

## **OLBA District 16**

### **FALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Hosted by Elmdale Lawn Bowling Club  
MacFarlane Avenue, off Sherwood Drive, Ottawa

**2017 September 30, 10.00 a.m.**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:**      Executive:      6  
                 Delegates:      12  
                 Visitors:      13

#### **1. Opening Remarks**

a. **Welcome by District Chair** (*Wayne Harding*)

Wayne Harding called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors and club delegates. Wayne invited all attendees to sign in.

b. **Welcome by Host Club** (*David Smith*)

David Smith welcomed delegates and visitors on behalf of Elmdale Lawn Bowling Club and introduced René Boucher, who will be President of Elmdale in 2018.

c. **Moment of Silence** (*Wayne Harding*)

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members who are no longer with us: Mabel Riley (Highland Park), Chuck Richeson (Almonte), and Jean Getty (Nepean).

#### **2. Adoption of the Agenda** (*Wayne Harding*)

Edith Pedden wished to add an item to New Business for discussion – “Eastern Ontario’s dissatisfaction with the OLBA”. This was added as item 8 e.

Wayne invited a motion to adopt the Agenda as amended; moved by Tina Dutta (Elmdale) and seconded by Bob Thomson (Almonte).

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **3. Minutes of the 2017 Spring General Meeting** (*Wayne Harding*)

Wayne noted that the minutes were made available on the D.16 website, together with the agenda.

a. **Errors and omissions**

No errors or omissions were reported.

**b. Motion to adopt**

Wayne invited a motion to adopt the Minutes of the 2017 Spring General Meeting; moved by Flo Silvestro (Galletta) and seconded by Dawn Voisey (Elmdale).

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Correspondence**

Barbara Stephens reported that no correspondence had been received.

**5. Treasurer's Report** (*Suzanne Erickson*)

Suzanne reported that the Bank Balance as at May 2017 was \$1,758.30. Total revenue this season amounted to \$1,307.04, which included \$944 for membership dues and \$360 for score cards. Expenses amounted to \$867.61, of which \$765 was for score cards. The current Bank Balance was \$2,188.73 and we hold \$1,280 in scorecards. Wayne noted that in the past we had purchased 10,000 scorecards at a time. This year we purchased 30,000 scorecards at a cost of \$10 per package bulk rate, instead of \$20 per package. Suzanne noted that, although she would normally hold the scorecards, Wayne is holding them at present. The comment was made that some members do not like the new scorecards because there is not enough room for the team names. Wayne said it would be some years before we could alter the design, but we will keep in mind to modify them when we next place an order.

Wayne invited a motion to adopt the Treasurer's report as presented; moved by Ruth Duffy (Smiths Falls) and seconded by René Boucher (Elmdale).

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Reports**

**a. Report by the Governor General's Committee** (*Tony Bernard*)

On behalf of Tony Bernard, Garry Ross began the report by noting that the very active Governor General's playdowns were held at Elmdale. Participating were four Women's Fours teams, five Men's Fours teams, four Women's Singles entries and six Men's Singles. In the Women's Fours, the Galletta team of Rosalie Parsons Brown, Sandra Jefferies, Flo Silvestro and Karen Oatman came first, and the Highland Park team of Tessa Mackechnie, Margaret Sutton, Heather Stevens and Michelle Mackay came second. In the Men's Fours, the Nepean Team of Blaine Phillips, Gerry Laporte, Ted Dingle and Peter Aldous came first, and the Galletta team of John Wilson, David Jefferies, Greg Brown and Rico Silvestro came second. The Women's Singles was won by Dawn Voisey of Elmdale, and the Men's Singles was won by Stephen Lawn of Brockville.

Gerry Laporte reported on the Financial Statement submitted by Tony Bernard. The closing balance as at October 31, 2016 was \$1,707.24. Bank charges are being reversed as long as our balance is over \$1,500. Expenses during the winter included \$52.10 for new cheques, and \$100 for advertising in the OLBA Annual, leaving an opening balance of \$1,555.14 as at April 27, 2017. During the season deposits were made for \$500 from the sponsor, Senior Discovery Tours, and \$920 for Ontario Playdown Registrations, leaving a balance of \$2,975.14 as at August 19, 2017. Expenses thereafter included \$523.14 for a five-year

supply of medals and \$270 for meals at the Governor General's Tournament at Pierrefonds, leaving a projected closing balance of \$2,166 for 2017. Tony noted in his report that the Governor General's Committee have had a very good year financially, due in part to this being the first year of financial sponsorship of \$500 from Senior Discovery Tours. The sponsorship will be ongoing. However, in 2018 when Ontario hosts the final tournament, our expenses will be higher, so we must not be complacent or have unrealistic expectations of what we can afford going forward. If not for the sponsorship, we would essentially break even for 2017. The bulk of our income is player registration for the playdowns and we need to continue to encourage those numbers in order to remain solvent. A final Financial Statement will be issued once all the expenses have cleared the bank.

**b. Report by the Marketing Committee (*Ruth Duffy*)**

Ruth Duffy indicated that there was nothing to report.

**c. Reports by District Clubs**

Wayne invited district clubs to give a brief summary of the year's activities:

**Almonte:**

Bob Thomson reported that membership was down by 10 from last year, mainly due to illness, and with an increase of 11 new members, the total was 56. However, he thought that at least six members should be back next year all being well. It has been a tough year weather-wise with all the rain. Due to rain, only 50% of the Centennial and the Doreen Morgan Memorial tournaments were completed. Next year, Bob would like to see just those tournaments and an internal tournament.

**Brockville:**

Jane Parish reported that membership had stayed at 39. Two members left, and two new members were gained. Fortunately we picked perfect days for our tournaments and did not have to cancel them. It has been a very successful year for Brockville.

**Deep River:**

Barbara Stephens reported that 2017 had been a successful year for DRLBC, and we are ending the season in good financial shape. We gained 11 new members, making 50 in total this year, and 12 social members. This is a net increase of 138% over the last four years. Eight of the 11 new members joined our six-week Introductory Coaching Course, which we started last year. We are seeing 20-30 people regularly turning out for jitney. A number of our new members have obtained their own bowls and this has alleviated the shortage in the club's supply of smaller size bowls that we were experiencing last year. We are always on the lookout for second hand sets of small size bowls for the club, should anyone have any to sell. During the season we hosted several special bowling events: The Renfrew County Senior Games Lawn Bowling Tournament; The Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA) Eastern Division Tournament, which was won by Marie Simpson and Ray Wanstall of Prescott; and a "Come and Give it a Try" event on July 02, open to the general public, free of charge, in recognition of Canada 150. Bob Boulton is stepping down as Tournament Coordinator and will be replaced next year by Terry Arthur. Bob will, however, continue as a bowling member and as Director-at Large. In answer to a question as to how Deep River managed to increase its membership, Barbara noted that it was entirely due to publicity and word of mouth.

### **Elmdale:**

R  n   Boucher reported that Elmdale LBC had 80 members this year, an increase of four from last year. This was the second year of membership growth, largely the result of one member's aggressive recruitment efforts in her curling club. These new members have revitalized the club, eagerly participating in competitive lawn bowling activities across the District, and adding a modern twist to the club itself, as evidenced in its increasingly sophisticated website and its expanding evening program. One of our new members represented Ontario in this year's Governor General finals and won the women's novice trophy; two other women represented the District in the Ontario Novice Pairs competition in Toronto. As usual, we held four open tournaments this year, with good turnouts, and hosted the District Pairs playdowns in June, as well as the Governor General's playdowns in August. Our rentals have evolved from groups of 6-8 people, holding mainly small office parties, into groups of 20 people or more, representing company team building efforts and work seminars as well as birthdays and wedding anniversaries, and now constitute our second-most important revenue source after membership fees. The main credit in this regard goes to our hosting of Lawn Summer Nights, a charity event for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Society also held in other cities across Canada each Wednesday evening in July. This was its fifth year in Ottawa, attracting over 150 participants and giving the sport of lawn bowls, as well as our club, some major publicity. We have applied for a third grant from the federal New Horizons Program for Seniors (the first two applications were successful, starting our website and providing some greens/grounds maintenance equipment). This grant, if awarded, will allow the renovation of the ditches on our East green, improving safety with regard to entering and exiting the green. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of your members in all our future competitions.

### **Galetta:**

On behalf of Russ Oatman, Galetta's newly elected President who sent his regrets, Flo Silvestro reported that Galetta Bowls Club experienced another busy year with four district tournaments as well as acting as host club to the Senior Men's Provincial Triples. Club activities suffered from many rainy days but Jenny Bennett managed to reschedule some for the enjoyment of club members. David Jefferies managed to preserve the green during this season of rain and more rain. John Stevenson published a weekly greens report, which was a tremendous success in improving communication with club members. As the season drew to a close, he noted that 20 of the 60 members had placed in District competitions. Galetta bowlers participated in provincial competitions, district tournaments and playdowns with many successes. Galetta Bowls was well represented in both the women's and men's teams at the Governor Generals. The club asks that the two-game, 14-end format be considered by more clubs next year for weekday tournaments. Following the Super Sixes, comments about needing more variety in formats were heard. Considering the decline in numbers attending district tournaments, this might be something that clubs could implement. With the success of some clubs in attracting an increasing number of novice bowlers, Flo felt that we need to keep or make bowling a little more exciting. She felt that our novice bowlers are most important and hoped the district would devote attention to opportunities for their improvement; perhaps a few more clubs could consider staging a tournament requiring one novice bowler.

### **Goulbourn:**

Garry Ross reported that Goulbourn's green was improving with each day, although it is a challenge with the weather. The club had to cancel its first tournament held in May for the second year running due to weather and the quality of the green, and will be cancelling that tournament permanently in the future. Following feedback from members, Goulbourn has increased internal tournaments and has held a number of memorial tournaments. Funtastic Day was held on September 28. Membership is stable at 63, but down from 68. The green has been renamed as the "Burns-Nichol Green of the Goulbourn Lawn Bowling Club" and a plaque has been erected in dedication of George, who is President Emeritus, and his wife Shirley for their outstanding contributions to the club.

### **Highland Park:**

Jane Maloney reported that Highland Park was very thankful for the support of so many district bowlers enjoying the Invitational tournaments at Highland Park. New on its Executive board are Douglas MacGregor (V.P.), Robert McGregor (Greens) and Anne Marie René de Cotret & Muriel Tremain (Social). Membership has been very stable at 75 active bowlers, one junior bowler and four social members. To keep in the game, the club's "ubi" launcher bowlers have grown to two. Jane thought that a stick and arm district league would be a very inclusive idea for the future. Participation has been fantastic at all levels of play. The club has had unprecedented numbers of teams entering district invitationals, playdowns and championships. Teams are gaining more experience representing the district at the Provincials in Blaine Phillips and Tom Sawyer (Men's Pairs), Michelle Mackay and Blaine Phillips (Mixed Pairs), Tessa MacKechnie, Marg Sutton and Heather Stevens (Sr. Women's Triples), Robert MacGregor and George Ireland (Nv. Men's Pairs) and the Governor Generals. Club members are especially proud of Michelle Mackay competing and bringing back the gold at the Provincial Ladies' Singles. Highland Park will be celebrating 104 years in Westboro in 2018 and is committed to staying vital in the community. While the club's MPAC assessment has been a challenge, the club has mounted a strong, professional defense; it has met that challenge financially and has garnered the support of its members. Please stay tuned as Highland Park investigates future new initiatives, activities and events.

### **Iroquois:**

Terry Triskle was unable to attend the meeting, but provided the following report, which Wayne Harding presented: As it did for most other clubs, the wet weather this summer reduced the amount of club play that we enjoyed this year. However, when the weather permitted we noticed a higher rate of participation by our members, both at our own club and in district tournaments. With regard to our green, our members took over all maintenance responsibilities including mowing in 2017. We continue to see improvement with the green, and most visitors are quite complimentary about it. Next week we will be putting the green to bed for the winter, with an aeration and top dressing. Last fall we completed an upgrade of the ditches by replacing all the lumber. Despite losing a few more members to illness again this season, our full-time membership numbers improved slightly to twenty-five. In addition we attracted some casual players – typically these are people who come and go from the adjacent public campground. To attract potential new members we again hosted various groups and introduced them to the sport. This included a local Lions club, a youth group and a seniors group. We continue to advertise the club through an electronic media outlet located in a local restaurant; this is a very cost-effective method of promotion. Financially, as in the past, we supplemented our revenues by providing a BBQ canteen at an Iroquois community event; this type of fundraising also raises public awareness of our club. With the help of a

small grant from the township we continued to operate in the black in 2017 although we do have some loans outstanding. Mid-way through the summer we were informed by the municipality that they intended to close the building that we use for our clubhouse. Within one month we had to move all of our assets out of the building, and we are temporarily using space in another municipal building for our social gatherings. This does not impact our use of the green which is also on municipal property. Negotiations are underway with the council regarding a permanent home for the club. We had a full complement of entries in our successful Open Triples tournament this year - many thanks to the competitors from other clubs. Despite the uncertainty of a clubhouse for next year, our club has decided to host a second tournament in 2018, district schedule permitting. Once again this year we held "home & home" Friendlies with members from the Prescott LBC, and we closed our season yesterday with the annual windup pot-luck supper. In closing, we look forward to seeing everyone on the greens next spring.

**Nepean:**

Larry Myers, Vice-President of Nepean LBC, presented the report on behalf of the President, Ted Dingle, who was on vacation. Larry noted that Nepean had similar experiences to the other clubs. The club was really optimistic at the beginning of the year. They had the community working to get people involved and put signs up at the curling club. People had expressed interest but the weather turned things against them. It was a problem for Nepean at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year. Nepean had four district tournaments scheduled; next year they plan to go to three, mainly because of lack of interest. Membership total is 66, which is down this year by 10. Not only are the numbers down but the people who have been members for a while have done everything, i.e. been on committees, etc. Getting new members is the other part of the problem. Nepean has had discussions at the district level about how they can encourage members to come out from the curling and pickle ball clubs; they have talked to people at the Sportsplex about increasing the signage and are going to invest in the signage there. Thanks to Alice Keiwan, Nepean has negotiated an agreement with the city that they are pleased with. Nepean has artificial turf and this is an adjustment for other lawn bowlers from clubs with greens. Nepean will be sending out an invitation to anyone from the district to come and try the artificial turf in April/May next year. Nepean's Open House is scheduled for the first Saturday in May for Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Larry was of the opinion that we should work together with regard to publicity and share costs. He was aware of Jane Maloney's involvement with local stations and noted that events such as 55 Life Style were coming up in April. The Zoomers show was done a few years ago. Larry felt that, if we could have sponsors or share costs, that would be key. In summary, Nepean's numbers were down and they had a mixed year. With their older members and the heat, they had to cut down on jitneys, or game share. Nepean is still working on improving its membership. They need more young people and need to extend the range. The highlight of the year was the CHEO Fun Day, through which the club raised \$2,800, which was thereafter doubled. Larry would be happy to talk to anyone from other clubs about joint publicity and share ideas. Wayne Harding pointed out that BCB had created a "Bowls Day". We did not all sign up for this event. BCB have said they will be having an event next year and will let us know details.

**Prescott:**

Mary Campbell sent the following report to Wayne Harding to present to the meeting: Prescott LBC held another successful season this year. Although some regular members had to drop out this year, they were replaced with new first time members, increasing the

membership from 19 to 21. The club also had walk-ons, who could show up to play at their own discretion. Prescott hosted three out of four of its tournaments, with good attendance results. Only one tournament was cancelled due to rain; not bad odds for this season of bowling. Many of the club's rookie and sophomore members participated in its tournaments. Some of the sophomore members travelled to participate in a larger number of neighboring club tournaments. Prescott partnered with Iroquois in hosting home and away "friendly" tournaments, where members of both clubs were mixed together for a sporting and social evening. The schedule was solidified by alternating hosting the evening the first Monday of each month. Brockville was invited to participate for the first time in Prescott. It is hoped this will become a reciprocal event next season as well. Promoting and increasing membership will continue to be a high priority in the coming year. The club is aware that some long standing members will not be returning next season, which will create a void in some of the club's key organizing positions, such as grounds keeping and tournament coordination. The club website at [www.prescottlawnbowling.jimdo.com](http://www.prescottlawnbowling.jimdo.com) is linked to those of the Town of Prescott and South Grenville Tourism. Mary wished to thank all who participated in Prescott's tournaments. It is Prescott's mission to keep the club active and a vibrant part of its community. Mary also invited delegates to peruse the entries that were submitted to the OLBA writing contest from Prescott, which can be viewed in Ken Simpson's "Lawn Bowls News & Views" issued on September 16 (entries # 28, 29, 30), although last date for voting was September 30.

#### **Smiths Falls:**

Ruth Duffy reported that, in spite of having only 12 members left at Smiths Falls this year, they were able to carry on with their tournaments and do other things as well. This year, they wished to raise the profile of lawn bowling in the town and gain new members. The focus in Smiths Falls is mainly on hockey, so lawn bowling tends to fall off the scale very quickly. The first thing the club did was to host an Open House, which was heavily advertised and included a training session in bowling. As a result, the local radio station invited COGECO to challenge them at a game for the publicity rights. Fortunately from our Open House day we gained three new members, so our membership is now 15. We set up children's carpet bowling in a children's area. Unfortunately that did not result in new members, so we have other plans. The third thing we did was to plan and hold a local media night with local radio stations, COGECO and the local Chamber of Commerce. Now they want to make it an annual event. The fourth thing we did was to host several groups to come and give it a try - a day care, and a midget hockey team for a bonding day and BBQ. In the end, we are somewhat disappointed that we didn't get more members but our goal was to raise the profile. The hockey team loved it; they are 16/17 years old. For next year, we plan to repeat and expand all of what we did this year. Ruth wants to get to the parents of the kids and impress on them the benefits of lawn bowling.

#### **d. Report by District Chair (Wayne Harding)**

First of all, Wayne wished to say that he was not trying to get out of chairing the Spring Meeting by arranging a visit to the Heart Institute. His trip was as much a surprise to him as it was to others. He wished to officially thank Jane Maloney, Garry Ross and the rest of the District Board for stepping in at the last minute to run the Spring Meeting and distribute the Information Packages. Indeed, Wayne wished to thank everyone for making the whole year easier with the help they provided. He was quite proud of the fact that Galetta and Almonte quite ably staged the Provincial Seniors and wished to thank the two clubs for stepping

forward as hosts of the events. He hoped that other clubs in the district would consider hosting a provincial in the very near future; he was sure that all the clubs in the district would gladly pitch in to help and show that Ontario East is the place to play.

Most of our district's achievements have already been covered by other speakers. Michelle Mackay's Provincial Gold in Women's Singles and Zach Steele's Bronze in Men's were definitely moments to be proud of. Wayne believed it was the first Gold a player from the district had won since Rob Rienzo and Zach Steele struck Provincial Gold in 2014. He hoped that there would be many more medals in the years to come.

Wayne was also quite pleased with the number of novice players that have started to play in their clubs and in the district events. This year the District Novice championship required two greens to play; a great improvement from three years ago when there were only a handful of novices willing to enter. Wayne also wished to thank Elmdale for coming to our rescue when the number of entries exceeded those that could play at Highland Park. It was very much appreciated. However, a big disappointment was the cancellation of the Novice Day due to a lack of interest. Wayne hoped that we could work on rebuilding that interest in the coming year as it is very beneficial to learning how to bowl; he added that in a district chairs' conference, many other districts were very interested in the concept of a Novice Day for their own districts.

In conclusion, Wayne again thanked everyone who had helped run the district and hoped that they would continue their support for next year.

**e. Umpires' report** (*David Jefferies*)

David Jefferies reported that the district continues to have a good number of umpires; several were in the meeting, and there are three new people who want to become umpires. David noted that there was, however, a problem with Jason Currie, whom he felt "ignores us up here", as they have been concentrating on the Canadian level umpires, rather than provincial umpires. They promised they would work in the area this year. In the spring Ron Harrison retired from umpiring; David wished to recognize and thank him for his years of service.

**7. Awards** (*David Smith*)

Gerry Laporte wished to thank those members who served on the selection committee: David Smith, Elmer Janzen, Debbie Ferrill, Garry Ross and Wayne Harding.

**a. District Lawn Bowler of the Year award** (*Gerry Laporte*)

Gerry Laporte reported that there were five nominations for the Bowler of the Year Award this year: Guy Chaput (Almonte), Ron Harrison (Brockville), David Jefferies (Galletta), Dawn Martin (Nepean) and Ted Tozer (Highland Park). Gerry announced that, based on a combination of volunteerism and performance, Ted Tozer was selected as winner of the Award for 2017. The meeting congratulated Ted, and Gerry presented him with the Award Shield.

**b. Ottawa Sports Award lawn bowling nominee** (*Gerry Laporte*)

Gerry also announced that Michelle Mackay, who won the Provincial Women's Singles Gold medal, has been chosen as the nominee for the Ottawa Sports Award this year.



Gerry also mentioned that the OLBA Bill Boettger Volunteer of the Year Award is open for nominations. This award carries a monetary award with it. The deadline for submissions is November 30 and the award winner is announced at the OLBA Spring Meeting.

## **8. New Business**

- a. **Byes:** Vote on the following method as recommended by D.16 executive to be used by all conveners for byes occurring in Provincial playdowns:

The convener of every playdown will:

- i. Confirm the need for a bye and notify all entered skips within the 72 hours prior to scheduled start of play of the tournament that a bye is necessary;
- ii. Conduct a blind draw prior to the day of the playdown to determine which skip will have the [first] bye; and
- iii. Advise all skips of the results of the draw prior to the day of the play down.

Wayne Harding invited a motion to vote on the above method for byes as stated above; motioned by René Boucher (Elmdale); seconded by Tina Dutta (Elmdale).

### **MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE VOTE AGAINST**

- b. **District representative at OLBA Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 meetings** (*Wayne Harding*)

Garry Ross will be attending the Fall meeting and wished to ensure that clubs have either a delegate attending or a proxy process in place. It was important because there are two people standing for election from District 16: Wayne Harding is standing for a Director position and Edith Pedden for the position of Secretary. Wayne confirmed that proxies for voting at the OLBA Fall meeting had been arranged to date for all the District clubs except one, which was still in the process of registering.

- c. **Proposed 2018 championships format** (*Wayne Harding*)

Wayne mentioned that he constantly gets the question about rules regarding the number of bowls that should be used for Club Playdowns, to which he responded that “clubs run their own tournaments”. He noted that, because of the change in format in 2018, the Ontario Championships will be held over three days. He felt the most important championship for the clubs was a new Novice Singles tournament, whereby each club will have to determine one champion to enter the tournament. There will be novice singles, novice triples, the Governor General’s novice, and district novice championships.

- d. **D.16 Tournaments Schedule for 2018** (*Wayne Harding*)

Ontario has produced the Provincial Playdowns’ schedule and Wayne has incorporated this information into the district schedule, which he will circulate. Wayne will ask clubs to consider hosting District Playdowns, bearing in mind that he would like to distribute the tournaments over the district and does not want the same club hosting the same tournament each year. He pointed out that the Governor General’s is part of the District Playdowns. Last time we started out with one club, with a back-up club. This year we have made room to have a club host playdowns on the August long weekend. Wayne is currently working through the tournaments schedule.

**e. Eastern Ontario's dissatisfaction with the OLBA (*Edith Pedden*)**

Jane Maloney reported that she has spent many hours on the phone with Districts 13, 14, 15 and 16 and the overwhelming response is that the Eastern Ontario districts feel disenfranchised and ignored. Edith Pedden noted that comments about not being counted have been going on for 5-6 years; it appears that Toronto and Western Ontario have much more influence than Eastern Ontario which is being regarded as second-class. Jane added that Eastern Ontario is not represented on the OLBA Board. As the Nominating Chair for OLBA, Jane has not been getting nominations from D. 13, 14, 15 this year. Gerry Laporte asked whether Edith and Jane could provide a list of the things that the Eastern districts are not happy about; he felt that if we wanted changes we would need to get the votes from Eastern Ontario. It was noted that OLBA does not even send a representative to the D.16 Spring and Fall meetings. David Jefferies noted that he was an OLBA Director for a year and that every time he made a suggestion he was not taken seriously. It was pointed out that OLBA are making us have our playoffs in May when our greens are not ready, so we have to go to Nepean and this is not fair to the players who are not used to carpet. A solution is to get more Directors on the OLBA Board from the Eastern districts. Gerry Laporte responded that he constantly hears from people that they do not like Nepean. His response to this remark was that good bowlers can adjust. Artificial green is the thing of the future; it's a fast bowl. Gerry announced that, since Nepean opens in April, people can come and play for \$5, or in April and May for \$20. Jane pointed out that, in response to everything said, we still have time to put more people on the ballot for Woodstock; we have no-one challenging. If anyone would like to put their name forward, Jane is the person to contact by the deadline of October 07. David Jefferies noted that he had been serving on three OLBA committees, including greens and championships.

**f. Nominations/election of officers (*Jane Maloney*)**

With the permission of the Board, Jane had put together an outline of what the Board members' duties were, together with a list of dates and venues for Spring and Fall meetings up to 2032. Jane had prepared a binder for each club containing this information, which she handed out. Jane thanked Debbie Ferrill for stepping up, noting that for personal reasons Debbie cannot carry on to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair this year.

Jane presented the following slate of nominations for election of officers, calling three times for new nominations:

Chair:	Garry Ross
Past Chair:	Wayne Harding
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair:	Flo Silvestro
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair:	Wayne Daley
Treasurer:	Suzanne Erickson (appointed by the Board)
Secretary:	Barbara Stephens

There were no new nominations from the floor. Jane motioned to accept the nominations as listed; seconded by Sandra Jefferies. The slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Wayne Harding welcomed Garry Ross as new chair and Flo Silvestro joined the Board as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair. Garry Ross thanked Jane for ushering him into 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President a few years ago. Jane said that it has been an interesting and happy time for her. David Jefferies thanked Jane for the huge amount of work she had done.

9. **District Spring and Fall Meetings 2018**

Dates and venues of District 16 meetings in 2018 are scheduled as follows:

Spring General Meeting:	Prescott	2018 April 28
Fall Annual General Meeting:	Deep River	2018 September 29

10. **Thanks to Host Club** (*Garry Ross*)

On behalf of the Executive, Garry thanked Elmdale and its members for hosting the Fall Annual General Meeting.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** (*Garry Ross*)

The meeting adjourned at 12.15 p.m. Moved by Garry Ross; seconded by Jane Maloney.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stephens  
Secretary, District 16

2018 January 16