



# Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

### March 20, 2019

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1. Call to Order at 10:40. President Jan Collings declared Notice of the meeting was properly posted and a quorum was present, making this meeting duly constituted.
2. Minutes:
  - a. President Jan Collings advised that the Minutes of the March 21, 2018 AGM had been approved by the board at the March 26, 2018 meeting.
  - b. President Jan Collings called the following motion: **Be It Resolved That** the Board be authorized to approve the minutes of the AGM at their next meeting. Moved; Cheryl McBain, Seconded Jack Reid: **Carried**
3. Officer Reports:
  - a. President Jan Collings
    - Had a good season with our new green meeting most of our expectations. At our last Board meeting Course Superintendent Chris Spence attended to discuss the greens with us. This is a great step forward.
    - Our coaching sessions were excellent this year. Thanks to all of the coaches for their time and commitment.
    - Thanks to Bill Scott for filling the position of Tournament Committee Chair. Attended some of the draw meetings to learn how the balanced blind draw is done. Thanks also to Bill Scott for running the Leads & Vices fixed league which went very well.
    - Thanks to Miles McEvoy for organizing the Fixed League again this year.
    - It was another good year of Interclub Competition with several new bowlers participating.
    - Mardi Gras was a new and very successful undertaking for the club. It was organized by team headed by Pat McEvoy, with Gary Campbell, Jim Judge and Bertie Henry assisting. Thank You all for your hard work on this.
    - The Super Seniors Day was another great event. Thank you Joan Heywood & Francine Beal for all your hard work on this. Next year Jack and Vilda Reid will coordinate the event.
    - The Salvation Army Food Drive again had a record donation. Thank you to the coordinator Mary-Louise Matthews the volunteers and everyone who donated.
    - We have not yet finalized any donations we will be making, however checks will be presented at the April homeowners meeting.
    - We did lose several members this year. Condolences for Sylvia Reiach and Jim Lewis.
    - A final thank you to Pat and Miles McEvoy for organizing the food and drink for today and all our tournaments throughout the year.

- b. Vice-President                      John Casey
- First year as VP I was able to learn quite a bit from the current board.
  - I want to welcome all the new bowlers here and hope that you continue with lawn bowling. We are fortunate to be in a club that offers support and coaching to all our members.
  - I hope that everyone has a wonderful Summer and looking forward to seeing everyone back here in the fall..
- c. Secretary                              Phyllis Dalglish
- Been a busy year with just the routine tasks of preparing agendas, recording minutes and sending various messages to the membership and 2 major projects.
  - The first project was the design and ordering of club shirts. It took much more time and effort than anticipated, mostly due to delays from the company we used. We now have the first order of team wear delivered and will do another order in the fall.
  - The second major project has been redoing the club web site. We changed internet providers and design software so it has also been slower than planned. Almost complete at this time.
- d. Treasurer                              Jim Judge
- Presented the Financial Report for the year 2018-2019.
  - Jim explained that the original auditor we appointed was no longer available so we changed to a financial reviewer. Thanks to Barbara Dunsmore for agreeing to review our documents. The letter provided by Barbara was read: "I have reviewed the financial statements of the Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club for the 12 months ending February 28, 2019, the transactions and bank balance as at February 28, 2019. My examination included a review of the financial records, documentation supporting the receipts and disbursements, and bank statements. In my opinion the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial results for the 12 months ending February 28, 2019".
  - Financial statement for the year March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019 was distributed.

**Opening Balances**

Bank Balance Mar 1-18	\$ 10,221.23
Cash on Hand	\$ 8.85
Inventory	\$ 161.10
Total	\$ 10,391.18

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership	\$ 5900.00	Training/Admin.	465.84
Storage Fees	345.00	Property Maintenance	1566.68
Tournaments	841.00	Greens Upkeep	290.00
Bowling Supplies Income	936.00	Trophies	345.88
Visitor Donations	169.00	Donations	1600.00
Promotional Wear	1428.28	Social Events	1440.13
Special Events	<u>502.00</u>	Special Events	543.33
Total Income	\$ 10,121.28	State Taxes	142.53
		Promotional Wear	1538.62
		Bowling Supplies Purchased	<u>1229.24</u>
Net Income	\$ 958.73	Total Expenses	9162.55

ASSETS

Bank Balance Feb 28/19	11,139.68
Cash	49.13
Inventory	<u>400.50</u>
Total	\$ 11,589.31

**Be It Resolved That** the audited financial statement be accepted as presented.  
 Moved: Jim Judge, Seconded Phil Payne **Carried** .

- The budget for 2019-2020 was presented as follows.

2019 – 2020 Proposed Budget

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership	\$ 5900.00	Training/Admin.	350.00
Storage Fees	325.00	Property Maintenance	2500.00
Tournaments	850.00	Greens Upkeep	300.00
Visitor Donations	170.00	Equipment	500.00
Bowling Supplies	600.00	Trophies	400.00
Special Events	<u>1400.00</u>	Donations	1600.00
Total Income	\$ 9245.00	Social Events	1600.00
		Special Events	600.00
		Bowling Supplies Purchased	600.00
		State Taxes	<u>270.00</u>
		Total Expenses	8720.00
Projected Net Income	\$525.00		

- The budget numbers are very similar to last year. A few changes were highlighted.
- **Be It Resolved That** the proposed budget be accepted as presented. Moved: Jim Judge, Seconded Dave Ackland **Carried**
- Approval of a financial reviewer for year 2019-2020. **Be It Resolved That** Barbara Dunsmore be appointed Financial Reviewer for 2019-2020. Moved: Jim Judge, Seconded Ron Logel, **Carried**

e. Past President Bertie Henry

- As Past President I chaired the Rating and Nomination Committees, as well as being an active member of the Executive. I assisted with tournament draws, organization and scoring of tournaments, when required, as well as being responsible for getting the 16 tournament trophies and 44 keepers' trophies engraved.

**Be It Resolved That** the Executive Officer Reports be accepted as presented. Moved; Jan Collings, Seconded Glenda Courtice **Carried**

4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Greens Committee Brian Butler

- Started out this year on a new green with new grass and big shoes to fill taking over from Mike Comba. We've had lots of activity on the green and it seems to be standing up fairly well.
- Continuing to work closely with the golf course greens staff. We've been fortunate to have Tom assigned to the majority of the greens maintenance. Unfortunately Tom is planning on retiring soon.



- This year the park Facebook page was utilized to post pictures of our tournament winners and runners up. Thanks to those that supplied and posted pictures.
- New homeowners meeting were attended. Homeowners meetings do not seem to have many clubs soliciting for members so this venue has been dropped. Our greatest recruiting method is word of mouth and I thank those that spread the good news.

h. Bowling Supplies Jerry MacLean

- Only 1 set of bowls was requested this season and they are shipping as we speak. As always there were the usual requests for grippo, betts, tapes, toucha, wedges and a bowl lifter. I have agreed to serve in the same role next year.

i. Instruction Committee Heather Comba

- We had 4 Open Houses, 9 New Bowler clinics and 4 Be A Better Bowler sessions and an uncounted number of One on One sessions. The theme for the first BBB was Supporting the Competitive Experience. 6 basic strategies were covered. I still hear players saying get second shot, great back bowl, match these bowls, oh no we just made a big target. The second session was titled Tips for Winning Singles. The importance of making your second bowl better than your first was covered. Asking the marker questions made players think about their shot choice, weight and line. The third BBB clinic was given by Cindy Higgins on Shot Choice. What was the buzz word we need to use in making a shot choice? Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. SWOT. Measuring and Rules by Paul Courtice had a record turn out. The rule book can put you to sleep but Paul makes the rules exciting to debate and easy to remember.
- Coaching is all about member return rates. The good news is the number of returning new bowlers from last year is 10 out of 19. A 52% return rate. Most sports show a 50% return. Bowlers return rates are due to good greens, good leadership, good fun, good coaching and most important good attitudes from our members. Keep doing the right things to make new bowlers want more.
- Thanks MaryLouise for running the Open Houses. Thanks Glenda for helping with the BBB program. Thanks Paul for doing the session in late February. Thanks Vince for heading the New Bowler program. Thanks Bertie and Phil for helping with new bowlers. Thanks Fred. Fred is now coaching Pickle Ball and helps us from time to time. I send a big thanks and a big hug to Les Lumber. He served the coaching committee for over 18 years and taught us well.

j. Rating Committee Bertie Henry

- The Rating Committee, consisting of myself and 3 others with representation from the Tournament Committee, met during the season, to assess and rate all bowlers in accordance with the stated guidelines.
- We finished the season with 34 Skips, 42 Vices, and 53 leads, a total of 129.
- I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their time and dedication

k. Interclub Committee Alice & Jerry MacLean

- Five Interclub visits took place; 2 with Sarasota, 1 with Sun N Fun and 2 with Kingsgate Sun N Fun could not come here due to many changes in their club this season. We will keep them on board for next season and see how it works out for them.

- Our results were OK for us, although Sarasota is strong. The Maple Leaf bowlers show wonderful sportsmanship and I think a good time was had by all. Special congratulations to Susan Butler and Mike Searby who received high compliments from Sarasota's Carmen Morris on their bowling. Susan and Mike were relatively new to bowling in Sarasota.
- There was still some phone calling to do to pull teams together but not as much as in the past. If the board agrees we will use the same system next year. Sign up as a team preferably, however some of you have made it very clear that you do not like that system so we will try and accommodate you with an individual sign up as well and try to get teams that way IF there are not enough teams signed up.
- Thanks to Jan Collings for asking us to server on the Interclub committee for the 2019-2020 season.

I. Nominating Committee Bertie Henry

- The Nominating Committee was comprised of myself and 2 other members.
- Our auditor, Bill Ostapachuk CPA, left Maple Leaf and it took some time to find a replacement. Barbara Dunsmore kindly agreed to take over and we thank her for that.
- As all members of the Executive were appointed for 2 years at the 2018 AGM, there are no changes. I am pleased to announce your Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Executive for 2019/2020 will be:

President	Jan Collings	Secretary	Phyllis Dalglish
Vice President	John Casey	Treasurer	Jim Judge
Past President	Bertie Henry		

**Be It Resolved That** Standing Committee Reports be accepted as presented. Moved: Paul Courtice; Seconded Janet Oliver; **Carried**

5. Special Committee Reports

a. South East Division Report, Heather Comba

- We had 10 Southeast division members this year. They all played in Divisional tournaments and 5 played in the South East division Open and 2 in the South-Central division. One benefit from travelling outside to other clubs is to truly appreciate the green we have here. One highlight for the South East Division is Sandy Wall from was chosen to represent The USA at Tiger Bowls in China. She also won the National Singles so represents the USA at the World Champion of Champions in Australia. The USA has approved Cindy Higgins, we know from coaching sessions given here, to be Sandy's coach in Australia. Bragging rights for our division for sure. What an honour for these two.

b. Rookie of the year. Heather Comba

- To qualify a bowler must be new to the sport, taken lessons, attended jitneys and entered tournaments. League play is given credit. The bowler must exhibit proper bowling technique and an interest in learning the rules/etiquette. They should perform minor club tasks and demonstrate an interest in club functions.
- Exceptional is a word I use to describe Mike Searby's ability to learn the fundamental movements and game skills. He visualizes his shot and delivers the bowl with accuracy, a smooth release and a follow through already thinking about next bowl. While most of us moan about the tricky rink, during a game I played with Mike he switched sides and asked me at the end of a game how to play the run. I was stunned. His solution and that question put Mike so far ahead of most bowlers that have bowled for years. The extraordinary happens when a player has participated at the competitive level in several sports and can transfer their

knowledge and experience from those sports. He deserves to be recognized as this year's rookie.

- At the same time an ordinary new bowler appeared that stands out in a different way. Participation in tournaments is a requirement and Janet Oliver's participation and performance cannot go unrecognized. To qualify for the Club Championship tournament players, need to finish in first or second place. This season Janet qualified 3 times under 3 different skips and shares the record of most qualifications this season. League play is not a must but is given recognition. Tony Stam and Janet won the Leads and Vices League. Wow, participation and performance. The rookie must perform minor tasks and show an interest in club functions. Janet was so smitten with the game she brought out her neighbour to play and he joined. Janet convinced 8 tennis players to come out and give the game a try. The tennis players are still talking about what fun they had that evening. This is beyond performing minor tasks and deserves recognition.
- The Coaching committee were deadlocked and the final decision of choosing the best was in my hands. I could not in all honesty, sincerity and in good conscience stand up here and say one was more deserving than the other. They are both deserving in different ways. This is rare and may never happen again but both in my opinion both need to have their names engraved on the trophy. Any club would appreciate having these bowlers as members and we are fortunate to have both.
- Can Mike Searby and Janet Oliver come forward and be recognized as sharing this year's Rookie of the Year Trophy.
- Our new bowlers are all special in their own way and necessary for our club to survive. Many clubs would love to have our new bowlers when they move north. Could our new bowlers come up to front as your name is called? Thank you for choosing to give bowls a try. Muriel and John Brouwers, Francis Currer, Colette Durant, Doreen Humphries, Carol Myers, Lloyd and Maureen Nelson, John and Janet Oliver, and Mike Searby

6. Trophies were presented to the following Tournament Champions:

- a. Early Bird Tournament – Francine Beal, Fred Cockburn, Phyllis Dalgleish
- b. Ladies Triples Tournament – Kathy Smith, Marjorie Jones, Janet Oliver
- c. Men's Triples Tournament – Bill Scott, Tony Stam, Jack Reid
- d. Presidents Trophy Tournament – Shirley Judge, Dave Ackland
- e. Men's Singles Tournament – Mike Comba, Runner-Up Vince Beal
- f. Ladies Singles Tournament –Jan Collings, runner up – Joelle Russell
- g. Charlotte Trophy Tournament – Phil Payne, Ken Catherwood, Ernestine Montanero
- h. Leads and Vices Tournament – Jerry Maclean, Ernestine Montanero, Mike Searby
- i. Aussie Pairs Tournament – Ken Catherwood, Jan Collings
- j. Combo Fours – Kathy Smith, Frank Pring, Dale Struthers, Ernestine Montanero
- k. Maple Leaf Trophy Tournament – Jan Collings, Marjorie Jones, Bud Petican
- l. Club Championship Tournament – Jan Collings, Jerry MacLean, Nancy Latimer
- m. Super Seniors - Ken Catherwood, Bob Bartlett, Bev Nelson
- n. Fixed League Tournament – Shirley Judge, Bertie Henry, Warren Galliene
- o. Leads and Vices Fixed League – Tony Stam and Janet Oliver

7. New Business – Input from the membership

- a. Mike Comba invited Maple Leaf Bowlers to come to the Maple Leaf Reunion held in Milton each August. This year it will be Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mike for more information.

8. Meeting Adjourned