



Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Order of Business – March 22, 2023

Annual General Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order at 10:30. Declare that Notice of the meeting was properly posted and a quorum is present.

2. Minutes:

- a. The Board approved the March 24, 2022 AGM Minutes at the March 31, 2022 Board meeting.
- b. We are requesting Authorization for the Board to approve the minutes of the AGM at the next meeting. Motion: **Be It Resolved That** *the Board be authorized to approve the minutes of the AGM at their next meeting.*

Moved: Sheila Smith **Seconded:** Guy Montanaro

Carried

3. Officer Reports:

a. President

Phyllis Dalglish

- We've come a long way in a year. Hopes of returning to a normal season were changed by Hurricane Ian
- Sunshades were a major accomplishment. Due to the admirable commitment to the club of some of our members, we had money loaned to the club for the purchase of the sunshades, we got them ordered and shipped from Australia, thankfully they were safely stored during the hurricane, then our members stepped up again to get them installed so we have all been able to benefit from them this season. Many thanks to Brian Butler for his initiative and efforts. Creation of recognition plaque will be done next fall.
- Hurricane Ian has caused a major disruption to routines and outlook. A number of our members have decided to sell and leave the park. We will dearly miss Mary-Louise Matthews, Glenda Courtice and Frank Philips who have all served on the Board of Directors for the club and will be taking with them a plethora of knowledge.
- We continue to recruit and welcome new members and this must remain a high priority for the club. There is no reason why we shouldn't have as many members as pickleball or bocce since we have the space to let everyone play.
- There are so many people to thank for the contributions they make to keeping our organization going and creating the environment where we can enjoy jitney's, 4321 games, fun days, tournaments, interclub and social events.
- We had some people agree to be event convenors – Kermit Morse agreed to chair the Chicken dinner fundraising committee. Kermit did a fantastic job and kept his cool even when our chicken supplier, the BBQ pit, closed their business 2 weeks before our event. I was so impressed at how many of our new members stepped up and volunteered for making sides, serving, and other roles. It was a tremendous success on every level. Thank you, Kermit for leading this project.
- Kathy Smith and Frank Pring agreed to be convenors for both the fixed league and the Singles tournaments. Their years of experience with competitive lawn bowling was put to excellent use with the running of these events. Everything went very smoothly, and we appreciate their leadership. Thank You Kathy and Frank.
- Mike Searby agreed to take on the super seniors fun event. A first for Mike, and with some assistance from Lynn and others, the event was really well received and appreciated by the participants. Thank You Mike.
- We have had several members of the board step away from their positions in the past year. Thanks go to Pat McEvoy for her years as the social committee chairperson. We are very

appreciative for Susan Butler for agreeing to fill that position and the wonderful food and drink we have enjoyed. Jerry MacLean just recently decided to retire from the board. We are grateful to Jerry for all his years of service. As already mentioned Mary-Louise Matthews is leaving us. Mary-Louise has been a member for 22 years and served as social chair, membership chair, greens and drawmasters chairperson. Frank Phillips, our Vice-President has also just sold his house. At the moment we are looking for someone to fill his shoes.

- My thanks go out to all the board members and other volunteers who continue to selflessly serve this organization and especially to Ron Logel who picked up so many of my duties this fall.

b. Vice President Frank Phillips

- This will be my last meeting as a member of the MLLBC as our house has an offer pending. The VP role has been very enjoyable because of all the hard work and competence of Phyllis and Ron.
- I have enjoyed my 11-years here at the club. Thanks to a number of bowlers, tournaments, jitneys, etc., my bowling (in MY opinion) has improved! It has been a great run here, but now, onto other adventures.

c. Secretary Ron Logel

- As the first board member on site at Maple Leaf after Ian on Oct 29, 2022, I got a surprise as our sunshades were not in our shed. The shades were eventually found stored in a maintenance yard.
- The Ian damages (which included the shed roof, missing side panel, broken scoreboard frames, benches and fences, light poles & lights) were reported by me to Phyllis, who forwarded to Mitch to include in the park's overall insurance claim.
- Other of my activities included volunteering as lead sales person for the Chicken Dinner Fundraiser, suggested the Sunshade Grand Opening event and helped raise the new sunshades.
- Finally I was involved in a small event this past Saturday, John Casey and I got married in beautiful ML!

d. Treasurer Jim Judge

i. Presentation of the Reviewed Financial Statement

- Jim Judge read the letter from Barb Dunsmore with her approval of the Financial Statements.
- Jim thanked Barb for her services.

Financial Statement

March 1st, 2022 – February 28th, 2023

Opening Balances as at March 1, 2022

Bank Balance Mar 1/22	\$15,935.38
Cash on Hand	\$353.62
Inventory	\$262.25
Total	\$16,551.25

Revenue

Membership, Storage & Visitors	\$4,620.00
Tournaments	363
Bowling Supplies Income	1751
Promotional Wear & Towels	532
Special Events & Social	1562.45
Donations for Sunshades	2826.28
Fundraising Event	4584
Miscellaneous (umbrella sales & a return)	424.11

Expenses

Administration	100.49
Property Maintenance	500
Donations	150
Special & Social Events	1622.52
State Taxes	165.62
Promotional Wear & Towels	472.65
Trophies	200.09
Bowling Supplies	1560.2

Total Income	<u>\$16,662.84</u>	Fundraising	2443.97
		Miscellaneous	<u>77.5</u>
Net Income Before Extraordinary Expense (Loss)	<u>\$9,369.80</u>	Regular Expenses	\$7,293.04
Net Income (Loss)	-	<u>Extraordinary Expense</u>	
	\$13,664.25	Sunshades	<u>23,034.05</u>
Closing Balances as at February 28, 2023		Total Expenses	\$30,327.09
Bank Balance Feb 28/23	\$ 9,035.58	Note:	
Outstanding Check as of Feb. 28/23	-\$1,000.00	Loans received during the year	\$11,000.00
Cash on hand	89.17	Loans Paid off during the year	\$ 5,500.00
Inventory (Supplies & Towels)	<u>210.00</u>	Balance owing on loans	\$ 5,500.00
Total	\$ 8,334.75		

- Jim stated that that 50/50 and drink sales after tournaments were good sources of income this year.

Be It Resolved That the reviewed financial statement be accepted as presented. **Moved:** Jim Judge **Seconded:** Cheryl McBain **Carried**.

ii. **Presentation and approval of the budget for 2023-2024**

2023 – 2024 Proposed Budget

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership, Storage Fees & Rental	\$4,500.00	Administration	\$ 600.00
Tournaments	400.00	Training	100.00
Bowling Supplies	1000.00	Property Maintenance	400.00
Special Events & Social	1500.00	Trophies	300.00
Fundraising	4500.00	Bowling Supplies	1000.00
Total Income	<u>\$11,900.00</u>	Donations	150.00
		Social	1500.00
		Special Events (Super Seniors)	200.00
		Fundraising Expense	2500.00
		State Taxes	<u>150.00</u>
Projected Net Income	\$5,000.00	Total Expenses	\$ 6,900.00

- Frank Pring asked when we might receive money from the insurance claims.
- Jim stated that the Park cannot do their Capital Budget until they know what Insurance funds will be paid to the Park.

Be It Resolved That the proposed budget be accepted as presented. **Moved:** Jim Judge **Seconded:** Mike Searby **Carried**.

iii. **Approval of Financial Reviewer for year 2023-24**

Be It Resolved That Barbara Dunsmore be appointed Financial Reviewer for 2023-24. **Moved:** Jim Judge **Seconded:** Frank Pring **Carried**.

e. **Past President Jan Collings**

- I chaired the Rating and Nominating Committees as well as being an active member of the Executive Committee. I was responsible for getting the trophies engraved.

- Some tournament trophies have no more room for names so I approached the Wood Workers to build us large wooden plaques to put old name plates on.
- I want to thank Bud Lawry and Gary Campbell for their help on this.
- Frank Pring asked where the Fixed League Trophy is. Jan will check if it is with our engraving supplier. Phyllis said that we may need to replace it.

Be It Resolved That the Officer Reports be accepted as presented. **Moved:** Dennis Rawlins **Seconded:** Court Wells **Carried.**

4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Inter-Club Competition

Alice MacLean

- Maple Leaf's Interclub had a very slow start again this season. Sarasota was able to get enough players to come for a Sunday session and Maple Leaf held up their reputation quite nicely. We could not go to Sarasota as they were not able to host due to interruptions in their club.
- We were fortunate enough to take 6 teams to Kings Gate and Kings Gate came here with 5. Teams. Kings Gate are wonderful sports and have mostly new bowlers with 30 members. They also only have jitneys 2 times a week. Thanks to all our Maple Leaf bowlers who played! Hope to see your happy faces in the 2023-2024 bowling season

b. Property Committee

Brian Butler

- Brian thanked all the volunteers who helped him erect the sunshades. It took 4 days of work.
- Visiting clubs from Sarasota and Kings Gate were very impressed with them.
- Brian said he has enjoyed his role on the Property Committee and hopes to see everyone next year.

c. Tournament Committee

Cheryl McBain

- I would like to thank my amazing tournament committee - Glenda Courtice, Jan Sawyer and Phil Payne. I would also like to recognize support from these individuals on tournament days - Susan Butler along with her assistant Shirley Decooman for arranging the wonderful variety of food each tournament day, Ron Logel and Brian Butler for the bar operations and Mary-Louise Matthews who ensured the setting up of the greens. Special mention to our umpires Glenda and Heather and Jim Judge for organizing the Share the Wealth draws. A big thank you to those that just pitched in and helped with other tasks of the day!
- It was again a "non-normal" year of tournaments but most successful none-the-less.
- The Committee hosted a total of 7 tournaments this year!
- Our committee looks forward to presenting a full slate of tournaments next season.
- Finally, thank you to ALL the members who supported the tournaments.

d. Membership Committee

Lynn Searby

- For our 2022-23 season, we have 83 paid memberships.
- 13 of these were new members, 8 social members. We are losing 7 of our members.
- Compared to last year we had 95 bowlers, 15 social and 10 new members.

e. Social Committee

Susan Butler

- Believes the new tournament format with only snacks and drinks after the first game was successful and is looking forward to next year.
- Ron Logel wants to thank Bev Murray for her help before Susan assumed her role.

f. Bowling Supplies

Frank Phillips

We have secured a new supplier of club products, as our former one, Brian Stockwell, passed away. Jerry MacLean sourced out Jim Wysopal of Henselite, USA for us. I placed an initial order with Jim, and it arrived in two-days. However, as with everything these days, prices have gone up. We did get a discount on the Betts, Wilgrip and Grippo because of the quantity purchased.

Jim asked that we sell individual product at or above his retail prices. E.G. A bulk box of Grippio is (30 x \$5.00) \$150. He sells individual tubes for \$9.00. We need to decide on prices for the upcoming season.

g. Publicity

Guy Montanaro

Basically, all our tournaments and special events were published on the Community Corner, and in the monthly ACCENTS. Being that there were so many tournaments and special events, I feel that there are too many to list here. Everyone had the opportunity to see the winners and read about the activities.

h. Instruction Committee

Heather Comba

- Many thanks to this years coaches Glenda Courtice, Mary-Louise Matthews, Cheryl McBain, Phil Payne, Bill Scott and myself Heather Comba.
- This year we are saying goodbye to 2 dedicated coaches. Glenda Courtice and Mary Louise Matthews. Over the years Glenda has trained over 100 new bowlers and many advanced bowlers. She has served on the board as 2nd Vice President, Vice President, President and Past President. She was also on the rating and tournament committee. Mary Louise also coached over 100 new bowlers. For years she was on the social committee, the membership chairperson, drawmaster chief and greens keepers. Both left big shoes to fill. Their contributions were always in the best interest of the club and given generously.
- New Bowler Coaching was given to 12 bowlers who came by word of mouth, 10 became members.
- 19 signed up for instruction from the Expo, 5 came out for lessons, 1 joined.
- 23 came out for the Taste of Lawnbowling and 3 came back for more.
- Publicity is what brought so many out. Thanks Guy Montanaro. Perhaps next year those that came out for Expo or Taste of Lawn Bowling will remember what a good sport we have and will show up.
- Next year we will give the Taste of Lawn Bowling earlier in the new year. But once again word of mouth is our best marketing tool. I thank the players that brought us new members.
- Publicity brings them through the doors, coaches and members bring them back for more.
- In total, we had 11 new bowlers become members.
- Heather announced the MLLBC Rookie of the Year is Debbie Mossong.

i. Rating Committee

Jan Collings

- The Rating committee consisting of myself and 2 others met during the season to assess and rate all bowlers in accordance with the stated guidelines. We need 2 more members with one from the Tournament Committee. At the end of the season, we had 42 leads, 19 vices and 22 skips for a total of 83. I want to give a big thank you to Mary Louise for your time and dedication.

Be It Resolved That *Standing Committee Reports be accepted as presented.* **Moved:** Lynn Searby **Seconded:** Phil Payne **Carried**

5. Election of Officers

- a. The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers for the 2023-2025 term.
 - i. President: Phyllis Dalglish
 - ii. Vice President: TBD
 - iii. Treasurer: Jim Judge
 - iv. Secretary: Ron Logel
- Guy Montanaro volunteered to fill the Vice President role and accepted.

- Jim Judge volunteered to assume the Bowling Supplies role from VP role as Guy will be maintaining his Publicity role.
- No vote is needed as these are the only candidates.
- The President appoints all Chairpersons and they are as below:

b. The Standing Committee Chairpersons for 2023-2024 will be:

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| o Greens & Drawmasters Committee | Brian Butler |
| o Property Committee | Al Meisner |
| o Tournament Committee | Cheryl McBain |
| o Membership Committee | Lynn Searby |
| o Social Committee | Susan Butler |
| o Publicity | Guy Montanaro |
| o Instruction Committee | Heather Comba |
| o Interclub Committee | Alice MacLean |
| o Rating & Nominating Committee | Jan Collings |

6. Special Committee Reports

a. South East Division Report, Heather Comba

- This year we had 12 members that played in South East Division events.
- 7 of those players played in Ontario provincials playdowns and 3 represented Ontario in Canadian Championships. Kathy Smith and Cheryl McBain won the bronze in the Canadian Fours and Glenda Courtice came 4th in the Canadian Women's Seniors. The Butlers and the Searby's played in Novice Provincial playdowns.
- Maple Leaf is a good breeding ground for competitive bowlers and belonging to the SED gives them good competition.

7. Presentation of Amendments to the Club By-Laws

Be It Resolved That the Amendments to the Bylaws be accepted as presented (will vote on each individually)

Amendment #1

Currently **ARTICLE VIII Section 1** of the Bylaws states – The Standing Committees of the Club shall be: Greens, Maintenance, Tournament, Membership, Social, Drawmaster, Publicity, Training, Bowling Supplies, Rating and Inter-Club Competition.

PROPOSAL Change to – The Standing Committees of the Club shall be: Greens, Maintenance, Tournament, Membership, Social, Drawmaster, Publicity, Training, Rating and Inter-Club Competition.

Be It Resolved That the Amendment #1 be accepted as presented:

Moved: Cheryl McBain **Seconded:** Phil Payne **Carried**

Amendment #2 **PROPOSAL to update the Code of Conduct as follows:**

Attachment to Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club Bylaws

CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to ensure that the Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club operates in a manner that ensures the club is a respectful, friendly, inclusive, safe and welcoming environment for all players, coaches, officials and spectators. The code of conduct is comprised of a combination of sports etiquette, safe sport principles and sociability. The points listed below are examples but not an exhaustive list of guidelines.

Sport Etiquette

- All members and guests are expected to behave in a respectful and fair manner at all times. Refrain from any discriminating, harassing, bullying or violent behavior towards any persons regardless of circumstance. Raised voices and coarse language are examples of unacceptable behavior.
- Abide by the rules of play, the spirit of those rules and sports etiquette.
- Treat all officials, opponents and teammates with respect and dignity.
- Dress correctly for all games. For non-tournament play unacceptable wear is muscle shirts and short shorts. Necklines should be of a modest nature. For tournaments, follow the dress code stated on the sign-up sheet.
- If you are having difficulty with agreement on a rule or measure, call an umpire or experienced player to assist. Once called, their decision stands.
- Remain behind the mat or outside the head when it is not your turn to play. Always remember that as soon as your bowl comes to rest possession of the rink passes to your opponent.

Safe Sport Principles and Safety in General

- If you observe an unusual significant hazard or risk, immediately report your observations to the drawmaster.
- Wear flat soled shoes so you do not damage the surface of the green.
- Support safety practices around the green by passing the rake to others from on and off the green, and keeping personal items away from the edge of the rink.
- Use caution stepping on and off the playing surface.
- Be aware of your position on the rink. Try to avoid obscuring boundary pegs and rink markers.
- Walk down the center of your rink when you are changing ends so you don't interfere with the play on neighboring rinks.
- Do not participate if impaired by alcohol, medication, or other substances.

Sociability

- Do your best to be friendly and welcoming to other people around the lawn bowling facility.
- Compliment your opponent on a good shot. Never criticize your opponent, the greens or your team members. Everyone experiences both lucky and unlucky breaks during play. No sense complaining about unlucky bowls or saying thanks for an opponent's poor shot that goes your way. If you cannot say something positive do not say anything at all
- Be a gracious winner and a good loser.

Any member of the club who has a complaint regarding any of the above or who feels that they have a concern regarding the behavior of others in the club should speak with a member of the club executive.

Be It Resolved That *the Amendment #2 be accepted as presented:*

Moved: Guy Montanaro **Seconded:** Lynn Searby **Carried**

8. Presentation of Trophies

- Early Bird Tournament, Ladies Only & Men's Only Tournaments cancelled due to Hurricane Ian
 - Presidents Trophy Tournament – Phil Payne & Brian Butler
 - Men's Singles Tournament – Phil Payne, Runner-Up Brian Butler
 - Ladies Singles Tournament – Cheryl McBain, runner up – Kathy Smith
 - Charlotte Trophy Tournament – Mary-Louise Matthews & Brian Butler
 - Leads and Vices Tournament – Bert Visscher, Ernestine Montanaro, and Mike Ballard
 - Aussie Pairs Tournament – Mary-Louise Matthews & Fred Cockburn
 - Combo Fours – Frank Phillips, Dick McKibben, Mary Louise Matthews, and Brian Butler
 - Maple Leaf Trophy Tournament – Phil Payne, Sophie Burrows, Guy Montanaro
 - Club Championship Tournament – Phil Payne, John McBain, Deb Parker
- Fixed League – Mike Searby, Guy Montanaro (sub for Bev Nelson), and Jerry Maclean

9. New Business – Input from the membership

- Mike Searby proposed that a Single Tournament just for Leads be considered for next year as a way to get them to participate without the fear of facing senior bowlers. Mike volunteered to run this tournament.
- Ernestine Montanaro proposed that a new sign for the fence needs to be purchased next year as the old one was falling apart when they stored it last April.
- Ernestine also suggested that to raise funds we should consider letting the Sarasota Club play once or twice a week in our jitney's for a fee. Mike Comba replied that this could cause liability issues.
- Deborah Parker thanked Heather Comba for all her coaching efforts and said how much she is enjoying participating in club events.
- Court Wells thanked Jim Matthews and Al Misener for building our new steps at rink side. Jim Judge commented that we paid \$175 for the materials and both Jim and Al volunteered their time.
- Dick McKibben stated that the people in our Club are kind and friendly people.
- Jim Judge suggested that we change the Bylaw that will lower the quorum requirements for AGMs.
- Suggestions also made to allow proxies, electronic attendance, etc.
- Phyllis said that it would require a vote at the next AGM.

10. Adjourn **Moved:** Mike Searby **Seconded:** Jerry MacLean **Carried**