

Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Draft Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting March 6, 2023 1:00 pm Charlotte Centre

1. Quorum

In Attendance:

President: Phyllis Dalglish
Vice President: Frank Phillips
Treasurer: Jim Judge
Secretary: Ron Logel
Past President: Jan Collings

Committee Chairs:

Mary-Louise Matthews – Greens
Lynn Searby – Membership
Alice MacLean – Interclub
Guy Montanaro – Publicity

Regrets: Heather Comba – Instruction, Cheryl McBain – Tournaments, Susan Butler – Social, Brian Butler – Property

Al Meisner has agreed to be Property Chair next year.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Feb. 2, 2023 Meeting. M – Guy S – Lynn : *Carried*

3. Business arising from the previous Minutes

- **Bylaw Changes for AGM:**

- Two items of feedback from the proposal that was sent out. The suggestion to change the Interclub position to a Special Events Co-ordinator and include Fundraisers, Fixed League, Singles, Super Seniors, Fun Days and Interclub. My feeling was to wait until the we had a change in the Interclub position. The other suggestion was that we should have something about dress code in the Code of Conduct.

BIRT the proposed amendment to ARTICLE VIII – Section 1 “The Standing Committees of the Club shall be: Greens, Maintenance, Tournament, Membership, Social, Drawmaster, Publicity, Training, Rating and Inter-Club Competition.” Be brought forward to the AGM for approval by the membership.

Mover: Jim Seconder: Frank *Carried*

BIRT the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct as listed below be brought forward to the AGM for approval by the membership.

Mover: Mary-Louise Seconder: Frank *Carried*

Action

Bylaw Changes
to be included in
AGM Meeting
Notice - Ron

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 behaviour 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 **centre** of your **rink** when you are changing ends so you don't interfere with the play on neighbouring 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.

4. Officer Reports:

Action

a) President Phyllis Dalglish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very sad to get the news that Frank has his house for sale – this has implications for the board as we need to recruit a new Vice President. We need to spread awareness that being VP does not obligate the person to become President as that perception can be a deterrent to accepting the position. • We have a clothing order in progress through our original supplier. 13 shirts were ordered. Hope they arrive in the next 10 days or so. • Good progress is being made on the safety items identified. Thanks go to Al Meisner and Jim Matthews for constructing new steps. Some have been installed already, a couple more are in the assembly stage. Thanks to Brian for replacing the rotten board on the one step and giving it a fresh coat of paint. The reflective tape is here and just needs to be installed. First aid kit is restocked. People seem to be doing better at keeping things out of the way but still need reminders. • We do need to finalize the calendar for next year so that we can get space requisitions submitted ASAP. 	All Board members to advise Phyllis of any VP candidates
b) Vice President Frank Phillips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The year has been a successful one, even though our membership is down. My thanks to the tournament committee for always being able to pull things together and all members who attended the Jitneys, friendlies and 4-3-2-1;s throughout the season. Without your participation the club would not be the success it is. • Our former equipment supplier in California passed away. As a result we have begun a new relationship with another supplier. I will be taking orders from members and also restocking our supplies as needed. • This will be my last report as Vice-President of MLLBCC. Pauline, and I, have put our house up for sale. We have been here since 2012 and feel it is time to move on to some new adventures. I will miss the jitneys, tournaments, and socials that I have attended over the last 11-years. Not to mention all the friends I have made while here. I will cherish the memories forever. Thank you for your support. 	Frank to poll members on their supply needs Frank will ask Supplier if we can be a "Supplier" for discount prices
c) Secretary Ron Logel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron thanked Mary-Louise and Frank for their service to the Club. 	
d) Treasurer Jim Judge	<p>February 2023 Financial</p> <p>Opening balance January 31 Bank —\$13,213.58</p> <p>Opening cash balance January 31 —\$ 319.18</p> <p>Total income for February —\$ 1,329.00</p> <p>Total expenses for February —\$ 1,237.01</p>	

Net income for February— \$ 91.99
 Closing Bank Balance for bank February \$ 9,035.58
 Closing cash balance for February 28th was \$ 89.17

Income was from 50/50 \$183.00, tournaments \$135.00, memberships \$110.00, Supplies \$80.00, Bar \$289.00, shirts \$532.00.

Expenses were from tournament, first aid, and web site supplies of \$132.99, Social including super seniors \$483.57, shirts \$472.65, Tax \$147.80.

Our bank a/c was lowered by \$4500.00 for loans paid off during the month , one check of \$1000.00 is still outstanding and will be cashed in March.

Total year will be finalized soon and sent for audit for our year end.

- Jim replied to Ron that all loans were paid down by 50%..
- There has been no word from Park on our sunshade funding requests as the Park cannot do their Capital Budget until they know the amount of their Insurance Claim.

- e) Past President **Jan Collings** • No report

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

5. Standing Committee Reports

Action

<p>Interclub Committee Alice MacLean</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We went to Kings Gate for a friendly morning of bowling. • We had good competition as most games were close in scores. • Maple Leaf won all games except one and lost the other one by one. • We are expecting Kingsgate here on March 9th . 	<p>Alice will invite Sarasota back next year if they have no clubhouse</p>
<p>Greens & Drawmasters Mary Louise Matthews</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to low numbers bowling this season we didn't get the bare patches we normally have at this time of year despite the very hot conditions. • I would suggest to the person taking over that they try to have a serious chat with Chris Spence on how the greens are mowed as they continue to mow up and down rather than on the diagonal even though I have addressed this many times. • I will say I have enjoyed my 22 years with this club. For many of these years I have been on the board as social chair for 4 years, membership for 7 years and greens for 3. • I hope that after the very popular open house we held a few weeks ago that the membership will increase for the next season. • I wish this great club the best of luck. Mary Louise 	
<p>Instruction Committee Heather Comba</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 new bowlers came out to give bowls a try but there were no new members. Membership for those signing up now is \$10. We are hoping those that come out now will join northern clubs and return in the fall. • A BBB clinic was given to 10 participants on 2 separate days. • 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 advanced bowlers and given one on one training. She also served on the board as Vice President, President and Past President. She was on the rating and tournament committee. She gave a lot of time to our club. • Mary Louise also coached over 100 new bowlers and gave one on one training. She was membership chairperson, drawmaster chief and greens keeper and on the social committee. She always gave over 100% effort to what she did. Both left big shoes to fill. Their contributions were always in the best interest of the club and given generously. 	<p>Heather to provide status on the 23 Taste of Bowling candidates</p>
<p>Property Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phyllis reported that reflective tape as been bought, delivered to Brian but still needs to be installed on top of ditch boards. 	

Brian Butler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing step repair has been completed. The additional steps are in the process of being delivered as they are completed by Al Meisner and Jim Matthews. Suggestion was made that a work party should be scheduled for removal of the sunshades for the summer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule Sunshade storage work party
Membership Committee Lynn Searby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have 76 members. As you know we are losing several of our members. Hoping with the great attendance at taste of bowling we will have many new members next season. We had very positive feedback from the super Seniors tournament. We thought it went very well for our first try and everyone seemed to have a good time. 	
Publicity Guy Montanaro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our lawn bowling season (2022-2023) is quickly coming to an end. I think we really need to advertise and start recruiting new members early next season, so as to increase our numbers. Any ideas and suggestions are welcome. We've had a lot of fun tournaments this year which were posted on the Facebook Community Corner Group page. Our AGM Farewell Party is scheduled for March 22 at the Queensway starting at 10:30am. Our Fun Day & BBQ is on March 29 from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Charlotte Center. Phyllis suggested that Club be rentable for Birthday parties or socials for other group to increase our exposure to the Park. 	Guy suggested each board member bring out a player(s) to try bowling
Tournament Committee Cheryl McBain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phyllis provided an update that the last tournament, the ML Trophy, had 6 teams. Because of the low entry numbers 2 teams had to play each other twice. Our tournaments are also becoming more of a social event as members are staying longer after the tournament. 	
Social Committee Susan Butler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phyllis provided update that, to cut costs for the AGM, we will cook a few pork shoulders and make pulled pork. We will also make baked beans and coleslaw. We have a number of desserts frozen from the fundraising dinner that we can use. For drinks, Club will supply one ticket free and rest must be purchased. 	
Rating & Nominating Committees Jan Collings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ernestine Montanaro has agreed to join the Ratings Committee 	
BIRT the Committee Reports be accepted as presented: Mover – Frank Seconder – Guy : <i>Carried</i>		

6. Old Business

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer Recognition Policy: A volunteer recognition policy was presented by Phyllis with 3 levels of recognition. That policy was replaced with the following motion: BIRT The President, upon their retirement as President, will receive a gift as a token of the Club's appreciation. Mover – Alice Seconder – Frank : <i>Carried</i> \$100 or greater Sunshade Donation Recognition Plaque. Jim brought forward this item to make sure we don't lose this item from our "to do" list. We need to decide on the form the display will take, confirm member names who should be recognized, and confirm with donors how they would like their name displayed. 	Jim & Lynn to confirm their lists of members eligible for a plaque Board to address Recognition Plaque next fall
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7. New Business**Action**

- **Review Proposed 2023-2024 Calendar**

- Add November 10 – Post Notice for Early Bird Tournament.
- Early Bird Tournament moved up 1 week.
- Men & Ladies Triples Tournament has been deleted.
- President’s Trophy moved to Dec 16.
- Board Meeting start times adjusted. Most will begin at 10 AM.
- Add time of 11 AM start to Singles Tournament dates Jan 15 & 17.

Heather needs to supply her dates.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: M: Jim S: Lynn : *Carried*

Next Board Meetings:

AGM Wednesday March 22, 2023, 10:30 am Queensway Center

Monday, March 27, 2023 11 am Charlotte Center