

**MAPLE LEAF LAWN BOWLING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

The President, Bertie Henry, called the meeting to order at 10:37 am. Bertie welcomed everybody to the Annual General Meeting.

Bertie reported that the Notice of the Annual Meeting was posted on the Club's bulletin board 14 days prior to the AGM as set out in the Bylaws. The Notice was also shown on channel 195.

Bertie declared that there was a quorum present and therefore the meeting was duly constituted.

Bertie announced that the minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting of March 16, 2016 were reviewed and approved by the Board at its first meeting held on March 21, 2016 as previously authorized by the membership.

Bertie asked for a motion to authorize the new Board of Directors to review and approve the minutes of this year's annual meeting at the next Board meeting on Monday, March 27, 2017.

MOTION: The Board of Directors is authorized to review and approve the Minutes of this year's Annual Meeting at their next Board Meeting.

Moved by Vince Beal. Seconded by Dave Ackland.

CARRIED

There was no business arising from the minutes.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report, Bertie Henry

Once again, we are coming to the end of another successful season. Our activities were generally well supported with daily jitneys, friendlies and tournaments giving members the opportunity to participate and enjoy themselves. Unfortunately, our Super Seniors day was again the victim of rain but we were able to get one game played in the afternoon. Francine Lemay Beal kept everyone entertained in the morning with some games – thanks, Francine. The club is fortunate to have so many members willing to give freely of their time to organize and run these events. We are all very appreciative.

Bill Scott introduced the Leads and Vices Fixed League and after a slow start it got off the ground. We hope for more participants next season.

We successfully hosted one day of the US Open singles.

Our coaching sessions have been a bit more varied this season with Open House days to give anyone interested an introduction to the game. It has been very successful and we will expand on it next season. Thank you to all our coaches, who also give freely of their time.

Club membership has been maintained at about the same level as last year, and our finances are in good shape.

Sadly, we lost a member, Phil Antonsen during the year.

On the social front, we again enjoyed many functions and activities. Unfortunately, due to circumstances outside our control we had to cancel our very popular Ice Cream Social.

Our website and communication facilities are continually being enhanced and we are grateful to Chuck Suikki for his assistance.

The Salvation Army food drive was again very successful under the guidance of Mary Louise Matthews.

Donation checks will be presented to the Office, Communications Club, Channel 195 and the Corporation at the Homeowners meeting in April.

After some comments regarding the format of the Singles competitions we sent out an email blast to get your preference. The response has been poor but hopefully more of you will reply.

As you are aware, replacement of our green was included in the Golf Course Renovation Scheme. This scheme has now had funding approval and should proceed in 2018. We will keep you informed.

Thank you.

1st Vice President, Jan Collings had no report.

2nd Vice President

Secretary, Jan Sawyer (acting)

The correspondence this season included: sympathy cards to Wendy Antonsen, Marjorie Jones and Nancy Ward, Get Well cards to Bert Visscher, Jim Judge, Ken Benson and Lenore Frost and a Thinking of You card to Bruce Diamond and Helen Beaton.

Treasurer, Corrine Brownridge

Good morning, fellow bowlers. I am Corrine Brownridge and I will be presenting the Financial Report for the year 2016-2017. The document you have before you is our statement for March 1, 2016 until the end of February 2017. It does not represent a season here at Maple Leaf and that can cause some confusion. I am happy to report that the increase in fees this past season has stopped the bleeding. We are now covering expenses and starting to build a nest egg for future needs. Without any fundraising events, we needed to reverse the downward spiral. There is nothing too remarkable to note in the statement except to tell you that our expenses were much less this year than previous years. That too has helped the situation. We were fortunate in that we did not have to pay Florida State taxes on our membership fees but we do pay tax on tournament fees. Some clubs were not so lucky.

Are there any questions? I will make myself available after the meeting if anyone wishes to ask anything.

MOTION: Corrine Brownridge moved that the Financial Statement be accepted as presented. Seconded by Jerry MacLean.

CARRIED

2016-2017

Bank Balance Mar 1-16 5672.43

Revenue

Membership	6030.00
Cash Membership	481.50
Friendly Tournaments	84.00
Bowling Supplies Income	558.00
Donations	260.00
Competitions	556.00
Misc.	213.25
Total Income	8182.75

Expenses

Training/Admin.	399.38
Property Maintenance	285.85
Upkeep Greens	240.00
Equipment	107.94
Trophies	301.68
Donations	2300.00
Social Events	1692.58
Special Events	170.00
Tournaments	43.37
State Taxes	104.88
Bowling Supplies Purchased	468.80
Total Expenses	6114.48

Net 2068.27

ASSETS

Bank Balance Feb 25/17	7725.78	
Cash	47.87	
Inventory	236.00	
Total		8009.65

On the reverse side of the sheet you will find the proposed budget for the season 2017-2018. The figures are based on the same number of members as this year, with the same tournaments and events. We do not anticipate any major expenses next season. Are there any questions?

BUDGET 2017-2018

REVENUE

Membership	5875
Cash Membership	400
Friendly Games	85
Donations	
Bowling Supplies	500
Competitions	550
Misc.	250
Total	7660

EXPENSES

Admin. & Training	400
Property Maintenance	300
Greens Upkeep	300
Equipment	200
Trophies	450
Donations	2400
Social Events	1800
Special Events	400
Tournaments	100
Bowling Supplies	500
Sales Tax	120
Total	6970

Balance 690

Bowling Supplies are essentially neutral.

MOTION: Corrine Brownridge moved that the budget for 2017-2018 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Jerry Leek.

CARRIED

Immediate Past President, Jan Sawyer

As Past President my duties included: attending Board meetings, chairing the Rating and Nominating committees and getting the trophies engraved. We purchased two new trophies this season: one for the Aussie Pairs because the trophy was full and one for our new Leads & Vices Fixed League. Thank you, Bill Scott for changing the schedule so that we could present the winners of the Leads & Vices Fixed League with trophies today.

MOTION: Pat McEvoy moved that the Officers' Reports be accepted as presented. Bill Santin seconded.

CARRIED

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Greens Committee, Mike Comba

My thanks to Jerry Leek and his drawmasters. They implement the head management system that has kept the green in great shape. The green use this year increased by over 100 games compared to previous years. As of March 15, 959 games had been played with a projection of over 1000 games by the end of the month.

For your information, the bowling green is scheduled to be re-grassed as part of the golf course rejuvenation project. This is projected to take place during the summer of 2018. The bid calls for stripping the current turf and organic matter layer off, adding about an inch of new greens mix, levelling and re-grassing the surface. The height of the green should be back to the original height from 2003. The green will be grassed with Tifeagle bermudagrass which is the same ultradwarf variety that will be used on the golf greens.

I have asked Nancy Miller to over top dress the outer plinth areas this summer to reduce the amount of roll off. Also, we will request that the plinth boards be secured with tap con screws as a safety issue.

Mike advised that the date for Maple Leaf Day at Milton Lawn Bowling Club is August 15, 2017. Please send Mike an email if you wish to attend.

Property Committee, Gary Campbell

I would like to start off by thanking the people who helped with Christmas decorations: Don Heywood, Russell Snider, Jerry MacLean, Fred Cockburn, Greg Cockburn and Bob Dunn for setting the timer. Thanks to Norm Coulter for looking after the plants, and Trevor Gregg and Bob Dunn for cleaning the blackboards. I am looking for two reliable people to look after the blackboards for next season.

I would like to thank Fred Cockburn, Phil Payne, Don Heywood, Vince Beal and Al Misener for setting up the room for today's meeting.

The Board would like everyone to move your bowls out of the shed by March 31, 2017. A fee of \$15 to store your bowls, per season, will be charged starting in November 2017.

Everyone have a good summer.

Tournament Committee, Carole Mills.

It has been another very busy and fun Tournament Season, with warm and sunny days for each of these events. It was great to see so many of you signing up quickly to fill each tournament and so many of our new bowlers were right in there trying their best to win a trophy and some of you did more than once!

We played 12 Trophy Tournaments, Fun Day, Super Seniors and 2 Fixed League Competitions.

Thank you to my tournament committee for making these tournaments run so smoothly and to Bertie Henry for all his help. You all made my job so easy. Thank you.

Membership Committee, Mary Louise Matthews

This year our membership stands at 150 members - 126 bowling and 24 social.

This number is down 7 from last year when we had 131 bowling and 26 social.

The good news is that we welcomed 18 new bowling members - up from 15 new members last year.

We have 78 female members and 72 male members. The best promotion of our sport is through word of mouth and the enthusiasm of our members so please encourage your friends and neighbours to come out to the several open houses we have planned for next season. I wish you all a safe and healthy summer.

Social Committee, Pat McEvoy

The season has been a busy one for social events. There were the usual 2 pot luck dinners with fun and games. For the first time, we held the second one on the first Saturday of January. They were well attended. There were morning special social events with food and drink and fun bowling on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The 14 competitions and friendlies were catered as well. Lots of food and drink was consumed and also a lot of fun. I had no shortage of volunteers and there were a number of events when I was out of the park. Joan Heywood and Jan Collings took over several events while I was cruising and Jack Reid took over the Party in the Park. Many thanks to all the rest of the helpers.

Party in the Park was fun and it made \$202.21. Next year Jack Reid is taking it over and we are going to be selling homemade Fruit Pies. We will make a lot more money. Be warned that Jack will be coming around asking you folks for a pie.

Last Man Standing seems to be a popular event and is now on the calendar. Although you all had plenty to eat and drink we still made a profit of \$98.87.

This is our last event for the year and we are going to have lunch after this meeting. After the meeting take your chairs to the tables at the back. The first drink is free and after that it is a cash bar.

Chief Drawmaster, Jerry Leek

Jerry thanked all the drawmasters for their work this season. Jerry advised that he needs two new drawmasters for next season. He read out the job description and urged members to volunteer by contacting him.

Publicity, Heather Comba

The park publicity outlets: Channel 195, Accents, Homeowner meetings and Welcome New Home Owners, were well utilized throughout the season. Hosting the Men's USA Open singles gave us great exposure and publicity opportunities and we put on a great show. The park supplied a beautiful green as they too saw the marketing opportunity.

The Sales Office was given a copy of our flyer for display.

Open Houses were introduced attracting 15 to come out and see what we were all about. Thanks, Mary Louise for organizing.

This year we had more members bringing their guests. With one of our coaches, guests were given a quick "how to deliver a bowl" followed by a game giving hands on direction. This is publicity to our sport and a welcome to our club. So, thanks to those who thought to give their guests a try at bowls.

One member is hosting a birthday party at the green. Good exposure, great idea. Thanks, Bill Scott.

Instruction, Heather Comba

Ten New Bowler sessions were given to 23+ participants. Five Be a Better Bowler programs were delivered to 38. One on One sessions were advertised for new, visiting and refresher bowlers. Records were not kept but both coaches and attendees felt the rewards of this new initiative. Thanks, coaches.

Thanks, Les Lumber for leading the new bowlers coaching. The new bowler coaches included Vince Beal, Fred Cockburn, Bertie Henry, Mary Louise Matthews, Phil Payne, Paul and Glenda Courtice and myself. New bowlers became confident and will be back.

The Be a Better Bowler sessions were headed by myself. I wish to thank Glenda and Paul Courtice for their hours of preparation and delivering the program. Thanks, Vince Beal and Phil Payne for helping deliver some sessions.

Feedback was positive and rewarding.

I have heard comments such as "I am bowling so bad I guess I need to go to the BBB session". And I have heard "I thought the sessions were only for the better bowler". Wrong. Be a Better Bowler sessions are for anyone wanting to learn more about the game. First year bowlers, leads, vices and skips were present.

Rookie of the Year

To qualify, a bowler must be new to the sport, have taken lessons, attended jitneys and entered tournaments. The bowler must exhibit proper bowling technique and an interest in learning the rules and etiquette of the game.

They should perform minor club tasks and demonstrate an interest in club functions. The Coaching Committee is

pleased to announce that several new bowlers met these requirements this season. Their enthusiasm and participation was uplifting, but given the number of qualified players, the Committee could not single out one individual for the award. Instead, the Committee wishes to welcome and say thanks to all new members for making our club the true overall winner this season.

Please come forward when your name is called so we can get a picture: Rob Brown, Kerry Buller, Susan Butler, Brian Butler, Shirley Dacooman, Phyllis Dalglish, Sandra Fowler, Marilyn Hopkins, Nancy Latimer, Rick Latimer, Lloyd Legrow, Ted Mallia, Ernestine Montanaro, Guy Montanaro, Roberta Overland, and Wes Treleven. Thank you for choosing to bowl at Maple Leaf.

Rating Committee, Jan Sawyer

The Rating Committee met three times during the season with at least four members present. All bowlers were carefully assessed and moved in accordance with the Guidelines. Our summary is based on 126 bowlers:

	Actual %	Target %
Skips 35	29%	28%
Vices 40	31%	32%
Leads 51	40%	40%

I wish to thank my committee members for their dedication, and Mary Louise Matthews for changing the tags and keeping me up-to-date with our membership list.

Bowling Supplies, Jerry MacLean

This was a slow season for sales. I hope that there will be an increase next year.

Interclub Competition, Alice and Jerry MacLean

Another great season of bowling!

Last season we had 4 skips who chose not to bowl, however this season there were 9 skips out of 31, for various reasons (church, golf, visitors, etc.). We had some new faces again this year and by all reports they had a good time and enjoyed the challenges of competitive bowling. Most found it good to see what some other away teams were made of. You folks know who you are and we thank you for accepting the challenge. Thanks to you newer bowlers, for asking about this and expressing interest. As conveners of this we love to hear from you and as soon as the Rating Committee sees fit, we will certainly consider a spot for you.

A few stats: we had 44 wins and 35 losses. We thought that was good. We had 44 different bowlers. Seven people bowled 5 times, 3 bowled 4 times, 11 bowled 3 times and all the rest bowled 1 or 2 times. There were 96 refusals.

Thanks to Miles and Pat for food and early morning set up, as well as their helpers.

Thanks to the Rating Committee for keeping us up-to-date, to anyone who helped getting the greens ready to go, and to Paul for umpiring duties.

Special thanks to all the bowlers who agreed and wanted to play! Thanks to those drivers who drove out of town on away games.

We felt like we had a good season, but at any time we can be humbled by these competitive teams.

Thank you to the President and the Board for once again putting their confidence in us, and we do enjoy participating in the club this way.

Nominating Committee, Jan Sawyer

The Nominating Committee consisted of Bertie Henry, Corrine Brownridge and myself. Three executive positions needed to be filled for next season: 1st Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The notice of the vacant positions and candidates was posted at least 10 days prior to the AGM as per our Bylaws. I am pleased to announce your Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Executive for 2017-2018. Jan Collings will move to President and Bertie Henry moves to Past President. Dale Struthers has accepted his nomination for 1st Vice President, Phyllis Dalglish accepted for Secretary and Jim Judge for Treasurer.

MOTION: Mary Louise Matthews moved that the new Slate of Officers be approved. Seconded by Paul Courtice.
CARRIED

MOTION: Chris Garner moved that the Standing Committee reports be accepted as presented. Seconded by Dave Ackland.
CARRIED

Special Committee Reports

Auditor's Report – Bill Ostapchuk

Bill read his report as follows.

"I have audited the financial statements of the Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club for the 12 months ending February 28, 2017, the transactions and bank balance as at February 28, 2017. My audit 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 period ending February 28, 2017".

MOTION: Jim Judge moved that the Auditor's report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Dennis Rawlins.
CARRIED

Approval of Auditor

The Executive Committee has recommended the appointment of Bill Ostapchuk as Auditor for 2017-2018.

MOTION: Bertie Henry asked for a motion to appoint Bill Ostapchuk as the auditor for next year. Moved by Joan Heywood. Seconded by Gary Campbell.
CARRIED

South East Division Report, Heather Comba had no report.

Presentation of Trophies

Carole Mills read out the names and Bertie Henry presented the trophies. Carole Mills also took pictures.

TOURNAMENT AND TROPHY WINNERS 2016-2017

Early Bird Tournament – Don Heywood, Joan Heywood and Doug Smith

Ladies Only Tournament – Joan Heywood, Jan Collings and Val Payne

Men's Only Tournament – Miles McEvoy, Bob Bartlett and Keith Barrett-Bee

Presidents Trophy Tournament – Gary Campbell and Pat McEvoy

Men's Singles Tournament – Warren Gallienne, runner up – Ken Goodwin

Charlotte Trophy Tournament – Vince Beal, Myreeta Anderson and Jack Reid

Ladies Singles Tournament – Heather Comba, runner up – Carole Mills

Leads and Vices Tournament – Myreeta Anderson, Jack Reid and Bev Murray

Aussie Pairs Tournament – Chris Garner and Christine Garner

Combo Fours Tournament – Vince Beal, Ken Goodwin, Mary Lewis and Nancy Latimer

Maple Leaf Trophy Tournament – Vince Beal, Jan Gregg and Ted Mallia

Club Championship Tournament – Chris Garner, Mary Lewis and Nancy Latimer

Fixed League Tournament – Warren Gallienne, Ken Goodwin and Ken Catherwood

Leads and Vices Fixed League – Dave Ackland and Jack Reid

New Business – none

Input from the Membership:

1. Jim Judge pointed out that one of the motions on the Agenda had been overlooked and this omission was corrected immediately.
2. Paul Courtice asked for an update on the purchase of sunshades. He felt that since the Corporation had approved the funding for a new lawn bowling green, sunshades should be installed as soon as possible. Bertie replied that the Corporation would pay the initial cost but the club would have to reimburse to expense. Bertie added that it could be risky if the new sunshades were installed before the green renovation because the machinery and workers might damage the sunshades. Don Heywood suggested that we organize a big fundraiser next season to help cover the cost. Bertie thanked Don and asked if he would like to take it on. Kathy Smith said that in the past, the second Vice President looked after fundraising. Bertie replied that we have enough board members at present to take charge.
3. Frank Phillips reported that he had been at a meeting of the Corporation and the work on the golf course and our green would start after the end of March 2018. That would allow us a full season of lawn bowling.
4. Pat McEvoy advised that only two Ben's Jitneys took place this year, partly due to weather and low attendance. Twenty bowlers, minimum, are needed. Should we continue? Bertie tabled this item until next season.
5. Getting back to the subject of fundraising, Jerry Leek reported that there was a Poker Run event that took place in Maple Leaf last Labour Day. If a Poker Run and Nite at the Races are illegal because of the ban on gambling, why was this permitted? Bertie suggested that Frank go to the Corporation to find an answer. Joan Heywood said that we should also look into 50/50 draws. Frank agreed to get information from the Park Board. Bertie summed up by saying that we would proceed with fundraising based on the advice from the Corporation.
6. Frank Phillips advised that the Fire club is seeking donations to cover the cost of the November 1, 2017 Remembrance Day event. Alice MacLean reported that our club made sandwiches in the past. Frank suggested that we donate \$50. Bertie said that our club will definitely make a contribution which the new Board will decide upon.

Comments from Outgoing President, Bertie Henry

It has been an interesting, and sometimes challenging 2 years. I hope we have succeeded in our aim of being open and listening to your comments and suggestions and making changes where it was deemed appropriate. Our primary focus has always been on improving the enjoyment of the club for the membership. There are still changes, that in my opinion, need to be made and I am sure your new board will continue to consider these. I would like to thank the board members for their support over the last 2 years, everyone who has served on committees, all you volunteers, and also Bill Ostapchuk, who is a most useful reservoir of information and advice. Jan Sawyer and Corrine Brownridge, two long standing members, are both leaving the Board. Please join me in thanking them for their contribution to the club. I would encourage all new members to put themselves forward for club positions. I wish Jan Collings every success in her new role as President. Thank you and have a great summer.

Comments from Incoming President, Jan Collings

Jan thanked everyone who had volunteered over the season. She also thanked Bertie Henry for serving two years as President. Jan presented Bertie with a gift, on behalf of the entire membership, for his hard work and dedication.

Jan wished everyone a great summer and said, "See you in Milton!"

Jan Collings asked everyone on the new Board of Directors to come forward for a picture.

MOTION: Jerry MacLean moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Gary Campbell. **CARRIED**
Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jan Sawyer, Acting Secretary