

OLBA District 16

SPRING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hosted via Zoom

April 24, 2021, 10.00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Garry Ross, Goulbourn (voting delegate)
Jane Parish, Brockville (voting delegate)
Arnold Mueller, Brockville
Patricia Rose, Galetta (voting delegate)
Terry Arthur, Deep River (voting delegate)
Blaine Phillips, Nepean (voting delegate)
Debbie Ferrill, Galetta
Sam Campbell, Brockville
Suzanne Erickson, Galetta
George Ireland, Highland Park
Tessa Mackechnie, Highland Park (voting delegate)
Isabelle Dobbins, Iroquois (voting delegate)

1. Opening Remarks

a. Welcome by Chair (*Blaine Phillips*)

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees and club delegates. He then clarified who were the voting delegates.

b. Moment of silence (*Blaine Phillips*)

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members who are no longer with us. The following names were mentioned:

Mary Lou Brown-Williams	- Prescott
Robert (Bob) Vance	- Galetta
Walter Curtis	- Goulbourn
Bud Smith	- Highland Park
Tony Hidalgo	- Highland Park
Jean Higgins	- Highland Park

2. **Adoption of the Agenda** (*Blaine Phillips*)
The Chair turned the meeting's attention to the agenda and stated there was an extra item (COVID protocols).
3. **Treasurer's Report** (*Suzanne Erickson*)
Suzanne started by announcing that we earned 22 cents of interest. We had revenue of \$20.00 for the scorecards. Expenses through the season amounted to \$12.00 (bank charges for a few cheques). The bank balance as of April 8, 2021 stands at \$3,002.27. She recommends that we forego the \$2 fees this year because we will not have many expenses and the clubs are struggling. Pat asked: "How many score cards do we have?" Suzanne replied that she has two boxes under her bed. A lot of clubs are getting their own cards now, so we will have cards for a long time.
4. **OLBA fees** (*Blaine Phillips*)
 - a. A notice was sent by the OLBA. There will be changes in fees. BCB will change to a fee for service. The fees will undoubtedly go up.
5. **Bowler of Year/Male/Female** (*Blaine Phillips*)
 - a. Bill Rogers will track each club's tournaments as to who won, and maybe keep track of the second bests. At the end of the year, the male and female with the most points will be declared Bowler of the year and will receive a trophy.
6. **Volunteer of Year** (*Blaine Phillips*)
 - a. In the past years, there was an award for Volunteer & Bowler of the year. With the new Bowler of the year award, there will be a separate Volunteer of the year award. The first recipient (2020) was Cecil McDermott of Iroquois.
7. **Police Checks** (*Blaine Phillips*)
 - a. We need to do the police checks for insurance purposes. Board of director, Clubs executives, Umpires, Coaches, and anyone who coaches others without being official coaches need to undergo a police check. Question: How do we do it? Blaine: through your local police. Clubs are encouraged to keep a record of people who did the police checks. Isabelle added that we can do it online (<https://pages.sterlingbackcheck.ca/landing-pages/o/olba/>). The cost is around \$20 and the OLBA reimburses \$15.

8. **Safety in Sport Training** (*Blaine Phillips*)
 - a. Blaine clarified the name: Respect in Sports. It is intended for coaches, but also for anyone who coaches without being a coach. The course is geared to younger people, but OLBA wants us to do it. You will receive a certificate at the end of the course. Isabelle added that we need to report the completion of the course to BCB (Casey Donnelly: cdonnelly@bowlscanada.com).

9. **COVID protocols** (*Blaine Phillips*)
 - a. Blaine explained that everybody needs to have their protocols approved by OLBA and their municipality.
 - i. Isabelle asked if we can re-use the same protocols as last year. Blaine replied that Nepean sent the same as last year, but doesn't know if it would have been approved, as the Stay-at-Home order started before they received an approval.
 - ii. Tessa was concerned about OLBA saying that married couples are allowed on the same rink, while people who are alone must be alone on their rink. She found it discriminatory for people who are alone. She thinks we should be allowed to be two on the rink. Blaine said he has no authority on the matter and suggests she takes the case to OLBA. It is a matter of insurance. Tessa asked that we as a group request this to be reconsidered. Blaine says he does not want to fight this fight. Suzanne would step in with her and would sign a letter if Tessa wrote one.
 - iii. Blaine re-explained the protocol (one person per rink with a space of 5 meters between rinks, with a limit of 5 people on the green). People are asking what phase we are in. We do not know yet. Everything is a speculation at this point.
 - iv. Tessa said that last year, Phase 1 allowed 2 people on the rink.
 - v. Terry asks clarifications to Blaine. Blaine says he sends everything from OLBA to all clubs. All that we know for now is that the clubs must remain closed until May 20.

10. Structure of District Board (*Blaine Phillips*)

- a. The Board is currently composed of Suzanne as Treasurer, Blaine as Chair, Isabelle as Vice Chair, Garry as a Consultant and Wayne had volunteered as a convener, but his situation is uncertain at this point. We do not have a secretary at the moment.
- b. This is not enough to carry the work of the District. If one of them leaves we have not enough people. We need to find a solution. What we have does not work.
 - i. Pat explained her reasons for leaving her position as Secretary. With her being president of her club and working with another club's president, it was too stressful and too much work.
 - ii. Garry said that nobody is prepared to step up. Historically, the roles have been rotating (one year on each chair) to spread things around. In other districts, chairs can stay there for ten years. Here, people are not willing to step up. Isabelle is in her 2nd year.
 - iii. Terry said that we need a definition of roles and people might want to take on the roles.
 - iv. Suzanne suggested that we try to enroll a representative from each club, with no specific title. Every club would have a say.
 - v. Jane was under the impression that this was already the case, but Suzanne clarified the reps would attend the regular District meetings, not only the AGMs.
 - vi. Terry supports the idea to have a representative from each club as a member of the Board. He suggests a rolling Chair, and fixed Treasurer and Secretary.
 - vii. Garry noted that we would need to revise the bylaws.
 - viii. Blaine suggested that each rep would be a convener.
 - ix. Suzanne thought that chairs should stay a year or two.
 - x. Someone asked how much work is involved and Blaine explained that we do not have a lot of meetings and they are brief.
 - xi. Suzanne added that the main reason for changing the structure is that we cannot decide for everybody when we are only three people on the board.
 - xii. Blaine said that we will send the rules and the description of the convening tasks, and we will go on from there.
 - xiii. All attendees agreed.

11. Pre-meeting for Scheduling for 2022 (*Blaine Phillips*)

- a. Blaine explained that it has been difficult to find clubs that want to host events in the past years. Some clubs wanted specific events or no events at all, and Nepean ended up taking 6 events (although the season was ultimately cancelled). At the Fall meeting, we tried to schedule the 2021 tournaments with a rep from each club and we ran into the same issue. Some clubs want one event and will not take any other one for different reasons. It does not work. He suggests the club reps appoint a scheduler rep for a scheduling meeting. Another suggestion would be to have a set schedule.
 - i. Terry mentioned that his club would accept at least 3 events and added that all clubs should be more accommodating.
 - ii. Pat explained the schedule process of a club she was a member of. They would assign a number to each club and do a draw, with each event being matched to a number. That resolved the scheduling problem.
 - iii. Suzanne suggested a rotation. Every club would get a chance to have the events they want at different times.
 - iv. Tessa liked the idea of a draw. If a club is not able to host the event they were assigned, they should be responsible for finding the replacement club.

12. Survey of the table (*Blaine Phillips*)

- a. Blaine asked each voting delegate if they had final comments or if they were satisfied with the meeting.
 - i. Garry: Nothing to add
 - ii. Suzanne: Nothing to add
 - iii. Debbie: Nothing to add
 - iv. Isabelle: Nothing to add
 - v. Pat: Nothing to add
 - vi. Arnold: Nothing to add
 - vii. Sam: Nothing to add
 - viii. George: Nothing to add
 - ix. Jane: She liked the determined schedule idea, although not all clubs could host certain events, such as Governor Generals, but we would deal with those situations.
 - x. Tessa: Asked for clarification of hierarchy to contact OLBA.
Answer: everyone can contact the OLBA
 - xi. Terry: Nothing to add

- 13. Set Fall Meeting** (*Blaine Phillips*)
 - a. To be determined closer to the date.

- 14. Adjournment** (*Blaine Phillips*)
 - a. The Chair thanked the attendees and called for a motion to adjourn.
 - b. Moved by Garry that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jane.

Minutes prepared by Isabelle Dobbing