

OLBA District 16
DRAFT MINUTES
FALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Hosted by Galetta Lawn Bowling Club
119 Darwin St Galetta
October 1, 2022 10:00 a.m

1. Opening Remarks

- a. Welcome by Dave Jefferies – chair for this meeting in absence of elected current chair
- b. Dave Jefferies thanked the host club and everyone for coming noting that it is a very impressive turnout.
- c. Introduced Margaret Sutton as interim secretary and Suzanne Erickson as treasurer

2. Moment of silence

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

Edie Anderson - Goulbourn
Ron Heacock – Highland Park
Moe Fox – Highland Park
Beulah Tulloch, Nepean
Rhoda Walker, Nepean
Ted Dingle, Nepean
Barbara Smith, Nepean
Brian McCartney, Nepean

3. Treasurer's Report (Suzanne Erickson)

Attached

4. Items to be handed out end of meeting (Gerry Laporte)

\$400.00 training kits to each club with a lot of activities each club can use for adults down to the youngest members. Look through them and if clubs wish Gerry will gladly come and run courses for an hour or so. Some kits are missing items. Suzanne will follow-up with Bowls Canada on this.

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Dave Jefferies handed out the kits to each club representative at the end of the meeting.

5. Reimbursement for running District 16 Provincial Playdowns (Cecil Dubois)

Moved by Gillian Pearlstone to have a meeting of District 16 Club Presidents to discuss this matter. Past practice for running District 16 playdowns has been that if a club is struggling, they can put in a request to the District Chair.

Seconded by Frank Pane

Carried

6. Awards

A committee of 3 consisting of Bill Rogers, Teri Arthur and Sam Campbell reviewed all the nominations received. It was pointed out that all candidates are deserving and that there was only a 1 point difference in the decision making.

- a. Volunteer of the Year – George Ireland – Transcript of accomplishments and tasks completed was presented by Gillian Pearlstone, President of Highland Park LBC.

Dave Jefferies and others stated that the transcript should be sent to the OLBA for submission in the Bill Becker volunteer of the year award. The District 16 trophy maybe at Elmdale LBC and will be returned to the District Chair as soon as possible. The trophy will be presented at the District 16 Spring Meeting, date to be determined.

- b. Female Bowler of the Year – Tessa Mackechnie – Highland Park LBC

- c. Male Bowler of the Year – Robert (Bob) Allen – Highland Park LBC

- d. Ottawa Sports Award lawn bowling nominee is David Jefferies

7. Umpires Report(Gary Ross not present)

There are 11 umpires in District 16, 6 of whom are currently active. Dave Jefferies, Gerry Laporte, Bill Sheffield, Pat Rose, Rosalie Parsons-Brown, Teri Arthur to name a few. It was pointed out that Nick Watkins is the Head Umpire with the OLBA. Gerry Laporte pointed out that new Laws of the Sport books are being distributed and that there are two major changes are in wording. Rule 37, if you stop a rolling bowl at anytime the game is forfeited. Timing – there is now a need to have an official timer present to use a stopwatch to monitor the time taken to deliver a bowl. See Article A.5 of the Laws of the Sport. Gerry Laporte also mentioned that if you wish to qualify as an umpire you need to be sure you know all the answers prior to taking the test. Work with a qualified umpire prior to taking the test. District 16 has the most umpires in Ontario many of whom have been solicited by other clubs to assist in tournaments.

8. Reports

- a. Report by the Governor General's Committee Presented by Heather Stevens in the absence of David Smith.
- b. Committee Club Reports
 - a. Almonte – Cecile Du Bois presented. .
 - b. Brockville – no report
 - c. Deep River – Marguerite Daly presented
 - d. Elmdale – Kari Chant presented
 - e. Galetta – Bruce Sample presented
 - f. Highland Park – Tessa Mackechnie presented
 - g. Iroquois – Dave Jefferies presented written report
 - h. Nepean – Frank Fanning Presented
 - i. Prescott – Dave Jefferies presented written report by Mary Campbell and Isabelle Dobbing.
 - j. Smith Falls – no report and no information on status of club at this time.
 - k. Ottawa Short Mat – Wayne Harding presented.

Reports attached to the minutes.

9. David Jefferies opened floor for nominations:

Wayne Harding nominated by Suzanne Erickson for Chair, seconded by Margaret Harding **Carried**

Bob MacGregor nominated by Suzanne Erickson for Vice Chair, seconded by Gillian Pealstone **Carried**

Nancy Deschenes nominated by Suzanne Erickson for Vice Chair, seconded by Marguerite Daly **Carried**

Margaret Sutton and Suzanne Erickson will be secretary and treasurer at the request of new chair, Wayne Harding.

Scheduler will be John Stevenson

- a. Need to examine closely the spacing of tournaments, decide on the number of ends to play in these times of intense heat. Paper copies of District 16 tournaments need to be created for those who do not use electronic listings. There are local printing companies offering discounts which can be used. Gilmour Printing on Carling Avenue is one.
 - b. Tournament lists to be submitted by each club by the end of October to organize and control timing prior to submission to the OLBA
 - c. Lists to be sent to Wayne Harding
10. Wayne Harding will be attending a District Chair meeting October 15 in Burlington.

They will demonstrate the new CMR system which some clubs may wish to purchase.

11. Sandra Jefferies reminded the Chair that the OLBA books need to be returned.
12. Wayne Harding explained the advertising drop off and will bring this up at the meeting in Burlington October 15th.
13. Wayne to try to contact Smith Falls LBC to get an update on their status.
14. Board to decide how best to spend the approximately \$3000.00 on hand. Fees have been waived the past several years and the board will need to decide on reinstatement or not. A meeting with Wayne Harding and all Club Presidents to be called to decide this matter.
15. There may be need to set up a distinction between the OLBA and District 16. 21. New rules were imposed in 2021 for all not-for-profit corporations incorporated in Ontario. Clubs were given 3 years to get their by-laws to comply with the new rules. If they do not, the law will override the bylaws.
16. Functions at Club level. The OLBA must be advised of these events. Clubs need to write to the OLBA and receive a response as to whether the event will be covered by OLBA insurance or not. One word "sanctioned" is not clearly defined and Karie Chant, Elmdale LBC requested District 16 Chair have this clarified.
17. Membership dues may need to be increased. This item to be discussed by new board members for presentation at the spring AGM.
18. Gillian Pearlstone moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Cecil Dubois.

Carried

Meeting closed at 11:54 am October 1, 2022.

