

Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting February 5, 2024 10:00 AM Charlotte Centre

1. Quorum

In Attendance:

President: Phyllis Dalglish
 Vice President: Guy Montanaro
 Treasurer: Jim Judge
 Secretary:
 Past President: Jan Collings

Committee Chairs:
 Guy Montanaro – Publicity
 Cheryl McBain – Tournaments
 Susan Butler – Social
 Al Misener - Property

Brian Butler - Greens :
 Lynn Searby - Membership
 Instruction - Heather Comba
 Alice MacLean - Interclub

Regrets: Ron Logel-Casey

2. Approval of Minutes of the January 3, 2024 BOD Meeting. M – Jim J S – Lynn S : **Carried.**
 3. Business arising from the previous Minutes

Action

- Update on request for funding of Sunshades from the park.

Ron and Phyllis met with Barry Holland on January 19th. We showed him our documentation and reviewed the process we went through. Barry took the matter to Mike Rooney prior to the Jan. 22nd board meeting. At the Jan 22nd board meeting Mike Rooney admitted that they had forgotten about our request but didn't know why we went to the Ombudsman about it and not just resubmitted the request like we were told to do. On Jan. 30th an email was sent to all ML board members with an explanation and a review of our request. Acknowledgement of receipt was received the same day and Mike Rooney stated they will discuss it at their workshop next Wednesday.

Waiting for decision from the ML Board.

- Other Updates:

- 4 New keys have been added to our inventory – Guy has the list & keys if needed
- Fixed League has 9 pairs participating
- Kathy co-ordinated the Men's and Women's Singles tournaments. Finals were on Saturday
- Sunshade Donation recognition plaque. Several designs were discussed. There was some debate over the style of the tree. It was decided to go with the traditional tree trunk over the stylized trunk. There was some discussion about recognition of the project founders and whether they should be singled out vs. recognizing the contributions of all the members who have supported the project in so many different ways. The board was reminded that when we solicited the donations we promised recognition for contributions of \$100 or more. It was decided to move the names of the founders onto leaves in the tree. In place of where the founders are to add a statement about all of the 2022 membership. A suggestion was made to arch the title Sunshade donors to the shape of the top of the tree. There was also discussion about the size and location of the plaque. People favored locating the plaque on the rear wall of the Charlotte Center.



Phyllis to update the design

Phyllis to bring price quotes for various sizes to the next meeting.

4. Officer Reports:

Action

a) President
Phyllis Dalglish

- January was a very busy month as anticipated. Of our 19 events scheduled, we did really well with most of them. The ones, that we didn't, were in Mother Nature's hands.
- Very pleased with the fantastic results of our fundraising dinner. It was a little more stressful going with Sam's and BJ's as our suppliers knowing that we would have to do more prep but it really paid off. I will let Jim give the fine details there. We also met post dinner as an

Deliver a Thank You card to the Sam's meat dept.

organizing committee to look at areas of improvement for the future. I will let Ron share those results.

- One of the most exciting things to come out of this month was great turnouts at our introductory events. We had 24 people come to our first event and another 15 come to the second. Those are some serious numbers that we need to convert into new members. I will let Heather report on those initiatives.
- I've been working with a new supplier for club shirts called Sports Gear Swag. The advantages are that we only need to order 2 shirts to get free shipping, they cost less (\$35 ea) and they come in under 2 weeks. They do seem to be fitting slightly smaller than our previous supplier.

Check to make sure we can order for a Sunday

Check with office for dates – 1st Choice Sunday Jan 19th. 2nd Choice Sunday Jan 26th.

b) Vice President
Guy Montanaro

- No report

c) Secretary
Ron Logel

- A summary of fundraising dinner review meeting was circulated before meeting.
- I will be flying home on March 1 for my sinus surgery and not returning until October 2024.

d) Treasurer
Jim Judge

Financial Position as of January 31, 2024

Beginning Bank Balance January 1st ———\$12,143.95

Beginning cash balance January 1st ——— \$ 412.99

Total Income for January ————— \$ 5,012.00

Total expense and loan payments————— \$ 6,800.47

Total net decrease in bank & cash January \$ 1,788.47

Ending Bank Balance January 31st ——— \$10,569.62

Ending cash on hand January 31st ——— \$ 198.85

- Income items were Bowling supplies \$41.00, Tournaments \$48.00, 50/50 \$580.00, ticket sales and donations \$2820.00, membership \$500.00, Bar sales and tips from fundraiser \$823.00
- Expense items were Trophy's \$24.45, Fundraising supplies \$1,252.43, Keys \$16.00, Lawn Mower purchase \$500.00, Bowling arm \$297.69, tax \$9.90, Loans paid off \$4,500.00.
- One check for \$1,000.00 remains to be cashed which would change bank balance to \$9,569.62

As a separate report is the results of fundraising dinner.

- Total income from ticket sales and donations was **\$4,020.00**
- Total net income from 50/50 was \$519.00
- Total bar sales was \$771.00 plus Tip jar of \$52.00 for a total of \$823.00
- Total income was \$5,362.00
- Expenses consisted of Chicken \$544.06
- Supplies (table cloths, serving containers, tin foil, steam pans, gloves, tickets, BBQ sauce etc) was \$660.18
- Water, Beer and wine was total of \$319.80 . I believe we have a bit left over in inventory.
- Total expenses were \$1,524.04
- Total income from fundraiser is **\$3,837.96**
- We will have to pay a small amount of tax on beer and wine sales but it is not significant. Will show next month
- Very very successful event!! We are now debt free

e) Past President
Jan Collings

- No Report

BIRT the Officers Reports be accepted as presented: Mover – Cheryl M Seconder – Brian B : **Carried**

5. Standing Committee Reports

Action

<p>Rating & Nominating Committees</p> <p>Jan Collings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phyllis inquired about the coloured dots changing on the tags after a rating change since some had not occurred. Jan was asked to resend out the list of the last rating changes. 	<p>Jan to resend list to Lynn, Cheryl and Alice</p>
<p>Instruction Committee</p> <p>Heather Comba</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had 24 show up for a New Bowler session on Friday January 12. Thanks to Dave Burrows, Phyllis Dalgleish and myself for managing this group. Several have come back for further training. Phil Payne helped new bowlers that came out on Tuesdays, I managed Wed until Jan 24, Dave Burrows covered Thursdays and Phyllis Dalgleish worked Friday mornings. All new bowlers were sent an email informing them how to continue. There were 15 that showed up for the taste of bowls on Mon Jan 22. Thanks to Phil, Dave, Sophie and Phyllis for running this session and Sophie Burrows who took attendance. Several were contacted to continue sessions. Some still need to be called. The new hybrid arm arrived from Australia. Very light and easy to grab. Sessions will be arranged for all coaches and a message needs to be sent out that the arm is here. The hybrid arm will solve some problems but not all. The launcher and the regular length arms still have value and solve different bowler issues. 	<p>Heather to follow up with phone calls to those new bowlers we don't have email addresses for</p> <p>In the next email to the club announce arrival of the arm, need for training, then use on a first come first served basis.</p>
<p>Interclub Committee</p> <p>Alice MacLean</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan.28/23 gave us a great day with Sun n Fun bowling visit. Their hospitality proved to be over the top, once the proper ladies got the news there wasn't any food or drink except water. Joe purchased pizza (out of his own pocket) for after the games. No prizes or entry fee at their request. Not talked about, but M.L. Won 9 games to their 5. When they come here at the end of Feb. they want prizes, thus a \$5 fee. Discussion about holding back a percentage for the club to help cover expenses including tax. Decided to make \$5 a donation to the prize pool so that there is no tax. We can offer special bar prices for this day only. Will increase our food provided for the day. Sarasota got cancelled due to the weatherman reporting 90 percent chance of rain. They also only could come up with 3 teams, and were more than happy to not come. Ilona and I discussed the weather and she said Let's cancel by all means. maybe in a couple of years they could try again , but at this time they really can't call themselves a club. 	<p>Susan will take care of food for event.</p>
<p>Greens & Drawmasters</p> <p>Brian Butler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very frustrating trying to get a connection/response from David the new head greenskeeper. Want to request that the plinth be power washed to remove mold and get sprinkler misalignment hole repaired. Phyllis was able to reach by email. Need to set a date for taking down the sunshades prior to Brian leaving on April 4th. Phyllis to request an update on light repairs after Wednesday. Patrick's phone number is 941-286-9708 	<p>Phyllis to send David's email address to Brian</p> <p>Phyllis to ask about light repairs</p>
<p>Property Committee</p> <p>Al Misener</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the markers have been repainted. The Hog line markers have been removed, all old paint has been scraped off and then repainted. One Hog was missing. I made a new one with plywood and painted it. All hogs have been screwed on with stainless steel screws now. Christmas lights have been taken down and stored with Jim Matthew's help. Black and yellow hazard tape should be on top shelf in the shed in a small box – need it to mark one more Sun Screen support. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will be refastening the back boards in a few locations as it is pulled away from the concrete. Gerry MacLean has pointed out that the notice boards need some attention. I will be on that shortly. If there are other areas that could use my attention, please feel free to draw it to my attention. 	
Membership Lynn Searby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To date we have 71 members, 11 socials 	
Publicity Guy Montanaro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are so many activities that I have publicized on the Community Corner, The Leaf, and the ACCENTS regarding Tournaments, New Bowler days, A Taste of Lawn Bowling, etc. that I feel it unnecessary to list them. I feel that we are all aware of what's been sent out to the public. 	
Tournament Committee Cheryl McBain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Combo Fours tournament was held Saturday January 27, 2024. We had a struggle to get enough people to fill the required number of teams at 6 (24 players). We were able to adjust the draw a little and as a result we dropped the singles and played triples only - some players had to split the game and only play 1/2. No one seemed to mind. The day was enjoyed by everyone. First place winners were Dave Burrows, Bert Visscher, Martin Gray and Deb Parker. Second Place winners were Kathy Smith, John McBain, Wilma Visscher and Laura Morrison. Third Place Cheryl McBain, Sophie Burrows, Guy Montanaro and Dave Parker. Thanks to the tournament committee and Social Committee and many other members who helped out. Next up is the Aussie Pairs this Thursday Feb 8. Currently on the hunt for one more team to make 8 teams. We will have a conflict with MahJong in the Charlotte Center that day. Will hold post game social outside. Discussed similar conflict for the ML Trophy scheduled for Feb. 29th. Phyllis will check and see if Charlotte is available on Mar. 1st to avoid conflict. 	Phyllis to check with office about Mar. 1 st
Social Committee Susan Butler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combo 4's resulted in a net profit of \$54.08 after food expenses with bar sales. Discussed availability of a second fridge key so we could open the bar if social committee is not available. Post meeting found that there is a key on the set in the shed. 	
BIRT the Committee Reports be accepted as presented: Mover – Lynn S Seconder – Guy M : <i>Carried</i>		

6. New Business

Action

- Proposal to order a replacement sign for the Charlotte Center wall to test out a sign provider. Old Sign New Sign 18"x24" est. \$65.25

- Purchased approved by consensus.



Phyllis will order sign.

2. Draft Club Calendar for 2024-2025 was discussed with a number of changes. Instruction dates still need to be added. An updated calendar will be circulated.
3. Need a co-ordinator for the Super Seniors on Feb. 21st. Lynn will ask Mike if he is willing to do this again.
4. Items to for the **2024 AGM Agenda**
 - i. We will survey the members on whether they think 50/50 prizes over \$100 should stay 50:50 or change to 50:25:25.
 - ii. Membership structure changes – propose a new membership category of life social member to recognize people who make significant volunteer contributions to the club but no longer bowl. People would be nominated for approval by the board to a maximum of 2 people per year. We would also ask for a change that would give the board the authority to offer promotions for new members such as a 2 for 1.
 - iii. Discussion was held on how many people we want to require for a quorum. Instead of lowering the number required to attend we decided that we should add wording to allow for proxies and electronic attendance at meetings.

Updated calendar to be circulated

Lynn to ask Mike

Specific wording to be prepared for approval at the next Board meeting.

**Next meeting: Friday, March 8th, 2024 11 AM (or following the jitney)
Charlotte Center**

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: M: Jan C. S: Alice M : **Carried**