

Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting December 6, 2017 11:00 am

1. Quorum

In Attendance:

President: Jan Collings

Secretary: Phyllis Dalgleish

Past President: Bertie Henry

Treasurer: Jim Judge

Committee Chairs:

Gary Campbell – Property

Alice MacLean – Tournaments

Heather Comba – Publicity & Instruction

Mike Comba - Greens

Mary-Louise Mathews – Members

Jerry MacLean – Supplies & Interclub

Jerry Leek – Drawmaster

Pat McEvoy - Social

1. Approval of the Agenda: M- Gary C. S- Jerry L **Carried**
2. Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2017 meeting: M -Jerry M; S-Jim J **Carried**
3. Business Arising from Minutes:
 - a. Jerry MacLean will investigate purchase of manuals when he is back in Canada.
 - b. Bertie reported that a first VP had not yet been appointed.

Action

2. Officer Reports:

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a) President Jan Collings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Season is well underway. There has been good turnout for tournaments to date. • Haven't had the chance to discuss the idea for a Bocce, Shuffleboard & Bowls triathlon with Heather. Will still investigate this. 	Jan: Talk to Heather about Event								
b) 1 st Vice President Vacant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report 									
c) Secretary Phyllis Dalgleish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No correspondence was received since the last meeting. 									
d) Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing authority has been changed over at the bank. • Since beginning of the season deposits have been made from membership fees, tournament fees, and storage fees but no expenses paid out yet. • Current Financial Position: <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Balance April 30, 2017</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4715.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Deposits</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 4211.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Balance Nov. 30, 2017</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8926.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cash on Hand</td> <td style="text-align: right;">447.00</td> </tr> </table> • A sales tax report needs to be made to the ML Office 		Balance April 30, 2017	\$4715.88	Deposits	\$ 4211.00	Bank Balance Nov. 30, 2017	\$8926.88	Cash on Hand	447.00
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e) Past President Bertie Henry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations for areas of our bylaws needing updating/amending will be presented at the February Meeting. 									
BIRT the Officers Reports be accepted as presented: M- Bertie M; S-Gary C: Carried										

3. Standing Committee Reports:

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a) Greens Committee Mike Comba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pace of the greens is the main problem. Mike has met with Nancy 3 times to date to address the problem. • Mower problems and height of cut have been corrected. Tring to reduce amount of watering
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Gary for painting the rink markers and Bill Scott for setting up rinks during tournaments • Drawmasters are not using the outer rinks and we are seeing damage on center heads already. 	Drawmasters to use outer rinks when possible												
b) Property Committee Gary Campbell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still looking into sunshades. They probably won't be effective because of the way the green is oriented to the sun. Looking for larger umbrellas to try. • Purchased 2 A frame signs for promotional purposes. They need to be adjusted slightly for wind resistance. 													
c) Tournament Committee Alice MacLean (Acting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early bird tournament went well. • Barely enough people signed up for the men's and ladies triples to make the tournament run. Especially short on the ladies side. Only a total of 6 rinks played. • Question was brought forward – How do we attract more bowlers to tournaments? Some ideas were discussed including 2, 12 end games in the morning only. • Signup for Men's and Ladies Singles to be posted Dec. 11th. Will be looking for markers for the singles tournament. • Charlotte Trophy signup will be posted Dec. 27, 2017 • Umpire kit appears to be missing some items. 	<p>Email Alice ideas for changes in tournament format algdmac@hotmail.com</p> <p>Alice will check with Paul to see what should be in the kit.</p>												
d) Membership Committee Mary Louise Matthews	<p>Membership Numbers</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="500 821 1256 957"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>This time last year</th> <th>This Year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bowling Members</td> <td>107</td> <td>102</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Members</td> <td>27</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Members</td> <td>7</td> <td>10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of last years 18 new members who have renewed to date 4 ! <p>Open House & Coaching Numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have held two Open Houses to date. • On November 9th 20 visitors came to try out bowling. • On November 16th we had a total of 16 visitors for the first coaching session (includes 5 from the open house) • On November 20th Open House we had of 1 new visitor and 5 repeat visitors. • On November 30th we held our second coaching session. 5 new people and 1 new member attended. • 4 people from the Open houses have joined. <p>Salvation Army Food Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 20 barrels of food and \$2143.50 were donated to the Salvation Army. 		This time last year	This Year	Bowling Members	107	102	Social Members	27	16	New Members	7	10	
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e) Social Committee Pat McEvoy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party in the Park was very successful. Revenue was \$371.00, Expenses were \$32. Leftover pies were used for the early bird tournament BBQ. Pecan Pies were the most popular. Plans for next year are up in the air. • Sign ups are going well for Last Bowler Standing . 													
f) Chief Drawmaster Jerry Leek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis Rawlins, responsible for Wed. evening draw has reported that no one has been attending. As a result Wed. evening bowling will be cancelled. • Request for use of outside rinks noted. 	Drawmasters to use outer rinks when possible												
g) Publicity Heather Comba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our website was shut down to folks outside the park for a period of time this summer to avoid being hacked. Chuck was able to post the calendar. It is now back to normal. Carol Mills has agreed to post the tournament pictures. People can send pictures of events and happenings in our 	Jim to ask Chuck if we owe him money for the website.												

	<p>club to Carol for posting. Jim will ask Chuck if we owe him any money for his work on the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accent articles, park slides, homeowner meeting and new home owner meetings were all utilized to get the word out to potential new members. What worked well last month was the newsletter sent to the members asking them to ask their neighbours and friends to come out to the Open House. This brought a record 20 people out. With lots of competition only a few became members. • Unfortunately, the greens are running at a pace where so many get discouraged. It is important skips keep the jacks short or the mat pulled way up as this is a game of strategy and finesse not a game of strength. Players often blame themselves and quit too soon as we all know the greens will be faster in the new year. Marketing and member retention go hand in hand. 	
h) Bowling Supplies Jerry MacLean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales are slow. There is a lifter in the shed that has been there for some time. Consensus was that it can be sold. 	Purchase manuals - Jerry
i) Instruction Committee Heather Comba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Houses, new bowler clinics and One on One coaching help our bowlers get that good feeling when they know they can and do make those good shots. As head coach I am proud of the commitment our coaches have shown. This season Les Lumber head of the new bowlers coaches is recovering and Vince has agreed to take on this role until January giving Les time to heal. • Cindy Higgins and Bob Fladung will be giving vices and skips clinic this Wednesday. We have over 26 have signed up. There is a good mixture of coaches, skips, vices and leads. • This year the ubi launcher is being used for the first time. This is good for those folks struggling to get that bowl further. It results in a smoother release causing the bowl to go further. This model has been approved for play in Canada and a great way to keep people bowling longer. 	
j) Rating Committee Bertie Henry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First meeting scheduled for tomorrow 	
k) Interclub Committee Jerry MacLean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sure if we should carry on the same way or try something new. • BIRT a list be posted for people who are interested in Interclub competition to sign up. M – Phyllis; S- Heather: Carried 	
l) Nominating Committee Bertie Henry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed in business arising from old minutes. 	

BIRT the Officers Reports be accepted as presented: M- Alice; S-Pat M: **Carried**

4. New Business		Action
Board of Directors Meeting Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion was held about how meeting time conflicts with Homeowner's Meetings. Decision was made to leave our meetings at 11 am. 	
Afternoon Bowling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding to a former member who didn't want to join this year because they thought we don't have any afternoon bowling. Bowling is available Thursday and Sunday afternoons. In January fixed leagues will start on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. 	
\$5 Guest Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion was held on the application of the \$5 guest fee for each day when we have avid bowlers visiting for longer periods of time since they are ineligible to become regular members. Mary-Louise will bring a proposal for a temporary membership or something similar to our next meeting for consideration. 	Send ideas for temporary membership to Mary-Louise
Website Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carole has agreed to do website maintenance. Send her your photos and results. 	

BIRT the meeting be adjourned: M- Gary C; S-Phyllis: **Carried**