

Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting December 2, 2024 12 PM Charlotte Centre

1. Quorum

In Attendance:

President: Phyllis Dalglish

Vice President:

Treasurer: Jim Judge

Secretary: Ron Logel

Past President:

Committee Chairs:

Guy Montanaro – Publicity

Cheryl McBain – Tournaments

Susan Butler – Social

Al Misener - Property

Lynn Searby - Membership

Instruction - Heather Comba

Inter Club – Alice MacLean

Absent: Brian Butler

2. Approval of Minutes of the March 25, 2024 BOD Meeting. M – Lynn S – Guy :

Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of the November 1, 2024 BOD Meeting. M – Cheryl S – Susan :

Carried.

4. Business arising from the previous Minutes

- Update from Phyllis to check on Charlotte Center Availability for Mar 29 for Fun Day
 - Move Fun Day to Mar. 24 and scheduled last BOD Meeting to March 26 10:00 am
- Update from Jim on recruiting an engraving volunteer
 - Jim will resume getting an engraver
- Confirmation of who are the designated drawmasters for each day
 - Mon – Ron Tues – Phil Wed – ??? Thurs – Heather Fri- Bill Scott Sun = Jan C
 - Brian to report who is scheduled for Wednesdays
 - Ron volunteered for this Wed. and Jim for this Thursday.

Action

Phyllis Calendar changes

Brian: who is the Wed. drawmaster

5. Officer Reports:

a) President
Phyllis Dalglish

- I'm very happy to be here in Maple Leaf, and so thankful for the members of our Board who were able to carry the load while I was delayed. Ron was a rock-star for covering so many of the little items that came up and big things like taking on multiple drawmaster days, getting equipment in place etc. Many thank-you's as well to Guy for being willing to take on many tasks and extra duties as well. Thanks to Ron, Guy, and Janet Powers who covered the Expo for us. Phil Payne has been taking on the instruction role while Heather is away.
- It is a bit disappointing that we had to cancel out on the Party in the Park but I didn't get a single volunteer to take on a leadership role when I found out I couldn't be here. Pleased that the organizers say they will schedule this later in the future.
- We have a great team that is leading the club but we really need to build some depth in our team for the future. Something could happen to any one of us and it is important that we have someone who knows what to do. One thing we can do is to start actively looking for a Vice-President. We also need to find someone willing to take on the President's role next year so I can take on the Past-president duties.
- I hope you will have an open mind to the proposal I will be bringing forth under new business. I think the lawn bowling club and facility are under scrutiny from the corporation because of the costs assigned (accurately or otherwise) to running the green. Building our membership and showing that the facility is getting good use is important.

Action

Schedule a meeting with Mitch to review how costs are allocated to MLLBC

b) Secretary Ron Logel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated this year's Potluck on November 9. Recommend that we consider delaying this event to later in November to attract more attendees. Placed the rink lane markings & numbers for the start of jitneys. Tested the rink lights and reported to AI that one is not working. Coordinated and manned our booth at the ML Activities Expo. Acted as Draw Master for the first week's 3 jitneys. In addition to my Monday Draw Master duties, I have filled in for other Draw Masters since the first week of jitneys 																		
c) Treasurer Jim Judge	<p>Financial Report for December 2 Board meeting This report is for period from March 1/24 to November 1/24.</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Opening Bank Balance March 1/24</td><td>—————</td><td>\$10,569.62</td></tr> <tr><td>Cash on hand March 1/24</td><td>—————</td><td>\$40.88</td></tr> <tr><td>Income for March/24</td><td>—————</td><td>-\$442.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Expenses for March, April, May</td><td>—————</td><td>-\$2,736.29</td></tr> <tr><td>Bank Balance November 1st/ 24</td><td>—————</td><td>—\$8,302.68</td></tr> <tr><td>Cash on hand November 1st/24</td><td>—————</td><td>———\$13.53</td></tr> </table> <p>Income items were from ML & Charlotte tournaments and also from 50/50 from same, \$181.00. Fun day income was \$113.00 Supplies sales were \$148.00 Expense items and use of funds were taxes \$57.03, printing \$34.78, pop and supplies for fun day and tournaments \$49.82, sign of recognition \$69.82, shirt \$35.00, trophies \$151.94, social for number of functions including AGM \$187.90. Use of funds included \$1,000.00 outstanding check for final loan payment, \$1,000.00 donation to MLGCC, \$50.00 donation to garden club for Remembrance Day, \$100.00 to Garden club for memorial fund. The only items for November this year are an expense of \$167.56 for purchase of tickets for chicken dinner fundraiser and an income item of 50/50 Early Bird tournament of \$65.00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim to order 6 tap measures at discount price Currently in the storage shed, there are pushers that are owned by the Club and by individuals (with their names on them) Heather to investigate if NVP will sell just the bases; if so, she can buy 3 more for the Club. 	Opening Bank Balance March 1/24	—————	\$10,569.62	Cash on hand March 1/24	—————	\$40.88	Income for March/24	—————	-\$442.00	Expenses for March, April, May	—————	-\$2,736.29	Bank Balance November 1st/ 24	—————	—\$8,302.68	Cash on hand November 1st/24	—————	———\$13.53
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d) Past President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Report 																		

Jim to monitor if we receive the \$3,000 cheque from the Corporation for the sunshades

Heather to buy 3 pusher bases if there are available

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

6. Standing Committee Reports	Action
Rating & Nominating Committees Phyllis Dalglish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phyllis met with Jan to obtain the Rating spreadsheets and materials. Members on this committee are Shirley, Ernestine, Bill Scott, Cheryl and Phyllis
Instruction Committee Heather Comba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I want to thank Guy, Janet and Ron for doing the Activities Expo. Also thanks to Phil and Jan for conducting the lessons to new bowlers and to Phyllis for assuming the Better Bowler lesson. Great news that Sarasota has a club again. Our Club has a mixture of competitive bowlers and casual bowlers which is just fine.
Interclub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No visiting clubs until Feb. Sun N Fun is confirmed. I will be home to Exeter on Fri until Jan. 5.

Alice MacLean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glad to hear that Sarasota club again 	
Greens & Drawmasters Brian Butler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phyllis reported that most of the items that she and Brian asked to be fixed over the summer have been done. Jim met the individual, John, who is now the sole individual cutting our grass using the push mower 	Phyllis to make cookies for the Maintenance crew as a thank you
Property Committee AI Misener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I was very pleased with the turnout for replacing the Sun Shades and getting the benches out on Thurs Nov. 21st. The crew arrived at 9 and worked hard and well together. We managed to have the shades up and benches out by 11:00 a.m. The final tune up for the sunshades took another hour with a small crew of 6. I would like to give a special mention and thanks to 2 non members, Sheldon Jobb and Lloyd Nelson who came out to help but will not benefit from their labour. Great to see the spirit of Maple Leaf in action. During the Early Bird Tournament we had two minor equipment failures. One of the wheels fell off a rake. I will purchase some nuts and bolts, make the repairs and store the extras for future repairs. The other was a raised knot on one of the benches and unfortunately it caught on Debbie Parker's white pants and tore a considerable hole. I have repaired the bench. Also, a special thanks to Jim Matthews for installing additional wood on the step faces. The extra sand in the ditches made the steps unstable and a hazard to the bowlers. Now all the steps are safe and stable. We have Christmas lights and 2 wreaths to put up Phyllis said to put all the lights up and asked AI to give a date so we can ask for volunteers to help put the lights up, 	AI to give date for volunteers to help setup lights
Membership Lynn Searby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have 44 signed up memberships. Total of \$2,550.00. 7 social members. 	
Publicity Guy Montanaro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The December ACCENTS shows upcoming activities and events! Published pictures of our Potluck and Early Bird Tournament events. Helped at our Activities Expo booth. 	
Tournament Committee Cheryl McBain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Early Bird tournament was held on November 30, 2024 It was a new format this year with two ten end games followed by a social/lunch afterwards. There were 30 players which formed 10 teams Winners: Jan Collings, Guy Montanaro, Bev Nelson Second: Phil Payne, Bill Santin, Jim Judge/Gerry MacLean Third: John Casey, Lynn Searby, Janet Power Thank you to the many volunteers that helped out that day! Special shout out to Susan Butler and her social committee with the serving of a snack between games and pizza following along with the bar that was tended by Ron Logel. Next up is the Presidents Trophy - December 14, 2024. A discussion was held following the tournament and the 30 players were asked what format they liked the best - a two game or a three game format. The two game day was the most popular with everyone 30/30 A three game format was liked by about 18/30. I will be recommending 2 games for future tournaments with the Club Championship having 3 games. 	
Social Committee Susan Butler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Early Bird tournament was a great success. We have stocked up our beer, wine and other supplies 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We spent \$204 for the pizza and had 2 extra pizzas. • We will cut costs for future lunches. • Last Bowler Standing is this Friday and we will get some snacks and bar will be open • Suggestion to have it open all to all new potential bowlers including Expo signups 	<p>Susan to get snacks for Last Bowler Standing</p> <p>Phyllis to email all members and potential new members about Last Bowler Standing</p>
<p>BIRT the Committee Reports be accepted as presented: Mover – Alice Seconder – Guy : Carried</p>		

7. New Business

	Action
<p>i. Correspondence - card received from Garden club acknowledging donations.</p>	Ron to file card
<p>ii. The sunshades work party, should we send thank you cards to Lloyd Nelson & Sheldon Jobb for helping? => Meeting discussion concluded not to send individual cards but to thank everyone who helped in our club newsletter.</p>	
<p>iii. Information item: Sarasota Green Warming Party is Friday Dec. 6th, 10 am - 1 pm. at 951 Circus Blvd. between Beneva and 17th street. BYOB. RSVP slbc1927@gmail.com Unfortunately this is the same day as our Last Bowler Standing although we start at 2 pm so it would be possible to do both.</p>	
<p>iv. Proposal for a new marketing campaign and culture shift for the club was brought forth by Phyllis. The theme would be: "bring a friend to bowl". Our best marketing is word of mouth and this would encourage our members to bring friends out to the green with them. We would still continue with our other marketing and introduction efforts like Taste of Lawn Bowls but this would give us an additional avenue. In order for it to work Phyllis proposed that we change the lock on the equipment shed to a combination lock (cost \$50 - \$60). This would allow our members the ability to use the green whenever they like, not just during jitney's which would also make better use of the resource and raise our profile within the park. This does introduce some risk to both our equipment and personal bowls that are stored in the shed. The risk to personal bowls was discussed. The group felt that the purchase of individual lockers was unnecessary at this time. Phyllis would like to see us put some effort into sprucing up the shed. Some paint, cleaning etc. are needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was pretty well unanimous agreement with Phyllis' marketing campaign. • Discussions included using the Maintenance Shed for equipment for non members to bowl with while we get a combination lock for the members to use on our current equipment shed. 	<p>Phyllis to order key pad lock</p> <p>Schedule Shed Cleanup</p>
<p>BIRT Change our key entry to a key pad entry that will be available to all members. Mover: Jim Seconder: Cheryl Carried</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification will be sent to all members about the upcoming change. Members who currently pay to store their bowls will be given the option of a refund for storage fee if they are not comfortable with having their bowls there as a result of the change. 	Phyllis will send out a notice to members
<p>v. Signs - We have the Sunshade donor sign ready to be mounted. But we also have the replacement jitney sign that was ordered before the sunshade one. Does anyone know where the jitney sign is?</p>	Al found the jitney sign in the equipment room.
<p>vi. Results of Fixed league survey were disappointingly we only got 5 responses. 2 wanted Tuesday Afternoon, 2 wanted Saturday night, 1 was either. Under format the reponses were: Pairs with any level of player 20.00% Pairs with leads and vice level players 20.00% Triples with at least one player on the team as a lead 20.00% Triples with any level of player 40.00% Other (please specify) 60.00% What do we want to do for fixed league?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with Tuesday afternoons pairs 	Phyllis to announce evening schedule
<p>vii. Do we want to get some evening bowling going on a regular basis?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes and will try Wednesday, Dec 11 and Dec 18 as a test run 	

viii. Set a date and time for a meeting of the fundraising dinner committee

- Monday, Dec 9 1:00 PM at Ron's house
- Tickets have arrived

ix. Set a meeting for the rating committee

- Monday, Dec 9 3:00 PM **LOCATION TBD**

x. Adjourn Mover: Susan Seconder: Guy

Phyllis to advise
Rating Committee of
meeting

Next BOD meeting: Monday, January 6, 2025, 10:00 am Charlotte Center