

## OLBA District 16

### FALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hosted by Deep River Lawn Bowling Club  
2018 September 29, 10.00 a.m.

### MINUTES

**Present:**      Executive:      4  
                 Delegates:      8  
                 Visitors:      7

#### 1. Opening Remarks

a. **Welcome by District Chair** (*Garry Ross*)

Garry called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors and club delegates.

b. **Welcome by Host Club** (*Barbara Stephens*)

Barbara welcomed delegates and visitors on behalf of Deep River LBC.

c. **Moment of Silence** (*Garry Ross*)

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members who are no longer with us: Randall Crawford (Nepean), Rutger Van Doorninck (Deep River) and Don Murray (Galletta).

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda (*Garry Ross*)

Garry motioned to adopt the Agenda as presented; moved by Blaine Phillips (Nepean) and seconded by Larry Myers (Nepean).  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### 3. Minutes of the 2018 Spring General Meeting (*Garry Ross*)

a. **Errors and omissions**

No errors or omissions were reported.

b. **Motion to adopt**

Garry invited a motion to adopt the Minutes of the 2018 Spring General Meeting; moved by Bob Thomson (Almonte) and seconded by Rico Silvestro (Galletta).

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### 4. Treasurer's Report (*Suzanne Erickson*)

Suzanne reported that the Bank Balance as at April 2018 was \$2,211.38. Total revenue this season amounted to \$1,008.08, which included \$170 for score cards, \$838 for membership dues and \$0.08 for interest earned. The only expense was \$100 for the spring District meeting. The current Bank Balance was \$3,119.46 and we hold \$1,100 worth of scorecards. At the pre-meeting of the Executive it was decided to eliminate District Fees for the 2019 season.

Garry invited a motion to adopt the Treasurer's report as presented; moved by Barbara Stephens (Deep River) and seconded by Denis Davignon (Almonte).

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 5. Reports

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

Flo Silvestro presented the Financial Statement for the Governor General's Lawn Bowling Tournament, on behalf of Tony Bernard. The opening balance as at 2018 April 25 was \$2,552.05. Revenue from the Ontario playdowns registration was \$1,000. There were a few expenses amounting to \$623.25 (for bags for ladies, meals, the piper and some roses), leaving a balance of \$2,890.80 as at 2018 September 06. Flo had received an e-mail from Joannie Marks, trustee, to let us know that Senior Discovery Tours (our lead sponsor), comes to the meetings of the trustees and gives out travel brochures. Senior Discovery Tours originally purchased the shirts for the Ontario Governor Generals and continues to provide funding.

### b. Report by the Marketing Committee (*Larry Myers*)

Larry reported on the Marketing Committee's proposal to put on a demonstration at the 55+ Lifestyle Show on 2019 April 26 and 27 at the EY Centre in Ottawa. At the spring meeting Larry had indicated that he would pursue funding. To that end, he has applied for a New Horizons Grant for Seniors. On the advice of our District President, Garry Ross, Larry applied through Nepean on behalf of the District. If the application is approved we should be notified in December or January. At that point, if successful, details of a plan would have to be formulated. Nepean has two short mats that could be used and there is some signage. Bowls Canada has indicated that they could provide some general brochures on lawn bowling. Some initial thoughts are: large poster displays, cross advertising on local TV, purchasing of promotional items, a video screen display, which could show clips of top level play, an information sheet with basic information about all District Clubs and a large map showing locations of clubs. As well, Larry suggested we might consider coordinating Open House dates and providing prizes such as half- year memberships, etc. There are opportunities to do joint advertising and promotion. Volunteers will be needed for demonstrations. Ralph Ellis from OLBA has ideas about promotion, which he is willing to share, and Larry encouraged clubs to share best practices. One idea is to speak to groups and invite them in for team building or introduction to lawn bowling sessions. This could be done jointly by neighboring clubs. Nepean Lawn Bowls tested the Bowls Canada Junior Program. They are planning to offer that program for sale, along with the kits, to use in the New Year. There are many other ideas, such as those from an online marketing manual that Larry has that have been used successfully in Alberta.

Larry invited input as to ideas for promotion and asked for at least one contact name and email address from each club. At this point there is not a full Marketing Committee; new members would be welcome. If anyone is interested in being on the marketing committee, they should contact Larry. He believed much of the communication and exchange of ideas could be done remotely.

### c. Reports by District Clubs

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

#### Almonte:

Bob Thomson reported that Almonte did not have a big year in 2018. The club hosted two district tournaments – the Centennial Cup and the Doreen Morgan Memorial - with 14 teams and 16 teams competing respectively. Bob was pleased with that and the fact that the club succeeded in bringing the green back into shape.

### **Brockville:**

Garry presented the Brockville report on behalf of Jane Parish. The club took part in National Bowls Day on June 02 by holding an Open House and was successful in attracting three new members as a result. Active bowler membership fell from 37 in 2017 to 31 in 2018, mainly due to ill health, and 3 as a result of moving away. The club will have to try to attract more people next year in order to keep the club active.

Brockville had to cancel two invitational tournaments due to lack of entries. The Fulford Tournament held on June 14 was only able to attract 8 teams. The 1000 Islands Toyota Tournament in August had 14 teams entered. Its most successful tournament this year was one that the club reinstated after a nine year absence – the Recorder and Times Tournament that had been held beginning in 1957 until 2009. This was a doubles tournament consisting of teams from the Recorder and times newspaper area of Brockville, Smiths Falls, Prescott and Iroquois. The trophy was won by Smiths Falls and also featured an 8-ender by a team from Brockville. Linda Clarke and Marilyn Crawford could not figure out what the excitement was all about as they are both novices and decided to enter as a doubles team in their first tournament. The club got wonderful coverage from the Recorder and Times for this event so, hopefully, this regional tournament will continue for many years to come. Brockville also hosted the OSGA 55+ games for the District 9 region in June.

Jane wondered whether other D.16 clubs had difficulty attracting entries to their tournaments this season and, if so, what the major contributing factors to the problem were. She thought it was possibly due to the very hot weather; however, BLBC had the problem from the very beginning of the season.

### **Deep River:**

Barbara Stephens reported that DRLBC was coming to the close of the season in a relatively good financial position. Membership total was 54 full members and 13 social members. The “Learn to Bowl” course proved extremely successful once again; 14 people registered for the course, including 7 current members who wanted a refresher course. Although 9 members did not return this year (mainly for health reasons) and one passed away, 10 new people joined as full members and 3 rejoined. A fun tournament was held in memory of Rutger Van Doorninck, who passed away in July.

In addition to in-house and invitational tournaments, the club hosted the Renfrew County Senior Games Lawn Bowling Tournament and the District 16 Playdowns for Men’s and Women’s Pairs. The club also arranged some informal special events including: A visit by 27 Grade 5 students from a local school to try out lawn bowling; a birthday party; a baby shower; a fundraising Tournament for the North Renfrew Long Term Care home as a ‘thank you’ for their donation of 50 upholstered chairs to the club; and an evening of bowling for a group of friends from the Golf Club next door. During the season the club hosts an evening of bridge at the clubhouse, which not only helps to advertise DRLBC but is a source of income.

DRLBC has applied for a New Horizons for Seniors Grant and is hopeful that it might receive funds to purchase a roller, which will help enormously with green maintenance, and some new bowls and related equipment.

Both the Green Maintenance Coordinator and the Facilities & Equipment Coordinator volunteer positions remain vacant. It is difficult to find new volunteers for these positions as our membership ages. We endeavor to attract more/young bowlers to the club. The club is

planning to have a table at the local Craft Fair in November in an area designated for community groups to promote their activities. Combined with publicity strategically placed around town and published in the local North Renfrew Times weekly newspaper, the club hopes to attract more new members for next season.

**Elmdale:** No report.

**Galetta:**

Russell Oatman reported that the summer of 2018 was a busy season for Galetta Bowls LBC. Of its 57 members, 5 were members from other District 16 lawn bowling clubs that also joined Galetta and 2 were junior members (the youngest was 8 years old). Sadly, in 2018 the club lost Don Murray, who was a long time member and past president of Galetta Bowls.

The club hosted a number of events in 2018:

- District 16 playdowns for mixed pairs, which had to be run over two weekends because of the extreme heat. When all was said and done, Dave and Sandra Jefferies of Galetta Bowls won the event and represented District 16 at the Provincial mixed pairs' playdowns.
- Governor General's novice men's/women's singles and the men's/women's fours playdowns.
- Governor General's finals.

Galetta Bowls had both a women's entry (Kitty Braceland) and men's entry (Bruce Sample) in the new District 16 novice singles. Both entries represented the club very well and in the end Bruce Sample won the men's District 16 novice singles playdowns at Smiths Falls and went on to represent the District at the Provincial novice singles at Elmdale LBC.

Galetta Bowls was not spared Mother Nature's wrath on September 21, which saw three tornados touch down in the Ottawa area. Damage from the weather consisted of a section of the club roof being torn off, a large event tent/shelter being badly damaged and the destruction of the sun/rain shelters. As a result of the damage to the club house, the Galetta Bowls fall AGM has been postponed until further notice.

**Goulbourn:**

Garry Ross reported that Goulbourn Lawn Bowling Club (GLBC) had a very successful 2018 season. Membership has grown by a third, from last year's 63 to this year's 82. While GLBC has been fortunate in past seasons to attract new members every year, it has normally been a few new players a year. New members in this volume required the club to organize formal training clinics, set up a buddy system, and acquire additional club bowls. The club was successful in all three, thanks to its returning members. The feedback the Board has received from the membership indicates that it is the welcoming attitude and fellowship opportunities that are the club's hallmark, and the most important feature for its members.

GLBC expanded its green in 2015, for the start of the 2016 season. An additional lane was added to one side of the existing green, a large portion of the existing green was re-sodded, and new boards were placed. The club is now in Year 3 of its five-year plan to fully integrate the new turf with the existing green, and is on track with its program. The green is noticeably improved, thanks to the ongoing work of our Greens' Master and the volunteer crew.

Goulbourn, like other clubs in the District, has experienced difficulty in attracting teams from other clubs to its Open tournaments. It has moved from the traditional 3 game of 12 ends format to two games of 14 ends format. This has also proven popular with its own members.

During the 2018 season the club completed 3 Open Tournaments (triples and pairs), 3 In House Tournaments (triples), 3 Club Championships (mixed pairs and singles), a Fun Day, and a Youth bowling session to celebrate World Bowls Day.

#### **Highland Park:**

Tessa Mackechnie reported that Highland Park gained 20 new members this year, making a total of 89 members and 2 social members. Approximately 11 of the new members are under the age of 50. It has been a very challenging year for Highland Park, as the club gave up its maintenance fund to pay for high property taxes. The consensus is that Highland LBC is going to stay. The club held 18 activities this year, including 4 invitationals and the novice triples playdowns. The rest were in-house events, all very well attended. A younger element of the club has started a Fun Night on some Friday evenings, which has been very successful.

Tessa noted the following executive appointments for 2019: Douglas McGregor, President; Francis Rolleston, Secretary; Jane Maloney, Membership; and Tessa Mackechnie, Match.

#### **Iroquois:**

Flo Silvestro presented the report sent by Ron Beaupré. The club enjoyed the most active season in memory with a greater number of bowlers and games played five days each week. With regard to the green, members took over all maintenance responsibilities including mowing in 2018. They continue to see improvement with the green, and most visitors are quite complimentary about it. Next week the green will be put to bed for the winter, with an aeration and top dressing. Interaction with the local municipality, who own the facility, has become extremely difficult. The administration and Municipal Council do not answer emails or phone calls.

Despite losing a few more members to illness again this season, Iroquois' full-time membership numbers improved slightly to twenty-eight. In addition, the club attracted some casual players – typically these are people who come and go from the adjacent public campground. To attract potential new members, the club set up a booth at the local trade show. This week they will host a high school sports day. The club continues to advertise through an electronic media outlet located in a local restaurant; this is a very cost-effective method of promotion.

Financially, as in the past, the club supplemented its revenues by providing a BBQ canteen at the Iroquois beach and also at auctions. This type of fundraising also raises public awareness of Iroquois LBC. The club continued to operate in the black in 2018 and finally paid off its loans. The club worked with an engineer to plan the new clubhouse which was to be built nearby. After much work, the municipal government decided they could not afford to accommodate the Iroquois Lawn Bowling club's requirements. At this time there are no plans to reopen the old clubhouse or build a new facility. Club members are temporarily using space in another municipal building for social gatherings. Once again, this year the club held "home & home" Friendlies with members from the Prescott LBC, and will close the season this week with the annual windup pot-luck supper.

Iroquois LBC held an election earlier this year and has a new secretary, Jewel Roberts, kenandjewel@shaw.ca, a new president, Ron Beaupre, and a new membership chairman, Bill Simmonds. The greens keeper is Cecil McDermott and the treasurer is Pat Foley.

The club had a good complement of entries in its successful Open Triples tournament this year - many thanks to the competitors from other clubs. Despite the uncertainty of a clubhouse for next year, the club has decided to host an open triples tournament on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Iroquois club looks forward to seeing everyone on the greens next spring.

### Nepean:

Larry Myers reported that Nepean LBC had a good year, in part due to an improvement in the weather over last year. They held 4 Open Tournaments, 2 of which were fully subscribed. As well, they hosted the District Singles playdowns in May, the Novice Day in June and the Seniors Pairs in September. The head coach, Gerry Laporte, was involved in testing for umpires in September as well. The club is proud that Rosalie Parsons- Brown placed fourth in the Provincial singles in Belleville and played at the Canadian Nationals.

Last year membership dropped substantially so they set a goal to increase membership. To do this they strived a) to improve the bowling experience and b) to tell people about it. The club's efforts were somewhat exacerbated by a number of vacancies on its Board of Directors. Happily it seems for 2019, they have addressed that issue. The next task is the issue of keeping the new members. The club's membership, perhaps more so than other clubs, is aging. They are looking at ways of addressing that issue. Probably the improvement of which the club is most proud is the design and installation of its stylish shade sails. This was due mainly to the work of the incoming President, Alastair Lawrence. The club brought on 14 new members this year, to bring its membership back up to 74.

The club made some changes this year. The Greens Committee is no longer the responsibility of one person. They have set up two teams of four, who take responsibility two weeks at a time. Similarly, kitchen duties and running in-club tournaments has been spread around. They redefined the roles of some of the Board positions to try to spread the workload. They will have a single contact for all District Tournaments, but different individuals taking the lead in organizing various events.

The Nepean club is fortunate to have good quick greens that can be made ready earlier and used longer into the fall than conventional grass greens. This year Nepean club extended an invitation to District 16 clubs to come and use its facilities free of charge for April and May. They were pleased that so many bowlers took advantage of this offer. The club will again extend this invitation in 2019. This brings to mind the question, "Do we have a standard policy for visiting members? Larry believes there is a practice of charging a fee of \$5, although this is awkward to enforce and he believes this is not universally applied. (*This point was discussed later in the meeting under Item 7, New Business*).

This year the club held a new Friday Evening Social Night, hosted by one of its members, Shirley Gilbey. The club worked with Bowls Canada to help pilot a new program for juniors. As part of that initiative, a number of members worked with the Ottawa Summer Camp program at the Nepean Sportsplex. They advertised in the Sportsplex brochures a Learn to Bowl Workshop, which was held in May. The club ran Learn to Bowl Days for Curlers and for Pickleball players. As well, it hosted a number of groups for one-off introduction to lawn bowling. The club conducted an online survey of members to learn what they wanted to see at the club. One idea was for a Facebook page; it found, however, that the club is somewhat

lacking in technical expertise. The club is in the process of revamping its web page. The club calendar is available at the clubhouse and online. This year they came up with the idea of sending out via email and posting in-club a summary of “This Week’s Events” (and the next week’s). This had a very positive reception. Larry thought that, particularly with new bowlers, the pages of tournaments, the multi-colored calendar, the terminology and abbreviations, as well as learning about rules, etiquette and play, can be daunting. Nepean has a system of matching a veteran player with a newbie. New people need to be taken under a wing and made to feel welcome. The club had a new bowlers’ night in June and a Bowling Buddies night in September. It was hard to find dates after the scheduled had been set.

Larry suggested it may be a point to discuss at District level the nature of the tournaments. It sometimes is hard to get a novice to play if the level is very competitive. On the other hand, the competition can be spoiled for those who are looking for competitiveness, when less skilled players are mixed in. Perhaps ranking of events by competitiveness would be in order. The issue of the number of games, 2 or 3, and the number of ends has been discussed. Three games seems to give a better sorting of abilities and a truer indication of the best team. However, a number of members find longer play more taxing. Perhaps three games with fewer ends would be in order.

The Interclub play seems to have been well received and Nepean would like to see it continued. An issue again was trying to retrofit dates into a packed calendar. Larry would like to have interested clubs schedule play today for next year. Sunday afternoons seem to work well.

This year Nepean played weekday jitneys, plus Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening play. The Ottawa Sports and Social Club had a large group play for 8 weeks on Thursdays. Nepean is discussing league play on Tuesdays.

Nepean would be happy to share best practices with all of the District Clubs. They have discussed the idea of having coaching tips in the half hour before jitneys and evening play. Next year will be Nepean’s 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The club will be looking at planning special events to mark the occasion.

### **Prescott:**

Flo Silvestro presented the report submitted by Mary Campbell. The Prescott LBC held another successful season this year, even though its membership dropped from 21 down to 16. They had regular walk-ins to add to the mix, who showed up to play as they were able. The club hosted 3 out of 4 of its tournaments, with good attendance results. Only one tournament was cancelled due to rain. The new Sunday September Triples tournament was a great success with 12 teams in attendance, many from the Brockville and Ottawa areas. In what appears to be a year of cancelled tournaments due to lack of entries across District 16, the club feels proud of what it has accomplished.

Prescott successfully applied for a grant from the regional health unit to run a children’s Learn to Bowl program every Friday night in July and August. It generated great interest and fun in the community, and bolstered awareness that a lawn bowling club does exist in Prescott! The club was able to purchase new, smaller bowls, and partnered with the local high school shop class to acquire 4 new benches for around the greens.

The club partnered with Iroquois in hosting home and away “friendly” tournaments, where they would mix the members of both clubs together for a sporting and social evening.

Prescott participated in the revamped Recorder and Times Tournament in Brockville with 3 Prescott teams attending, mostly made up of its rookie and sophomore members.

Promoting and increasing membership will continue to be a high priority in the coming year. The club's Executive is operating with only 3 members: Secretary, Treasurer, and Tournament Coordinator. They are working hard to keep the club afloat. Mary invited delegates to visit the club's website, [www.prescottlawnbowling.jimdo.com](http://www.prescottlawnbowling.jimdo.com) which is linked to those of the Town of Prescott and South Grenville Tourism. Mary wished to thank all who participated in the tournaments. It is Prescott's mission to keep its club active and a vibrant part of our community.

**Smiths Falls:**

No report. There was concern about the viability of Smiths Falls LBC.

**d. Report by District Chair (Garry Ross)**

Garry reported that it has been a year of mixed successes with some clubs struggling with membership, and some with tournaments; there was nothing in the reports to indicate why. It has been a summer of unusual heat, but that alone cannot be responsible for the problems encountered. Garry suggested that club delegates get together to discuss best practices after the meeting.

Planning was underway for next year and Garry encouraged clubs to let Flo know if they would be willing to host any of the district playdowns.

Garry has agreed to look into District 16 By-Laws since it is important to have clear documentation of District structure and governance. Since there was nothing written down that he was aware of, Garry will develop draft By-Laws for the operation of D.16 for presentation to the D.16 Spring Meeting. Jane Maloney offered to assist Garry with this task.

Garry summarized BCB/OLBA interactions and pressure from the Ontario Government regarding the classification of lawn bowling as an official sport. The Province of Ontario has taken a firm stance that lawn bowling will be looked at as an official sport if we are following certain guidelines. If not, we would not get our allotment of government funding (OLBA operating grant of \$80k/y) and for clubs to be able to apply for funding through New Horizons and Trillium Grants (\$350k obtained by clubs in 2018). As Garry pointed out, World Bowls sets the rules, BCB follows the rules and, in turn, we have to follow the rules. As a result, OLBA has developed and approved a Strategic Plan which will extend over two Board terms. Implementation of the plan will require skilled leadership rather than volunteer work, and it is likely that the OLBA will hire an Executive Director with salary cost available from the Government.

OLBA fees were \$31 per member this year. BCB requires an additional \$3 per member for 2019, which would increase the fees to \$34/member next year. Garry suggested we also prepare for a possible addition of up to \$5 per member in 2020. This subject will be addressed more fully at the Spring Meeting. In response to a question from Terry Trottier (Deep River) as to how this increase helps our clubs, Garry responded that it helps our ability to exist in an official sport, which means that we have access to government money through grants. Jane Maloney also pointed out that members are covered for insurance by paying OLBA fees.



Garry noted that we continue to struggle with communication. Firstly, to ensure accuracy of the contents in the OLBA Annual, it is important that clubs ensure that, following their election of officers for the following year, they send to Elaine Stevenson a current list of their club executive with e-mail and telephone contact information. Secondly, clubs should check the information in the Annual and send any changes to Jan Bauer at OLBA. Clubs should take the initiative to get this information to them as soon as possible.

The Spring OLBA Annual Meeting on 2019 April 27 will address important issues. In the past few years, D.16 has had 11 votes at the spring meeting because we have arranged proxies. Garry wished to ensure that D.16 clubs' voices are heard and votes are made, and urged clubs to either have a voting attendee registered, or to arrange a proxy vote. Garry thanked delegates for their participation, input and advice over the past year, and thanked the executive for their support. He was looking forward to serving Flo next year.

**e. Umpires' report** (*Garry Ross for Gerry Laporte*)

Garry presented the report on behalf of Gerry Laporte: Our district umpires officiated at all district playdowns, Governor General playdowns and the Ontario Provincial Novice tournament. Six of our seven umpires have been successful in passing the re-certification measurement test. Our umpires are required to accumulate a set number of umpiring hours within four years in order to retain their status as level two umpires. Hopefully, OLBA will soon see fit to offer an umpire course in Eastern Ontario. Garry added that, once he qualified, he became qualified to certify someone else. He also noted that the national tournaments will be held in Ontario next year at Heritage, Kitchener and Burlington.

**6. Awards**

**a. District Lawn Bowler of the Year award** (*Blaine Phillips*)

The District Lawn Bowler of the Year award is given to the member who best combines bowling successes with volunteering development for the 2018 season. There were three nominations. Honorable mention was given to Marina Johnston of Almonte and Tessa Mackechnie of Highland Park. The winner of the award was Larry Myers of Nepean.

**b. Ottawa Sports Award lawn bowling nominee** (*Blaine Phillips*)

Based on competition, the Ottawa Sports Award lawn bowling nominee was Cheryl McBain of Elmdale.

**7. New Business**

- Fees for visiting bowlers: During the course of the meeting, the subject of fees for bowlers going to other clubs was raised (see item 5(c), Nepean Report). Some clubs charge \$5 per visit. Following discussion, it was recommended that, as an alternative to charging a fee, a club could make arrangements with other clubs.
- Ubi Launcher promotion: Jane Maloney felt there was a need to learn and share our collective knowledge about Ubi Launchers and would like the district to promote such an initiative. Photographs were captured of a participant in the Novice playdowns at Elmdale in September using an Ubi Launcher. One photograph will be sent in for the competition to select a photograph for the front cover of the 2019 Annual.
- Scorecards are being stored at Nepean and are available at a cost of \$10/package.
- Food handling regulations and training: Russell Oatman noted that he has received a notification from the Galetta Community Association concerning food handling regulations by the Ministry of Health, which applies to all clubs. It is recommended that all clubs review the provincial food handling regulations on the Ottawa Public Health website and follow up food handling training for club members as appropriate.

## 8. Nominations/election of officers (*Garry Ross*)

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

Chair:	Flo Silvestro
Past Chair:	Garry Ross
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair:	Blaine Phillips
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair:	(No nominations from the floor)
Treasurer:	Suzanne Erickson (appointed by the Board)
Secretary:	Barbara Stephens (appointed by the Board)
Scheduler:	John Stevenson (appointed by the Board)

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

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Garry welcomed Flo Silvestro as new Chair and Blaine Phillips as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair. Flo thanked Garry for his work this year as Chair, noting that he carried out his duties and stepped up when Wayne Daley was unable to act as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair. Garry also was there when Wayne Harding underwent major surgery. Wayne Harding has resigned from the OLBA Board and Ken Simpson, OLBA President, is searching for a replacement – either a 6-month term or long range. Flo thanked Wayne for representing the interests of D.16.

This winter, Board members will be preparing an exciting 2019 season of bowling. Garry is examining the various outline duties for each Board member and will bring forth a document for the approval of the District Clubs at the Spring Meeting in Goulbourn on May 04. At the same time, Board members will be clarifying any confusion regarding the Governor General Playdowns and the Senior District Pairs known as the Bob Hanna. These updated guidelines, including financial policies of the District, will be approved by the District clubs in the spring and will be available to the convenor of the event in advance. One Board member will be the main contact for all District Novice events and for the Novice bowlers.

As President, Flo will work for the advancement of lawn bowling in the District, and will be available to answer questions as well as to direct people to other sources for answers.

## 9. District Spring and Fall Meetings 2019

Dates and venues of District 16 meetings in 2019 are scheduled as follows:

Spring:	Goulbourn	2019 May 04
Fall:	Galetta	2019 September 28

## 10. Thanks to Host Club (*Flo Silvestro*)

On behalf of the Executive, Flo thanked Deep River LBC for hosting the Fall AGM.

## 11. Motion to Adjourn (*Flo Silvestro*)

The meeting adjourned at 12.20 p.m. Moved by Flo Silvestro; seconded by Garry Ross.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Stephens, Secretary District 16  
2018 October 13