

**OLBA District 16**  
**Spring General Meeting**  
**2015 May 02**  
**Galetta LBC**

**MINUTES**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Executive:</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Delegates:</b>	<b>22</b>
	<b>Visitors:</b>	<b>12</b>

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10.00 a.m.

**2. Welcome by District Chair**

Ruth Duffy welcomed delegates and visitors to the meeting. Ruth indicated that she would endeavor to keep the meeting moving and limit times for presentations to 5-10 minutes.

Several items were added to the Agenda: Umpire's Report (item 11); report from William Smalluk regarding the Ontario Senior Games (item 12a); replacement for Alice Keiwan (item 12b-iii); replacement for Wayne Daley, Chair, District 16 Lawn Bowler of the Year Award Committee (item 12b-iv).

**3. Welcome by Host Club**

Sandra Fletcher, President of Galetta Lawn Bowls Club, welcomed delegates to the meeting.

**4. Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members who are no longer with us.

**5. Minutes of the 2014 Fall General Meeting**

**a. Errors and omissions**

No errors or omissions were reported.

**b. Motion to adopt**

David Smith (Elmdale) moved to adopt the minutes of the 2014 Fall meeting, seconded by George Burns-Nichol (Goulbourn).

**MOTION CARRIED**

**c. Business arising**

The award for the 2014 "District Lawn Bowler of the Year" was made later in the meeting (see item 8a).

**6. Correspondence**

Ruth Duffy reported that a letter had been received from Suzanne Erickson indicating that she would be resigning as Treasurer of District 16 effective 2015 April 30, since she would be moving to Gaspé in May. Suzanne wished to convey to the meeting that it had been a pleasure working with everyone in District 16.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the Treasurer, Ruth Duffy indicated that an Income Statement for District 16 for the period 2014 May 01 to 2015 April 30 would be circulated to delegates following the meeting.

**8. Old Business**

Ruth Duffy wished to remind delegates that executive members are volunteers who devote a lot of time and effort to do their best, knowing that there will sometimes be disagreement and dissension. However, when someone attacks the integrity of the job that is being done, it is unacceptable. Since such a situation arose at the Fall 2014 meeting, the executive decided this year to hand off the awards nominees to two separate committees:

**a. Introduction to the Awards Nomination Committees and Presentation of 2014 District 16 Bowler of the Year Award**

David Jeffries reported that the "Ottawa Sports Award" committee is made up of Gerry Laporte, Elmer Janzen and himself. The committee is looking at introducing a points system for wins.

Ruth Duffy noted that Wayne Daley had formed a committee for the "District 16 Bowler of the Year" award with a points system – in this case, points for wins and points for volunteerism. However, due to health issues, Wayne Daley has decided to step down as chair of the committee. Other members of the committee are Les Cassidy and Edith Pedden. (See also item 12 regarding replacement for Wayne Daley).

Ruth announced that the winner of the "2014 District 16 Bowler of the Year" award was Alice Keiwan. Alice was well known for the amount of work she has done. The trophy plaque will be passed on to Alice, who was not present at the meeting. It was pointed out that Alice was also nominated as the OLBA volunteer of the year. The meeting congratulated Alice on these awards.

**b. Website**

Ruth noted that Wayne Harding has upgraded the website for the district at <http://olbdistrict16.weebly.com>. Wayne is keeping the website up to date with information received from all the clubs. If clubs have any further information that they would like to be posted on the website, such as posters, they should send the information to Wayne as quickly as possible. Wayne has started a record of who has won events over the years. Wayne requested help from the clubs if they have information he can use.

Wayne wishes to collect the names of winners of tournaments this year. Clubs should send this information to [w.harding@rogers.com](mailto:w.harding@rogers.com)

Jane Maloney thanked Wayne for undertaking the task of upgrading the website, as did delegates at the meeting.

**c. Coaching**

Jane Maloney expressed her gratefulness to all the bowlers who had shown interest in one or both of the coaching courses being offered this year, and thanked Nepean L.B.C. for hosting the Club Coach or Stream 1 Course on May 03. Jane noted that Gerry Laporte is the contact for Nepean's course, which has 20+1 participants – a full house. The facilitators are Dave Burrows and Heather Comba. Jane hoped that every participant would enjoy this revamped course and that their clubs would benefit from their participation.

Jane noted that the Introduction to Competitive Coaching 2-day Course requires a few more bowlers to register. The new date is Saturday/Sunday, May 23/24. The facilitators will be Shirley Lenarduzzi and Sandra Barton. Should there be enough interest, the course will be held at Highland Park L.B.C. Participants do not require any previous courses, just interest and enthusiasm to coach bowlers at the District Play-down and Provincial Levels. Jane is the contact for this course and the updated registration information is on the District's new website.

**i. Coaching Credentials**

Jane pointed out that all coaches should check their coaching number, and personal information at the Locker. This tab can be found on the website <http://Coach.ca> Coaches can update their information online. The alternative is to call Coaching Canada at 613-235-5000 and ask them to verify and update your credentials, contact information and date of birth (the default is January 01, 1900)

**ii. Crystal Mark III Rule Book**

Jane noted that the new rule book takes effect for 2015 and can be purchased from Bowls Canada for the price of \$8.00. However, if there is sufficient interest and 50 bowlers or more would like to purchase this rule book, then the price is reduced to \$7.50. Bowls Canada has moved to Nepean: 33 Roydon Place, Suite 206 and can be reached at 613-244-0021

Jane noted that, should any of the clubs have spare 00 bowls, they are needed at Highland Park.

**9. Report of the District Chair (OLBA Meeting)**

Ruth noted that the OLBA Annual Spring Membership meeting in Woodstock on 2015 April 26 was a very active meeting, with a lot of rhetoric.

There are proposed changes to the OLBA by-laws and a proposal to set up a new committee to oversee the new by-laws. Questions and input on the bylaws can be sent to Steve Indig (Sport Law and Strategy Group) at [http://sji@sportlaw.ca](mailto:sji@sportlaw.ca). In particular,

there are changes to the conditions of play which affect the mixed pairs' format, cell phones, coaching, tie breakers and novice pairs. Addendum B as published on p.43 of the 2015 Annual is incorrect and an updated version is available online.

Also included in the club package given to participants at the spring meeting was information on a new tournament that the OLBA are proposing, which is intended to increase the participation of new bowlers. This is a test year for the new tournament and it will only be run in District 15 to see how it goes. Information was included with the flyers so that clubs in District 16 can try it out in their clubs and see how they like it.

District 16 had the highest number of clubs which responded to the OLBA Survey on Championship Review. Results of the survey are posted online. The OLBA are now asking clubs to go back on line and participate in a new survey on Championship Format Ideas for 2016. Deadline for completion of the new survey is July 01.

The OLBA will not be giving out membership cards for new members; instead, they will be issuing members' numbers. Second-year members, however, will receive a laminated membership card.

The OLBA will not be handing out new bowler kits based on last year's numbers. Instead, when clubs get their new members' numbers, they should contact either Ruth Duffy or Moe Cosyn to obtain the kits that they require for this year.

A new 12-foot invitation flag is available to member clubs free of charge to use at their open houses or tournaments. The flag comes with one "Bowls Ambassador" vest so that visitors might know who to talk to. If any club wishes to use the flag/vest, please let Ruth Duffy know and she will reserve it for you.

Jane Maloney reminded delegates that the OLBA website has a lot of information on it, including certificates that can be used to denote club members' awards.

Wayne Harding noted that, concerning the new constitution and changes in the rules for non-profit organizations, there is currently only limited information available on the OLBA website. Wayne offered, therefore, to send more information by e-mail to the clubs on how we will deal with this.

**10. Novice Day**

Novice Day will be held on Sunday July 19 at Smith's Falls, details to follow.

**11. Umpires Report**

David Jeffries noted that Moe Cosyn has replaced Bob O'Neal as umpire. James Rimmer of Highland Park will be trying out for new umpires. It costs \$25 to become an umpire. In two years an umpire can apply to become a provincial umpire. At the end of the season, the District Chairs are required to send in a list of umpires and where they have umpired. If they fail to do so, the umpires will lose their status.

**12. New Business**

**a. Ontario Senior Games and SGA Magazine**

William Smalluk circulated copies of the SGA magazine 2015 Information Guide for Ottawa West (District 7, Ontario Senior Games). The Ontario Senior Games are for men and women over the age of 55. William noted that the town of Midland (north of Barrie) will be hosting the 2016 Ontario 55+ Summer Games, which will include a lawn bowling tournament. Only six lawn bowling clubs are covered by Ottawa West District. To find out which District they belong to, delegates can get in touch with Roger Huestis, District 7 Coordinator, as noted in the magazine on p.13.

**b. Nominations for District 16 Executive Positions**

**i. Treasurer (Replacement for Suzanne Erickson)**

There were no nominations from the floor. Ruth Duffy requested that delegates go back to their clubs and ask for nominations, since it was very important to fill this position.

**ii. Governor General's Committee (Replacement for Denis Davignon)**

Tony Barnard nominated Gerry Laporte as replacement for Denis Davignon.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**iii. Replacement for Alice Keiwan, Scheduler**

There were no nominations from the floor. Ruth Duffy requested that delegates go back to their clubs and ask for nominations.

**iv. Replacement for Wayne Daley, Chair – District 16 Lawn Bowler of the Year Award Committee**

Ruth Duffy requested that delegates seek nominations from their clubs. David Jefferies wondered whether it would be feasible to combine the two awards committees, in order to save time. There was general agreement of those present to the request and David was given an okay to proceed with joining the two committees.

Jane Maloney noted that Rogers TV station has requested to film but there is not enough room at Highland Park LBC for all their equipment. It was suggested that Elmdale, Galetta or Smiths Falls might be suitable venues for filming of provincial level competition.

Delegates were reminded that, in accordance with the new OLBA insurance requirements, every bowler is required to sign a liability waiver this year. In addition, social members need to be reported to the OLBA as “social members” (not as bowling members).

**13. Fall Meeting**

The District 16 Fall Annual General Meeting will take place at Highland Park LBC on 2015 October 03 at 10.00 am.

**14. Thanks to Host Club**

Ruth Duffy thanked Galetta LBC delegates for their hospitality in hosting this meeting.

**15. Motion to Adjourn**

The Chair invited a motion from the floor to adjourn, seconded by Frank Fanning of Nepean. The meeting adjourned at 11.05.