

Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting March 3, 2025 10 AM Charlotte Centre

1. Quorum

In Attendance:

President: Phyllis Dalglish
 Vice President:
 Treasurer: Jim Judge
 Secretary: Ron Logel
 Past President:

Committee Chairs:

Publicity - Guy Montanaro Membership - Lynn Searby
 Tournaments -Cheryl McBain Instruction - Heather Comba
 Social - Susan Butler Inter Club – Alice MacLean
 Greens - Dave Burrows Drawmasters - Janet Power

Regrets Property – Al Misener

2. Approval of Minutes of the February 3, 2025 BOD Meeting. M – Lynn S – Jim : **Carried.**

3. Business arising from the previous Minutes:

- **Phyllis to train Guy & Ron on website maintenance - incomplete**
- **Update on bench purchase.**

- 4 benches for around the Greens for around the green were purchased from Global Industrial for a total price of \$2,660.19. The thermoplastic coated metal benches are generally more expensive than the recycled plastic ones we were originally looking at, but with some research we found a supplier that could get us the better product for the amount we budgeted
- Jim and I made the executive decision to go with the green metal benches.
- Considering our current bank balance, I propose we purchase another 4 benches to complete the one side, and bolt them to the concrete so they are secure for hurricane season.

BIRT We order 4 more benches M – Janet S – Guy : **Carried**

- The purchase of any other furniture can be deferred until after the next fundraising dinner. At the end of the season, we promote that a donation of \$5,320 was made to the park in the form of some new benches for the LB green.
- When we passed the original motion, we had the suggestion to mark the benches as paid for from our 2025 Chicken Dinner funds. A 3” by 8” brass plaque with “Purchased with Proceeds of the 2025 Fundraising Dinner” on it is \$40.39 + tax each.
- We will delay any plaque purchases.

- **Review of the 2025-2026 Draft Calendar**

- Swap events for Feb 27 & 28 => Feb 27 ML Trophy Feb 28 Fixed League
- Jan 10 => change CanAm to Queensway
- Jan 24 Open Mixed Singles Tournament and reserve Jan 25 if needed

Action

Phyllis to train Guy & Ron on website maintenance

Order 4 more benches

Promote a donation of \$5,320 made to Park

4. Officer Reports:

Action

a) President
Phyllis Dalglish

- February has been a busy but exciting month for the club. We had 3 Interclub events, 4 tournaments, our Super Seniors event, fixed league, A Taste of Lawn Bowling with a record turn-out of 16 people & 3 Wednesday Night bowls that averaged about 6 new bowlers a time. We have been getting lots of positive feedback that people are finding the sport fun and we’ve had 4 people join.
- There has been a fair amount going on behind the scenes work to keep things running. Some frustration with the company that we have been using to order shirts. They just can’t seem to get the red to be red and not orange. The good news is that they do have free shipping and no minimum order so I’ve been able to order 1 at a time as requested. Early in the month I sent

Patrick a thank you card for getting the lights fixed so we now control all the lights from our own switch. Patrick and his crew were very helpful in taking the delivery of the new benches, and we had a good response for our request for volunteers to assemble them.

- Like Mike, I would really like to see the Leads Singles tournament run this year. I wonder if we need to take the list of leads and encourage them individually to enter? Who would be willing to take on that task?
- Following up on Dave's suggestion at the last meeting we host a Bowls USA SED tournament and invite clubs from other areas here. After BOD meeting discussion, we are proposing Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026 as a date for this tournament.

BIRT We budget \$250 for this tournament M – Susan S – Dave : **Carried**

- Amazing how time flies – all of a sudden it is urgent that we get the trophies sent for engraving so they can be ready for the AGM, which is just 16 days away. Maureen Nelson has agreed to take on this task for us.

Cheryl to get list of Tournament Winners to Maureen Nelson

b) Vice President vacant

c) Secretary
Ron Logel

- Sent a Thank You card to Ruth Edward for her BBQ donation to the Club. Also posted on FB a public TY that got a lot of response because Ruthie is a well-known & longtime ML resident.
- Developed a Music Bingo system that I shall demo and we shall discuss at the end of this meeting.

d) Treasurer
Jim Judge

Financial Report for February 2025.

Opening Bank Balance February 1st —————\$14,819.62

Opening cash balance February 1st ----- —\$265.38

Income February —————\$1,823.00

Expense February—————\$3,540.74

Ending Bank balance February—————=—\$12,754.43

Ending cash balance February—————\$612.83

Expenses over income for February was (\$1,717.74) which accounts for decrease in bank of \$2065.19 and an increase in cash of \$347.45.

Income items of significance for February were memberships of \$635.00, bowling supplies of \$167.00, 50/50 of \$270.00. Rest of income was from all the tournament income and lunch money income.

Expense items of significance was purchase of 4 benches for \$2,660.19, super seniors lunch expense \$209.42 , tax of \$44.83, parts for BBQ \$104.27, social (food and beverage) \$404.50 , supplies for tournaments and website \$87.31, and repairs of \$30.12.

Looking into March the biggest expense we will have will be for the AGM.

All and all a good season financially

- With regards to Supplies, we have had bowls donated to Club (Pat McEvoy and others). It was decided to replace older Club bowls with these bowls rather than try to sell them.
- Since Barb Dunsmore cannot review our books this year, we need a replacement

BIRT Replace Barb Dunsmore to review the 2024-2025 Financial Records with Janet Power and bring forth this motion at the AGM.

M – Cheryl S – Susan : **Carried**

Bring forth this motion at the AGM

- e) Past President
- No Report

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

5. Standing Committee Reports

Action

<p>Rating & Nominating Committees</p> <p>Phyllis Dalgleish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nominating committee of Shirley Judge, Bob Livingstone and Ernestine Montanaro approached a number of people to try and get a full slate of nominees to stand for election. They were partially successful. Janet Power is willing to stand for the position of Vice-President; Jim Judge is willing to stand as Treasurer, Ron Logel is willing to stand as Secretary. They were unable to find a candidate willing to stand as President. • Article IV Section 4 of our Bylaws state “no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as President, without agreement of the board”. This AGM will mark the end of the second consecutive term. What I propose is that we 1) make a further appeal for nominations by email when we send out the notice of meeting, if none are received 2) we ask for nominations from the floor at the AGM 3) if none are received, we pre-determine board approval for me to serve one more year and hold elections at the next AGM. <p>BIRT The Board has approved Phyllis as President for one more year with elections to be held in 2026 for the whole Board including the President position. M – Alice S – Lynn : Carried</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rating Committee – the rating committee did not meet in the last month. 	
<p>Instruction Committee</p> <p>Heather Comba</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had 16 show up for the Taste of Bowls. Thanks to Phyllis Dalgleish, Phil Payne, Bill Scott and Dave Burrows for coaching that day. Thanks to Guy and Phyllis for advertising on FB, the Leaf and the new Activities List. • The sandwich boards were also placed in front of the Charlotte Center and the post office. All were sent a message with several options outlining what next. Only 1 returned the next week and she may join. I believe a few came out on Wednesday evening. One other showed up the next week and joined. One that was getting one on one joined and convinced her husband to join. • A BBB session scheduled for Wed Feb 26 was cancelled due to so many other activities the lawn bowling club had. There was only one inquiry and a one on one session was offered. • Please encourage leads to enter the leads singles. Perhaps we could advertise a leads singles practice this Thursday. 	<p>Heather to advise Maureen Nelson who the Rookie of Year will be</p>
<p>Interclub Committee</p> <p>Alice MacLean</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun and Fun tournament here was a bit hectic as they were 5 players short. We had our players sub for them. We won 7 games but no money. • On Feb 21 at Kingsgate, we won all games but one. • Kingsgate are here on March 13 and the signup sheet is up for it. 	
<p>Greens</p> <p>Dave Burrows</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been praised by the Sun & Fun Team as having great greens and I have passed this info on to Dave Boyce. We will have special cuts on March 6th, 8th and 15th. • I also let Dave know that we may be hosting a South East Tournament next year, and mentioned that if we were able to bring the greens up to 12 seconds, we would be the envy of all clubs in Florida. 	

<p>Drawmasters Janet Power</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have had only one date where we had no drawmaster but it was the day of the Super Seniors event. On Feb 21 (our visit to Kingsgate date), there was a jitney with 2 lanes. Recommend that we add colour blocks to Drawmaster sheet to make it easier to read. 	
<p>Property Committee Al Misener</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will anchor the new benches to the ground. The push broom holder rack has been installed in the shed. 	
<p>Membership Lynn Searby</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 69 members which includes 6 new members. 	
<p>Publicity Guy Montanaro</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since my last publicity report on Feb. 3, I kept our Maple Leaf community updated on all the events/activities going on in the Lawn Bowling Club. WEEKLY: Fixed League, Bowls & Beverages, New Bowlers & Open Practices, A Taste of Lawn Bowling and 4-3-2-1 Suggestion made by Janet to also include the daily jitneys in the weekly post. TOURNAMENTS: Aussie Pairs, Leads & Vices, Super Seniors. Sun & Fun, Kingsgate, Maple Leaf Trophy 	
<p>Tournament Committee Cheryl McBain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February was a very busy month for tournaments. The Combo Combo Fours was held on Feb 1, 2025 We had 6 teams of four which was the same number as in 2024. Heather Comba, Guy Montanaro, Al Misener, Susan Harris placed 1st followed by Cheryl McBain, Wilma Visscher, Bob Livingstone, Rene Broders in 2nd, Shirley Judge, Lynn Searby, Brenda Triebner, Graham Harris in 3rd and Brian Butler, Dave Burrows, Guy Montanaro, Deb Parker in forth. The Aussie Pairs tournament was held on Feb 8,2025 Sophie and Dave Burrows came 1st followed by Jim and Shirley Judge in 2nd, Cheryl and John Casey in 3rd. We had 14 teams sign up this year. Two 10 end games were played followed by lunch. Leads and Vices tournament was held February 15. There were three 6 end games played. 16 players signed up so we had 8 pairs. Martin Gray, Tom Howat came 1st followed by Jim Judge and Eden Wells in 2nd, Bob Livingstone and Sue Harris in third place. Maple Leaf Trophy was played on February 28,2025 We had 30 players that made up 10 triple teams Cheryl McBain, Brenda Triebner, Al Misener came first followed by Denis Rawlins, Phyllis Dagleish, Joelle Russell 2nd, Sohpie Burrows, Ernestine Montanaro, Janet Power 3rd. The next tournament will be the Club Championship March 8, 2025 Discussion raised by Cheryl about avoiding the tax on the \$5 tournament entry fee in order to increase prize money to players Board decided that we will eat this tax <p>BIRT Tournament entry fee tax charge will go back to the players for next year and the Club will play this charge next year. M – Cheryl S – Alice : Carried</p>	
<p>Social Committee Susan Butler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have received good feedback on our tournament events. Next year I will try to delegate more activities with various people who have step forth to run the food at some tournaments. 	
<p>BIRT the Committee Reports be accepted as presented: Mover – Cheryl Seconder – Lynn : Carried</p>		

i. AGM March 19

- o Changes to our Club Constitution will be as follows:

APPENDIX A – BYLAW CHANGES**ARTICLE III Members****Section 1. Regular Members**

- All members must be a resident of Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club and must abide by The Code of Conduct attached to these Bylaws.
- Any change in the dues or any assessment must be adopted by a majority at a meeting of the membership, either the annual meeting or a special meeting.
- Members must pay dues for each season (November through October 31st). **The current rate for a regular member is \$50 for the year.**
- Members who bowled the previous season will continue at the same ratings in subsequent seasons until changed by the Rating Committee. A new resident who is an experienced bowler must accept the rating assigned by the Rating Committee when becoming a member.
- A regular member has all the rights and privileges of membership including playing in tournaments, voting and holding executive positions.**

Section 2 – Limited Membership

- Residents of Maple Leaf who wish to be a member of the club for a portion of the season can pay a monthly rate to be a Limited member. The current monthly rate is set at \$20 per month. A monthly membership includes play in all events and tournaments, but does not include the right to vote or hold office.**
- A resident, or resident guest of Maple Leaf 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: who wishes to bowl for a short period of time can pay \$5 per day or \$10 per week. The daily or weekly memberships do not include tournament play or the right to vote or hold office.**
- A visitor who is not a resident guest (ie. 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/ guest fee, for a maximum of 2 times per year. The fee shall be set by the Board from time to time.
- ~~Inexperienced bowlers (beginners) who are residents and wish to bowl must first receive training from the Chief Instructor's Committee.~~ **New bowlers who receive instruction** They may then bowl in jitneys for two weeks without becoming a member. After that time, they must **choose a membership option in order to continue playing.** ~~become a member to continue to bowl or pay the "per game fee". The per game fee shall be set by The Board from time to time.~~ **New Members** taking the instruction are eligible to use Club bowls for one (1) **year season** without charge.
- ~~A resident non-member shall pay a per game fee set by The Board from time to~~

time.

Section 3. Social Members

- a. A social member must be a resident of Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club
- b. Social members may participate in all social events of the Club.
- c. They may not make motions or vote in meetings.
- d. Dues for Social Members shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - Finance

Section 4. Auditor Financial Reviewer

BIRT We bring forth the Bylaw changes to the 2025 AGM. M – Janet S – Susan

ii. AGM Preparation – room setup, food, etc.

- o We will meet to set up room at 9:00 am assuming 50 approx, attendees.
- o Food will include sausages (last year it was beef on a bun, potato salad, bean salad, dessert TBD.)
- o Beer, wine, pop and diet pop.
- o Give one beverage ticket free and sell after that.
- o Tournament Winners will pick up their small trophies
- o There will be group picture of all Tournament winners with their individual trophies.
- o Rookie of the Year will be presented

iii. Fun Day (March 24) Planning

- o Entry fee of \$5 – Use a format that has a mix of games where you can score points, then a 4321 mini-tournament.
- o Phyllis will draw up the flyer and determine the prizes
- o Food?

iv. Ron gave a demo of the Music Bingo proposal

- o After demo completed, suggestions included we move it to the start of the Chicken dinner agenda (4 pm); we do a test run of 1 game at our AGM and get member feedback if we should run it as part of the Chicken Dinner.
- o At our next BOD Meeting on March 26, we can discuss the AGM feedback and decide the next steps for the Music Bingo proposal.

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Susan – food menu

Lynn advised that she will not be able to attend AGM

Phyllis: flyer & prizes

Susan – food menu

Do a test run of the Music Bingo at the 2025 AGM

7. Next meeting:

AGM Wednesday, March 19, 2025 10:30 am Queensway
BOD Wednesday, March 26, 2025 4:00 pm Charlotte Center

Adjourn M – Janet S – Dave : *Carried*