



Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Order of Business – March 20, 2024

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 22, 2023 AGM Minutes at the March 27, 2023 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: Court Wells

Seconded: Dennis Rawlins

Carried

3. Officer Reports:

a. President

Phyllis Dalgleish

- I am happy to report that this year was a much closer to normal year for the club.
- There are still some Post Ian repairs & replacements needed, namely our lights and missing benches. Those items have been brought to the attention of Park Management without any commitments but really took a backseat to trying to get financial support for the Sunshades. I found out just yesterday from Patrick that the lights on the post with the switch actually are working, but only if the tennis court lights are on at the same time. They are waiting for an electrician to correct this.
- For the sunshade funding, we took the initial funding proposal to the Board of Directors on March 28, 2022 Board meeting, and proposed a 50% cost sharing arrangement for the purchase of the sunshades in accordance with past practice and funding of projects by other clubs. Our proposal was tabled and we were asked to bring a new proposal to the Board for consideration during the regular budget process. In September 2022 the Lawn Bowling Club submitted an updated proposal that requested the Maple Leaf Corporation fund \$10,000 toward purchase of the sunshades for the lawn bowling green with the remainder of the cost to be covered by the lawn bowling club. We proposed this based on the information that \$10,000 is equivalent to the deductible that would have needed to be paid if an insurance claim had been made at the time of the storm. Shortly after that submission along came Hurricane Ian and the Board said that the budget process was on hold and couldn't be done until they knew what the insurance settlement was going to be. When the 2024 budget was shared at the December 2023 Open Board meeting there was no mention of sunshade funding for lawn bowling despite there being funding provided for Shuffleboard, Tennis, Bocce Ball and Pickleball. At the end of the meeting, I approached Mike Rooney and Kay Cosgray to ask what happened to our proposal and didn't really get a straight answer. Mike Rooney admitted later that they had forgotten about it. I was told that we would have to submit another proposal to be considered next year. After expressing my frustration to other members of our executive team we decided to talk to the park ombudsman Barry Holland to see if anything could be done. Barry was great and got the topic onto the Board agenda in January. As the result of his efforts the Board decided to assist with the funding of the Sunshades for \$3000 as they felt that the \$3000 would be what replacing the umbrellas we had would have cost and the upgrade was our choice. The last piece of the sunshade project is the recognition plaque for our donors. We are in the final stages of getting the proof-reading done. I am optimistic that we can have the plaque in place before we leave at the end of this season.
- A large part of the discussion at the Park Board when they were considering supporting our sunshades is the cost of maintaining the lawn bowling green. The accounting department

prize items. I enjoyed being a drawmaster on Mondays and hopefully, next year, with better health, I will be able to return to actually bowling.

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.
- Jim explained that there was an error on the Financial Statements that were circulated. In the Opening Balance a line item of \$1000.00 outstanding cheque was omitted by accident. The Opening Balance total should have been \$8334.75.

Financial Statement			
March 1st, 2023 – February 29th, 2024			
Opening Balance as at March 1, 2023			
Bank Balance Mar 1/23	\$9,035.58		
Outstanding Cheque	-\$1000.00		
Cash on Hand	\$89.17		
Inventory	\$210.00		
Total	\$8,334.75		
<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership, Storage & Visitors	\$4,232.25	Administration	314.02
Tournaments	272.00	Training (Hybrid Arm)	297.69
Bowling Supplies Income	361.00	Property Maintenance	450.13
Promotional Wear & Towels	44.00	Donations	150
Special Events & Social	1,460.50	Special & Social Events	524.93
Donations	205.00	State Taxes	47.52
Fundraising Event	5,343.20	Greens	500
Miscellaneous (USLBA Members Incentive)	10.00	Trophies	232.39
Total Income	\$11,927.95	Bowling Supplies	705.85
		Fundraising Event	1,667.04
Net Income (Loss)	\$6,985.75	Miscellaneous	52.63
		Regular Expenses	\$4,942.20
Closing Balances as at February 29, 2024		Note:	
Bank Balance Feb 29/24	\$ 10,569.62	Loans Paid off during the year	\$ 5,500.00
Outstanding Check as of Feb. 29/24	-\$ 1,000.00	Balance owing on loans	\$ -
Cash on hand	40.88		
Inventory (Supplies & Towels)	535.00		
Total	\$ 10,145.50		

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

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

2024 – 2025 Proposed Budget			
Revenue		Expenses	
Membership, Storage Fees & Rental	\$4,500.00	Administration	\$ 600.00
Tournaments	400.00	Training	400.00
Bowling Supplies	500.00	Property Maintenance	400.00
Special Events & Social	1500.00	Trophies	300.00
Fundraising	5000.00	Bowling Supplies	500.00
Total Income	\$11,900.00	Donations	1150.00
		Social	1000.00
		Special Events (Super Seniors)	250.00
		Fundraising Expense	2500.00
		Capital Expenses	3000.00
Projected Net Income	\$1,725.00	State Taxes	75.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 10,175.00

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

iii. **Approval of Financial Reviewer for year 2024-25**

Be It Resolved That Barbara Dunsmore be appointed Financial Reviewer for 2024-25. **Moved:** Jim Judge **Seconded:** Beverlie Nelson **Carried.**

e. **Past President Jan Collings**

- As past president, I chaired the Rating Committee as well as being an active member of the executive. The trophy engraving was also my responsibility. We had some trouble with the engraver this year. Recommend we find a new provider for next season.

Be It Resolved That the Officer Reports be accepted as presented. **Moved:** Cheryl McBain **Seconded:** Susan Butler **Carried.**

4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Tournament Committee Cheryl McBain

- First off, I would like to thank my amazing tournament committee -Jan Sawyer, Phil Payne and Heather Comba. I would also like to recognize support from these individuals on tournament days - Susan Butler along with her happy helpers Shirley Decooman and Bev Murray for arranging the wonderful variety of food each tournament day, Brian Butler, Jim Judge and Mike Searby for the bar operations and 50/50. Thank you to Phil Payne and the many others that help set-up the greens and equipment.
- Special mention to our umpires Heather and Phyllis who were available each tournament. A big thank you to those that just pitched in to assist with many other tasks of the day!
- The Committee hosted a total of 6 tournaments this year! Unfortunately, rainy weather conditions caused cancellations of both the Leads and Vices tournament and the Presidents Trophy. Each tournament was very successful and created fun and memorable days!
- Our goal for next season is to boost the number of participants. There is a lot of work that goes into hosting each tournament and it would be wonderful if more folks would come out and enjoy them.
- Our Committee looks forward to presenting a full slate of tournaments next season. Finally thank you to ALL the members who played in the tournaments!
- See you all next season and safe travels!

b. Property Committee**Al Misener**

- Club members rallied at the start of the season to reassemble the sunshades, set out the benches and get the area ready for the 2023/24 season. The shades were used repeatedly to give bowlers relief from the unforgiving Florida sun. Thanks to all members who donated their time and skills .
- The season is now coming to an end and we need our members assistance again to close down the Greens for the season. There will be a work party to do the work on Wednesday April 3rd at 10:00 am.

c. Greens & Drawmasters Committee**Brian Butler**

- The start of our Season was the grass was slow. Getting the manager, Chris Spence, on board was not easy since he was leaving our park. This gave me the opportunity to get a lawn mower that is better suited for our application. Hence a shared cost of \$1000/ \$500 and one less big machine on the green.
- This was just one step. The new greens manager, Dave Boyce, took over after New Year and he has been open to listen but slow to react. The big tank fertilizer is still going on the green, so runs are very much there and are a concern. I have made him aware and he has done some work with the pencil tinne machine and rolling. The speed has improved but not to the standard we require.
- The off season is, what I have been told, where levelling can be addressed.
- As for the heavyweight tank machine, I'm going to try for a hose reel walk with wand to apply fertilizer insecticides etc. This is our goal, but another meeting is required and of course \$\$\$ is the issue.
- The drawmasters have done a great job with rotation of green setup and the removal of the sprinkler head in the middle of rink 4 has helped. I hope next season we can see some progress on this sprinkler.
- Shades come down on April 3, 2024 and I'm working with Al and John McBain to build racks in the storage shed.

d. Inter-Club Competition**Alice MacLean**

- Our club had 5 outings planned, but only 4 happened.
- Sarasota had a huge shortage of players as well. It was a rainy weekend.
- Jan.28 with Sun N Fun we had 9 win 5 losses.
- At Kings Gate Feb. 22 3 wins 1tie 2 losses
- Sun n Fun here. Feb.25 we had 8 wins 6 losses.
- Kings Gate here March7 3 wins 3 loses.
- Total 23 wins 16 losses 1 tie
- There has been no word from Pelican Reserve club.
- Thanks to Susan Butler and her happy helpers in social.
- To Brian Butler who looked after setting up greens and to John McBain, who I know helped him out.
- Thanks to bowlers and everyone who participated to make this another great season at M.L.
- Next year's dates on the 2025 calendar will be confirmed with the other clubs who have been notified.
- King Gate have replied thanks.

e. Membership Committee**Lynn Searby**

- Membership this year was 72 bowlers, 11 social members and 5 new members. In comparison last year we had 83 bowlers, 9 social members and 13 new members.
- We are hopeful that the successful new bowlers clinics this year will provide us with new members next year.

f. Social Committee**Susan Butler**

- The social committee had a great year. Starting with the triples tournament. Unfortunately we had a couple of cancellations due to weather and not enough players. We did have a few fun days with Sun and Fun and Kings Gate. Ending with the Club Championship. Special thanks to Shirley and Bev for all their help and of course for my special bartender Ron.

g. Publicity**Guy Montanaro**

- I publicized Club Events with our monthly ACCENTS reports, regular Community Center posts of tournament winners plus notices of other club activities, and periodic Leaf announcements for the Club.

h. Instruction Committee

Heather Comba

New Bowler training.

- It seems having Expo in November is not a good time for recruiting new lawn bowlers. Lynn Searby and I represented Lawn Bowling and there was no interest.
- 3 new bowlers came out through word of mouth and all joined.
- We had good turn outs for Taste of Bowls thanks to Guy Montanaro advertising but few came back for more. However, 2 did come out on a New Bowler day and did join.
- Word of mouth is still our best way to get new bowlers; so please keep spreading the word that bowling is friendly competition, mild exercise, a great way to meet people and fun in the sun.

Be a Better Bowler Clinics. (BBB Clinics)

- Decembers BBB clinic was cancelled due to lack of interest. Could be Wednesday is not a good day. January and February clinics were also cancelled as I was not available. Hopefully next season will be better.
- Vice and skip clinics were also not given for the same reason. As I truly believe the vice and skips clinic has value, I will post a session on Wednesday March 27 at 1:15. Many bowl up north so this might be of interest.
- Our Club has also purchased the Hunter hybrid hacksaw arm. The arm is only 15 inches long so the bowler can emulate the standard delivery.

i. Rating Committee

Jan Collings

- The rating committee, consisting of myself and two others, met during the season to assess and rate all bowlers in accordance with the stated guidelines. We finished the season with 20 skips, 22 vice and 27 leads. Total of 69 I would like to thank my committee for their time and help.

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

5. Special Committee Reports

a. South East Division Report, Heather Comba

12 Maple Leaf members belong to the USLBA South East Division and play outside the park as well. Maple Leaf lawn bowlers had excellent results at the South-East Division Open. Kathy Smith and Lynn Searby were 2nd place in the Championship Pairs, Sophie Burrows and Phyllis Dalgleish won the "B" Flight with Cheryl McBain and Susan Butler coming in second. Sophie Burrows came in 2nd Place in the Singles Championship.

6. Presentation of Amendments to the Club By-Laws

Amendment #1 Article III – Members

Currently **ARTICLE III Section 1** of the Bylaws states –

Section 1. Regular Members

- a. All members must be a resident of Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club and must abide by The Code of Conduct attached to these Bylaws.
- c. Members must pay dues for each season (November through October 31st).

PROPOSAL Change to –

Consolidate a & c. a. All members must be a resident of Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, pay dues for each season (November through October 31st), and must abide by The Code of Conduct attached to these Bylaws.

Change c. to

c. Each member shall be entitled to one vote, in person or by proxy, on all matters submitted to a vote of members.

f. currently blank

Proposed f. f. The Board is authorized to introduce membership incentives to try and increase the number of members in the club. The incentives should be for a limited time.

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

Moved: Kermit Morse **Seconded:** Pat McEvoy **Carried**

Amendment #2 ARTICLE V - Meetings

PROPOSAL Change to –

Add new Section 1., renumber other sections accordingly.

a. Meetings of the Association, including it's AGM, Board meetings, General meetings, Special meetings and Committee meetings may be held in person or by such electronic means including, but not limited to, email, telephone call and the transmission of data, information and video through computer networks or other similar means as determined by the President of the Association. Any person attending a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting. The Secretary shall keep minutes of and attendance at such meetings.

b. Voting at meetings of the Association shall be by a show of hands, paper or electronic ballot, if feasible or otherwise by such other means or matter as the President may direct.

c. Notices of membership meetings shall be communicated to the members by electronic means and be displayed on the bulletin board by the Charlotte Center. No error or omission in the notice of any meeting of the Association or its Board shall invalidate such meeting or render void any proceedings taken at the meeting.

d. In cases of equality of votes, the President shall have a second or casting vote.

Section 4. 2. Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting shall be held in March and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise. A notice of the date, time and place of the meeting shall be **communicated electronically and** placed on the designated bulletin board at The Charlotte Center at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. 3 Special Meeting.

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors and shall also be called upon the written request of ten members of the Club. A notice of the date, time and place of the meeting along with the purpose of the meeting shall be **communicated electronically and** placed on the Club Bulletin Board at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Section 3. 4 Quorum.

The lesser of forty percent (40%) of the membership or forty (40) members of the Club shall constitute a quorum. **Members who have assigned their vote to a proxy will be counted toward the attendance total to make quorum. The proxy appointment form is Schedule A.**

Schedule A

Instrument Appointing Proxy

The undersigned, a member in good standing of the Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club, hereby appoints the President of the Club, or failing him or her, the Vice-President of the Club, or failing him or her, an Officer of the Board of the club, or in lieu of the foregoing,

_____ as proxy of the undersigned to attend, vote and act at the meeting of the Association to be held on the

_____ day of _____, 20____. To the same extent and with the same powers as if the undersigned were present at the said meeting.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Print Name of Member: _____

Signature of Member: _____

Be It Resolved That Section 4 – Quorum be amended. The first sentence to read “A minimum of 40% of the membership shall constitute a quorum” **Moved:** Mike Comba **Seconded:** Brian Butler **Carried**

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

Moved: Deborah Parker **Seconded:** Eden Wells **Carried**

Amendment #3 **PROPOSAL to Add ARTICLE XIII**

ARTICLE XIII – SUSPENSION OF RULES

a. When situations arise because of catastrophic circumstances such as hurricanes or pandemics, the Board may temporarily suspend the rules enacted by these By-Laws that govern the administration of the club.

b. Any suspension of the rules declared by the Board pursuant to this clause shall be terminated by the Board as soon as is reasonably possible.

Be It Resolved That the Amendment #3 be accepted as presented:

Moved: Dennis Rawlins **Seconded:** Bert Visscher **Carried**

7. Presentation of Trophies

- a. Early Bird Tournament - John McBain, Lynn Searby, Al Misener
 - b. Ladies Only & Men's Only Tournament – not scheduled
 - c. Presidents Trophy Tournament – rained Out
 - d. Men's Singles Tournament – Phil Payne, Runner-Up Mike Searby
 - e. Ladies Singles Tournament – Kathy Smith, Runner up – Cheryl McBain
 - f. Charlotte Trophy Tournament – Cheryl McBain, Lynn Searby, Al Misener
 - g. Leads and Vices Tournament – cancelled
 - h. Aussie Pairs Tournament – Kathy Smith & John McBain
 - i. Combo Fours – Dave Burrows, Bert Visscher, Martin Gray, Deborah Parker
 - j. Maple Leaf Trophy Tournament – Dave Burrows, Lynn Searby, Tom Howat
 - k. Club Championship Tournament – Shirley Judge, Guy Montanaro Bob Livingstone
 - l. Fixed League – 1st Place Mike Searby and Dennis Rawlins, after a tiebreak with Phil Payne and John McBain.
8. Rookie Of the Year – Award announced by Heather Comba. Colin Milroy was chosen as rookie of the year.
9. New Business – Input from the membership
- Results of member input ballot: 11 people voted for a 50:50; 26 people voted for a 50:25:25 division

- Frank Pring inquired about the status of the trophy displays at the Charlotte Center. Pat McEvoy stated that it was a miscommunication and they really just wanted to paint the walls and the cabinets were not slated for permanent removal.
- Mike Searby promoted the idea of a Leads Only Singles Tournament later in the season. Phyllis confirmed that it has been scheduled for March of 2025. This prompted a brief discussion about mixed gender singles. Leads only will be mixed, a separate Men's and Women's Singles will be held in January.
- Eden Wells asked if more tournaments could be 2, 10 end games to better suit the aging players. Brian Butler spoke to wanting to player longer events because there are few. Jim Judge suggested that we accommodate players in 3 game tournaments by pairing them up with someone who would like to play one or two games. Bill Santin raised the question of ratings. He was told that it would just have to be another player with the same position rating, lead, vice or skip. We will try to continue to offer a variety of formats.
- Questions about fixed league were raised. Looking at moving it to Wednesday nights next year. Beverlie Nelson asked if it would return to triples. People seem to prefer pairs. Mike Searby asked about drawing teams. We will keep fixed league as an event where you can choose your own team. We could look at restricting ratings so that 2 skips are not on the same team. Kathy Smith said that she thought evening play would discourage participation due to cold and wetness.

10. Motion to Adjourn **Moved:** Court Wells **Seconded:** Beverlie Nelson **Carried**