6. Presentation of Amendments to the Club By-Laws

Proposed By-Law 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 quest** 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. **A visitor who is not a resident quest (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/ quest fee, for a maximum of 2 times per year.** The fee shall be set by the Board from time to time

- Several members opposed this change asking why we are encouraging outside people to play here.

- Phyllis replied that, since our members bowl in outside competitions with outside partners, this Bylaw change will accommodate these situations. We are not opening our Club to outside players like the ML golf course.
- Member asked who will track the two visits? **Answer:** Drawmaster will write note and deposit with the fee into the Fee Collection Box.
- Member asked why Guests have to pay when other clubs (Shuffleboard, Bocce) are free? **Answer:** Anybody can use Park amenities free but not during a Club's league play (jitneys).

Be It Resolved That the Amendment to **Article III Section 1e** of the Bylaws be accepted as presented.

Moved: Mary Louise Matthews Seconded: Guy Montanaro **Carried**

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.

- A member opposed this change stating it was a risk to the other signing authorities.
- The Board replied that most payments are now electronic and do not need 2 signatures and banks don't even look at cheques.
- In 2021, we had one signing authority in England, another in Canada and one in US.
- Another member stated her cheque was not even accepted by a merchant.

Be It Resolved That the Amendment to **Article IX Section 2b** of the Bylaws be accepted as presented.

Moved: John Casey Seconded: Kermit Morse **Carried**

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 Auditor for the coming year. b. The Auditor 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: "Auditor" to "Financial Reviewer"

Be It Resolved That the Amendment to **Article IX Section 4** of the Bylaws be accepted as presented.

Moved: Dennis Rawlins Seconded: Cheryl McBain **Carried**

7. Approval of Change in Membership fees

- A member opposed this increase and asked why we are supporting other Clubs, etc.
- Another member replied "where can you this fun for \$50!" and another replied "our greens are worth the added \$5".
- Jim stated the donations that the Club makes (\$100-Memorials, \$100-Communications, \$100-Park Office, \$50-Nov 11, \$1,000-Woodworkers New Building (they will build our new steps)

Be It Resolved That the fees for a regular member increase from \$45 to \$50. All other fees remain the same.

Moved Eden Wells Seconded Carol Meyers **Carried**

8. Trophies were presented from the 2021-2022 season.
 - a. Men's Singles Tournament –, Mike Searby
 - b. Ladies Singles Tournament – Katherine Smith
 - c. Leads and Vices Tournament – John McBain, Lynn Searby, Bill Santin
 - d. Aussie Pairs Tournament – Jim and Shirley Judge
 - e. Combo Fours – John Casey, Jan Collins, John McBain, Brian Butler
 - f. Maple Leaf Trophy Tournament – Bert Visscher, Ernestine Montanaro, Dave Burrows
 - g. Fixed League Tournament – Heather Comba, Mike Searby
 - h. Club Championship Tournament – Ron Logel, Susan Butler, Phil Payne

9. New Business – Input from the membership
 - Question – With only 8 members in each of the Singles Men & Women's Tournaments, can the Board consider to increase participation by having a Singles tournament at each rating level (Leads, Vices & Skips).
 - Other member responses included: "as a skip, I have been beaten twice by novices", "skips cannot do draw bowling as a rule", "singles traditional are all rating levels", "bowling for points not levels", "I bowl better against better bowlers".
 - Member suggested having a Mixed Singles Tournament
 - Member likes to have 10 end tournaments especially in hot weather.
 - Member suggested having Weather Temperature controls for tournaments. If temperature over a stated temperature, tournament goes to 10 ends.
 - A member suggested Night Bowling. Other suggestions included regular Saturday Night Bowling, another member preferred a mid-week night as Saturday had to many other activities. Another member mentioned Thursday night bowling failed in the past due to conflict with other activities.

10. Motion to Adjourn – Moved: Frank Phillips Seconded: Mike Searby **Carried**