

OLBA District 16

FALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Highland Park Lawn Bowling Club
439 Golden Avenue at Byron, Ottawa

2015 October 03, 10.00 a.m.

MINUTES

<u>Present:</u>	Executive:	4
	Delegates:	16
	Visitors:	9

1. Opening Remarks

a. Welcome by Chair

Ruth Duffy welcomed delegates and visitors to the District 16 meeting.

b. Welcome by host club

Heather Stevens, President of Highland Park Lawn Bowling Club, also welcomed delegates. Heather thanked Jane Maloney for coordinating the meeting and thanked the ladies in the kitchen for providing the refreshments.

c. Moment of silence

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

2. Minutes of the 2015 Spring 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 2015 Spring Meeting; seconded by Ken Keiwan (Nepean).

MOTION CARRIED

c. Business arising

Jane Maloney thanked Nepean for hosting the NCCP Club Coach course in May. As a result of the course, a number of coaches were trained and inducted into the district. Jane was also relieved to get enough participants to be able to hold the 2-day "Introduction to Competitive Coaching" course on May 23/24. Some further training is still required and Jane has talked to Dave Burrows regarding a Player Development Camp which she is hoping to try out in District 16.

3. Correspondence

Regrets were received from Ron Harrison and James Rimmer. James could not be present as he was scheduled to write an important examination.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Ruth Duffy presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of James Rimmer. The Income Statement for the period 2015 May 01 to 2015 October 02 showed that Total Revenue was \$894; Total Costs were \$75; and Net Income was \$819. The Bank Balance as at 2015 September 25 was \$2,911.34; Money Market was \$3,489.33 and Score Cards \$100, for a total Balance Sheet of \$6,500.67.

Ruth noted that James became District 16 Treasurer in the middle of the year and had a trial getting some of the bank issues settled as some of the work had not been done.

Consequently, some of the invoices from last year were sent out late and some of the bills were not taken care of. Ruth pointed out that clubs should contact James if they have any invoices for the Treasurer.

James has also raised the possibility of transferring funds from the chequing account to the investments. He believes the chequing account earns very little interest and it would be a more useful investment if that cash was in the investment account. James would like the board to consider moving enough funds to lower the chequing account balance to \$1,500 as of 2016 May 01. Some discussion on this ensued: Heather Stevens pointed out that if we were to leave \$1,500 in the chequing account balance, we would be looking at investing ~\$1,400. Ken Keiwan noted that, included in the Income Statement revenue, there is a levy fee of \$2 per member that is being imposed on clubs and he wondered whether it was necessary to continue to impose this fee on the clubs when we have ~\$6,500 net worth; Ken wondered whether we could have a moratorium on this. Ruth thought this point could be put up for discussion. Ruth noted that if expenses come up, we could quickly deplete our funds. Gerry LaPorte added that we have not touched our savings for years. Gerry suggested calling upon David Smith to comment on when he was Treasurer and called a moratorium. David pointed out that there are expenses with members attending OLBA meetings. Heather opposed the moratorium – she had not realized that we funded some of our members for attending meetings. David thought it best to give the clubs a break. Ruth wondered whether we should look at giving support to clubs to host district events. Ruth also reminded the meeting that some invoices had not been submitted yet.

Ruth invited a motion from the floor on whether we should increase our money market by \$1,500: Motioned by Heather Stevens; seconded by George Burns-Nichol.

MOTION DEFEATED

Ruth also invited a motion from the floor as to whether we should place a moratorium for the 2016 season on the levy that is being imposed on clubs: Motioned by Ken Keiwan; seconded by David Jefferies.

MOTION CARRIED

5. **Reports**

Ruth indicated that an Umpire's Report by David Jefferies should be added to the list of reports below, following the reports by the District Clubs.

a. **2016 District play downs scheduling** (*Ruth Duffy*)

Ruth has put on hold district play downs scheduling until after the OLBA meeting.

b. **2016 play downs hosting clubs** (*Ruth Duffy*)

Ruth reported that Almonte has agreed to host the 2016 Governor General's Tournament.

c. **Report by the Governor General's Committee** (*Gerry LaPorte*)

Gerry LaPorte reported that District 16 Vice President, Jane Maloney, acted as chair of this year's tournament committee. She also served as draw master for the district play downs. The committee met before the play downs to set the format for determining the winners in the fours and novice singles. No tiebreakers were needed in the fours as the format called for the winners to be determined by wins and if needed plus / minus points. Novice played to 21 points.

The play downs were held at Elmdale on August 22 and 23. Thirty-three players entered. There were two ladies fours teams each advancing to the tournament; the teams were skipped by Margaret Sutton (Highland Park) and Teresa Derouin (Goulbourn). Five men's teams competed; teams skipped by Grant Fletcher (Galette) and Paul Juneau (Nepean) were the winners. Two lady novices played best two out of three games. Barbara Stephens of Deep River emerged as the winner. Three novice men were involved in a round robin and the winner was John Campbell (Kingston).

The 88th playing of the tournament took place at the Pointe Claire Lawn Bowling Club, Quebec on Saturday, September 05. The Ontario men captured the two-rink total points' competition for the Willingdon Cup. The Quebec bowlers captured the Rose Bowl for ladies fours and both novice trophies.

The 2016 tournament between Ontario and Quebec is to be held at the Almonte LBC.

A Financial Statement prepared by the treasurer, Tony Bernard, was presented. The projected closing balance for 2015 is \$1,269.29. Through the work of Joannie Marks and Tony Bernard a sponsor has been obtained for the Governor General's. Further details will be announced once a memorandum of understanding is signed with the sponsor.

d. **Reports by District clubs**

Almonte:

Al Jones reported that Almonte held six events this year. Overall, the tournaments were successful with good participation in the Centennial Cup and the Doreen Morgan Memorial Trophy tournaments. Ladies' Night was well received and will be scheduled again next year. Almonte successfully hosted the District Play downs. This year the club

introduced a bowling Marathon and an average 31 of 58 Club members participated in the Wednesday night activity, which will be repeated next year.

In May, Bob Thomson, Cecil Dubois and Al Jones attended a Club Coaching course in Nepean. Using course information, the club introduced a formal novice training program. The training was well received and new members felt very comfortable once they began playing, and current members were more comfortable knowing the novices had received training both on the game rules and actual delivery of their bowls. Several new members thanked Bob for their training and emphasized their comfort level in beginning play after his training sessions. Bob also reinforced several bowling practices, i.e., placing your bowls on the mat when beginning instead of dropping them on the rink; and placement and moving the mat during the game. Based on the course we attended, he also volunteered to help anyone who wanted to see if they could improve their game and several long-time members took advantage of his offer. The club gained 12 new members this year.

The Almonte Lawn Bowling Club will host the Governor General's Tournament next year on September 03.

Brockville:

Mary Willows reported that Brockville Lawn Bowling Club had a profitable year. The club increased its membership by 8 new members, 6 resulting from the City's 'Open Doors' Program; also, 7 regular members became social members as a result of illnesses or failing health, plus a "Special Needs" group of 21, paying \$25 each, and 41 regular memberships, making 69 in total.

The green was in good condition for the 4 invitational tournaments, which were well attended. For the August "1000 Islands" tournament, all 8 greens were full for the first time in several years. Brockville also hosted the District 16 Novice WS/S Championship in September.

The club was happy to receive a new tournament sponsor this year - Rosedale Retirement Home. Also a local company, "Howard's Travel" supplied 2 tickets to raffle for the Toronto Blue Jays' last game in Toronto on September 27, plus the travel to and back from Brockville or Kingston.

The Croquet Club contract was discontinued this year.

The entrance to the club-house and greens is greatly improved with new patio stones and stairs. As well, Brockville club has built a new equipment storage shed, and acquired a newer tractor. The club finished in good financial position.

Deep River:

Mim Barry reported that the Deep River Lawn Bowling Club is having a successful year. In May the club held two well publicized Open Houses targeted at new members, which resulted in several people joining the club. The total of 35 bowlers and 14 social members is the best for several years.

Because there is a perception in the District that Deep River is a long way away, the tournament director decided to hold 10 ends games, giving a later start time of 10.00 a.m. and a shorter bowling day. The response was not good for our first two Invitationals in June and July, so we went back to 12 ends games for the Invitational in September with a much stronger response from District clubs. For the non-competitive bowler, fun tournaments were held monthly with 4-3-2-1 being a particular favourite.

The club has a busy social program with a monthly trivia night, fun nights and BBQs, a Christmas dinner and an alley bowling social in February. As well, during the season we have outside groups coming to bowl, followed by food in the clubhouse. One hockey team has come three times and the Red Hatters twice. These are good fundraising events.

Being part of the community of Deep River, we had Grade 11 and 12 sports classes from the High School and a class of Grade 4 students from a Catholic School come for bowling sessions. They do not lead to a junior program, which we would find stretched to do with our limited enrolment, but enjoy the day.

We look forward to welcoming all District bowlers to Deep River next season for a great day's bowling and a superb lunch.

Elmdale:

Bob Elliott reported that Elmdale had a very successful year in terms of membership, finances and activities. 2015 was a record year for Elmdale Lawn Bowling Club as it welcomed 25 new members, including one junior, and one transfer from another club. There were 32 returning members, plus 2 associate members and one life member, resulting in a total membership of 60.

There were many factors contributing to the influx of new members, and these must be continued and built on next year:

- A successful Open House in May, as a result of community canvassing, registration of visitors and follow up phone calls;
- coaching clinics during all of June, enabling new bowlers to feel comfortable;
- the recruitment from the Royal Navy Curling Club due mainly to the efforts of one new member; and
- evening bowling to enable those members still working an opportunity to bowl. This year we bowled on Tuesday with fixed teams, and on Thursday evenings with an open draw.

In addition to these factors, we also made a dedicated effort to integrate new and experienced bowlers. This has proven beneficial to enhancing the performance of the new bowlers and offering them the opportunity to enjoy club activities.

We believe the future lies with attracting a younger generation of bowler, hence the four tournaments the club hosted this year were held on weekends, in order to provide an opportunity for participation. This, coupled with evening bowling, are two essential items to attract working members.

The Ottawa Croquet Club which shares our facility also welcomed a record number of new people, boosting its membership to 23. Many of these have commented indicating

how much they enjoyed the year, and Louis' coaching and encouragement. The croquet club offered evening play on Wednesdays, as many of the new members are also in the working category.

In addition to club activities, Elmdale continued to provide the bowling support to the Lawn Summer Nights charity event for Cystic Fibrosis. This event was held over four Wednesday nights in July and consisted of 40 four-person teams plus organizing and support staff. This year was a successful event with many returning teams from previous years. Many thanks to Gerry LaPorte and the Nepean Club for the loan of additional sets of bowls required to support 16 rinks. Also, thanks to the croquet club for moving their Wednesday night activity during July.

In summary, 2015 was a very active year made possible by our hard working committees and volunteers.

Galetta:

David Jefferies reported that 2015 was a great year for Galetta. Membership stayed steady at 51 members. The club held four invitational tournaments; registration for the last one was full. Usually, there are people on the waiting lists for tournaments, but not this year. Galetta will be hosting the provincial triples championship in May next year and the OLBA has contacted the club to host another event next year. The club bought a new air Verdi-cutter and sold its old one to Elmdale; it also has a core aerator for sale. The in-house tournament has been held and went well. It has been a good year.

Goulbourn:

George Burns-Nichol reported that Goulbourn held four tournaments in 2015. Two were won by Goulbourn and two were won by participants from outside the club. Goulbourn can only accommodate 12 teams, but the tournaments were all full up. Membership has reached a new high of 69 members; of note was the addition of Les Cassidy and William Smalluk.

Goulbourn has four sponsors representing local retirement homes who donate to the club. Barrhaven donated \$250 for a new BBQ. George believes there is a market in retirement homes for people who want sponsors.

The club is in the process of expanding its green and is hoping the proceedings will be ready by 2015 November 15. The cost of this process will be approximately \$60,000.

Goulbourn club credits the reason for the membership increase to advertising in the Richmond Curling Club and to great coverage by the Stittsville News.

Highland Park:

Jane Maloney reported that the club had a tremendous season starting with the Annual Yard sale coordinated by James Rimmer. Blaine Phillips, Head Coach, was eager that fun was put back into coaching and bowling. Twenty people attended the two May open houses on a Saturday afternoon and Tuesday early evening. Four signed up. Then, a few weeks later a young adult neighbor turned up with an enthusiastic group which started out at 13 and grew to 16. Debbie Ferrill, in charge of bowls, and the newly minted coaches

and entire coaching team were most busy! The club's new bowlers now number 20 and membership sits at 80. The challenge is retention.

The morning and evening jitneys, competitions and 5 in-club tournaments were most successful due to great participation and so many who helped out. Thank you to the many district bowlers who supported the club's 4 sponsored Invitational Tournaments and District Fours Playdowns. The club awarded perfect end pins to Bill Aitken, Tom Sawyer, Muriel Tremain, Barry Maloney and Keith Hornsby.

Roger's TV filmed two 8-end games of District 16 Exhibition Open Pairs on June 27. In the first game, Blaine Phillips bowled with Lianne Thomas (age 11). She is coached by her grandfather Brian Thomas. Both are members of Elmdale. Blaine bowled with Michelle Mackay (1 month novice) for game 2. In both games Dave and Zach Steele of Nepean were the opponents. Rogers TV learned a lot about bowls and the district got great exposure. Heather Stevens and Jane Maloney acted as co-hosts and commentators. DVD's of both games are available. They should not be uploaded to the web or shared. These matches feature colourful clothing, colourful bowls, and fast paced action. Jane is waiting on Roger's TV reply to her request for a 2016 rematch.

Highland Park got permission to affix advertising signs on the fence around the bowling green, and this is bringing in revenue.

Iroquois:

On behalf of Terry Triskle, Ruth Duffy presented the report from Iroquois: With nicer weather in 2015 than last year the Iroquois LBC was able enjoy much more club play, which contributed to attracting some new members. We were also able to attend several district tournaments throughout the summer and encourage our newer members to join us. The next step will be to encourage them to enter some of the novice tournaments.

With regard to our green, having lost our maintenance man we successfully hired a new person to perform the mowing, with the remainder of maintenance activities being conducted by our members. We believe that the green continues to improve as we slowly get the thatch problem under control. Ants remain an issue, but we have a new strategy to implement in the spring that we hope will alleviate the problem. The green has now been put to bed for the winter, with an aeration and top dressing. Our ditches need a serious upgrading, including the replacement of all lumber. For financial reasons we have decided to spread this work over two or more years but hope to start it this fall, weather permitting.

There was good news on the membership front as we added five new members this year, as well as two returnees from a few years ago, while losing one or two due to health issues. This left us with 15 regular members, plus four or five participants who play on a casual basis. A straw poll showed that most of the new people learned of our club by word of mouth. To promote our sport while hoping to attract new members we turned our green over to the local Lions club one day; our members acted as instructors as we introduced the Lions and some of their spouses to the world of lawn bowling. We do advertise the club through an electronic media outlet located in a local restaurant; this is a very cost-effective method of promotion.

Financially we continued to supplement our revenues by hosting a BBQ during 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 managed to operate in the black in 2015.

Our Open Triples tournament went off quite well again this year as we believe that we had a very successful day - many thanks to the competitors from other clubs. And once again this year we held “home & home” Friendlies with members from the Prescott LBC. We closed our season this past Thursday with the “inaugural” ILBC annual windup pot-luck supper, which we think is the first event of this kind in many years at our club – there is a new spirit of excitement here, in large part because of our new members.

In closing, we look forward to seeing everyone on the greens next spring.

Nepean:

Ken Keiwan reported that Nepean Lawn Bowls welcomed 20 new bowlers in 2025 for a total of 80 voting members and 7 social members.

Nepean bowlers were very successful in District competitions on the winning teams for 12 trophies as well as being rewarded for many 2-game and 1-game highs. The Ontario District Singles playdowns was won by Zach Steele. The winning team of the Ontario District Senior Men’s Triples playdowns included Gerry LaPorte. Joannie Marks, Paul Nuneau, Gerry LaPorte and Ted Dingle qualified on the Ontario team for the Governor General’s Tournament and the men were successful in winning the Willingdon Cup. The District 16 Senior Pairs was won by Ted Dingle and Frank Fanning, and the Senior Women’s Pairs were Pat Wood and Loretta Mustard. Many of our winners were 3-year and under novices.

An OLBA Coaching Clinic conducted by Dave Burrows and Heather Comba was held at Nepean in May. The Nepean Sportsplex employees enjoyed an introduction to bowling in August.

Our Annual CHEO Fun Day raised a record \$1,700. A Greek-themed evening with Greek cuisine was enjoyed by over 50 members and there were three BBQ’s for in-club bowling events during the season.

Prescott:

Mary Campbell reported that the Prescott Lawn Bowling Club held another successful season this year. Membership dropped off from a record high of 2014, mostly due to injury, illness and members moving away from Prescott. However, the club did attract some new members to close the gap, with these members being on the “younger” end of the spectrum. It was a concerted effort on the part of our current members to come up with creative ways to promote the club.

We hosted 3 out of 4 of our tournaments, with fantastic attendance results. Many of our rookie and sophomore members participated in our tournaments, with one team comprised of both first year members taking the trophy! Visiting teams participating in our tournaments agree that our greens and ditch boards are much improved, and we remain second to none with our hospitality and meal provisions! Many of our sophomore

members travelled to participate in a larger number of neighbouring club tournaments. We partnered with Iroquois in hosting home and away “friendly” tournaments, where we would mix the members of both clubs together for a sporting and social evening. We hope to invite Brockville next season in the same manner.

Prescott would like to thank all associated clubs with their welcoming attitude at tournaments. By encouraging our new players to continue in the sport increases their skill level, interest and confidence, and boosts our membership and the growth of our club.

Promoting and increasing membership will continue to be a high priority in the coming year. We have involved all club members in a strategic planning session, discussing the issues of building maintenance and usage, a long hard look at finances, evaluating the actual cost of doing business versus the membership fees charged. We now know exactly how much extra funding we need to raise through fundraising efforts to balance the books. We are keen to start fundraising initiatives starting in the off season to better prepare us for the coming spring.

We have set up a website, www.prescottlawnbowling.jimdo.com which is linked to those of the Town of Prescott and South Grenville Tourism.

Thanks to all who participate in our tournaments. It is our mission to keep our club active and a vibrant part of our community.

Smiths Falls:

Carol Husband reported that the Smiths Falls Club has prepared the greens for winter, with thoughts of such a busy and successful 2015 season. The club hosted five invitationals, the Provincial Championship in Ladies’ Triples, District 16 Mixed Pairs Playdowns, and the 2nd Novice “Special” Day. Club membership is only 22, but members are “mighty”.

Carol wished to bring to the attention of delegates an issue that arose at one of the Smith’s Falls’ mixed triples invitational tournaments: During the second game, there was a medical alert that required an ambulance, and two players left for the local hospital, leaving the third player. Even though Smiths Falls had two players willing to substitute for the 3rd game, the player left behind chose to leave and caused quite a problem for the Draw Master, with no other option but to withdraw a team. We were lucky they did not request a refund of the registration fee. Carol regarded this as a classic example of poor sportsmanship and questioned why there are no consequences in place in such a situation as a whole team not liking losing the first two games and packing up and leaving. Carol left this open for discussion. As a suggestion, she wondered whether it would be feasible to notify the player’s club and bar the player(s) from playing at the host club for the next year.

In response to the above issue of competitors withdrawing before a competition ends, delegates at the meeting put forward their comments and suggestions for dealing with such a situation. Flo Barclay noted that there are provisions in the Annual for dealing with poor sportsmanship. Although, as noted by David Jefferies, there is nothing specifically stated about withdrawing from a competition whilst it is still ongoing, there is

reference on p.12 in para.15 that “Minor Infractions” include “being late for, or absent from, the OLBA events and activities at which attendance is expected or required”; and that “all disciplinary situations involving minor infractions will be dealt with by the appropriate person who has authority over both the situation and the individual involved. If applicable, discipline specific to the particular event or competition shall be applied. The person in authority can be, but is not restricted to being staff, officials, coaches, judges, organizers, or the OLBA’s decision makers”. Penalties for minor infractions are listed in para.18. Other suggestions put forward by delegates were (1) to proceed with less players playing with more bowls, or (2) not to accept any more entries from the team in question.

e. Umpires’ Report (*David Jefferies*)

David noted that District 16 is well off for umpires, with Gerry Laporte, Wayne Harding, Garry Ross, Malcolm and Pat Rose, James Rimmer, Elmer Janzen, and David himself as umpires. Referring to the dress code as described on p.30 of the Annual, David pointed out that umpires are responsible for enforcing the dress code. He reminded delegates that, in addition to regulation footwear, team members must wear the same color and similarly patterned tops and bottoms. The district had not enforced this rule this year, but David would like to see District 16 enforce the dress code next year. He advised that, generally, if one participates in the district playdowns or provincials, one must wear reasonably matched shirts and tops. David suggested that organizers of district playdowns should advise participants that they may be subject to disqualification if they do not abide by the dress code.

Reminder: Organizers of district/provincial playdowns to remind participants that the dress code will be enforced in 2016.

f. Report by District Chair (*Ruth Duffy*)

Ruth reported that the year went fairly smoothly and was successful. Ruth thanked those who had provided assistance.

6. Awards (*David Jefferies*)

a. District Lawn Bowler of the Year Award

David Jefferies announced that the District Lawn Bowler of the Year Award was awarded to William (Bill) Westwood of Nepean. The nomination was submitted by Ken Keiwan, who described Bill as a phenomenal worker. Bill joined as a novice and shortly after joined the executive. Amongst other things, Bill has organized all the club’s photos and put them on DVD. He has also written a history of the club and plans to have copies for all members. In addition to being an active bowler, Bill has made a considerable contribution to the upkeep of the carpet and grounds at Nepean; without him, the club would not be in such good shape. Ken gladly accepted the award on behalf of Bill Westwood.

David requested that, in preparation for next year’s awards, Jane Maloney send a reminder to Club Presidents a few weeks before the awards submission deadline, so that the Awards Committee might receive more than one nomination.

Reminder: In an effort to maximize the number of awards nominations, David Jefferies suggested that Jane Maloney might consider sending a reminder to club Presidents next year to submit their awards nominations well before the deadline.

b. Ottawa Sports Award lawn bowling nominee

Last year a set of values was established to assist in the selection of the Ottawa Sports Award nominee, based on how players fared at both District and Provincial levels. David announced that one person was selected – Karen Oatman of Galetta Bowls. Karen is a novice bowler and represented District 16 in four provincial finals. The executive is pleased to put forward Karen’s name as the Ottawa Sports Award nominee for lawn bowling.

7. New Business

a. Nominations/election of officers (*Ruth Duffy*)

On behalf of Ron Harrison, Ruth Duffy presented the slate of officers for 2016. Alice Keiwan noted that the position of scheduler is nominated by the new Board, not by the AGM. (The nominee for scheduler in 2016 is John Stevenson of Galetta).

President:	Jane Maloney
Past President:	Ruth Duffy
1 st Vice-President:	Wayne Harding
2 nd Vice-President:	Garry Ross (nominee)
Treasurer:	James Rimmer (appointed by the Board)
Secretary:	Barbara Stephens

There were no new nominations from the floor. George Burns-Nichol moved that nominations be closed. The slate of officers was elected by acclamation. Ruth Duffy handed the chair to Jane Maloney. Jane noted that, as she looked around the room, she saw many Past Presidents and felt very humble to be the new President.

b. District representative at OLBA Fall 2015 & Spring 2016 meetings (*Jane Maloney*)

Jane noted that she will be going to Woodstock for the OLBA Fall meeting on October 18 as the District 16 representative. Jane will be voting on the new OLBA initiatives. As of the next Spring Meeting in 2016, each club will be eligible to send two representatives to OLBA meetings to vote.

c. New OLBA play down format (*Jane Maloney*)

Referring to the Ontario Championships Proposal for a 3-year test (2016-2018), Motion A and Motion B, Jane indicated that she had asked all the tournament coordinators to send this out to their membership for submissions on what they viewed as best for their district. In response, Jane received 11 votes ‘for’ and 6 ‘against’ the proposals. This mirrors the overall response for these championships in which 236 bowlers replied.

Jane invited comments on the proposal from the floor. Bill Aitken questioned whether the two motions were independent of each other. Jane indicated that Motion A and Part

B are one motion with two parts and these are dependent on each other. David Smith felt that one would not have to travel so far; most of the clubs in Districts 9-16 are not the highly competitive clubs such as in Toronto. He thought it was a wonderful opportunity to represent one's province at the nationals; it was to our advantage to vote 'yes', as did Gerry LaPorte. In response to a question as to whether any financial complications divided the two motions, Edith Pedden pointed out that the OLBA is in the process of doing a costing analysis. Jane commented that she felt more bowlers would be entering competitions if they did not have to travel so far. Gerry LaPorte pointed out that if the OLBA does go for these two streams, one has to realise that the fours Canadian stream and the provincial stream play at the same time and one cannot enter both (triples and mixed fours); also, the pairs Canadian stream and the pairs Ontario stream are on the same weekend. Edith noted that there will be quite a bit of discussion on this at the OLBA Fall meeting. Motion A could be voted 'yes' and motion B could be voted 'no'. Jane noted that we do have the winners of the women's and men's fours declared; these winners could be declared the national stream and we could play again in the spring for the Ontario stream. Jane noted that she has been writing to representatives of OLBA and will continue to try to gather more clarification on Motions A and B. Jane has a fairly clear idea as to which way she will be voting,

d. New OLBA By-Laws (*Jane Maloney*)

Jane thanked Edith Pedden for putting out a memorandum recently on proposed changes to the OLBA By-Laws. A motion for approval of the new By-Laws and an Implementation Plan will be made at the OLBA fall meeting on October 18. Upon approval of the motion to accept the new By-Laws and the Phased Implementation Plan, the new By-Laws will be implemented effective 2015 December 01, except for the composition of Directors, which will be grandfathered in accordance with the current By-Laws and the Phased Implementation Plan. At the 2016 Annual Fall meeting the President, Treasurer and four Directors-at-Large will be elected for a term of two years in accordance with the new By-Laws; and the Vice-President, Secretary and four Directors-at-Large will be elected for a term of one year. All subsequent elections will proceed in accordance with the new By-Laws.

Alice Keiwan noted that in the section on District Committees the terms of office have been withdrawn. In the terms of reference it stipulates that the chair can only sit for one year; none of this was in the By-Laws. Alice will be interested if they come up with terms of reference for standing committees and ad-hoc committees, assuming that a District Committee is a standing committee. Jane thanked Alice for her enquiry, which she will direct to the appropriate person.

Jane asked if delegates were in favour of the new By-Laws. No-one was opposed.

e. Proposed OLBA name change (*Jane Maloney*)

The OLBA will be voting on a new name at its fall meeting. The OLBA is proposing to change the name to "Bowls Ontario (BO)". Jane solicited the opinion of the meeting on various options, including "Bowls Ontario", "Ontario Bowls" and "Ontario Bowls Association", which she would take into consideration when voting. The latter appeared to be the most popular amongst meeting delegates.

f. **Marketing Committee** (*Ruth Duffy*)

Since talking with people in the District this year regarding how they obtain sponsorships and money for their clubs, Ruth became encouraged to consider setting up a Marketing Committee on a District level. Ruth felt that if we were to start at the District level, we could then elicit the help of the OLBA and Bowls Canada. Ruth was impressed with the video that Rogers TV produced, as reported by Jane Maloney in her report above (see 5(d) Reports), and Ruth would like to see more media coverage and mention of lawn bowling events in the press. Ruth asked delegates to think about her idea and if anyone was interested in joining a Marketing Committee, to let her know.

Edith Pedden made a motion to put together a group to review the establishment of a Marketing Committee over the winter period; seconded by Flo Barclay.

MOTION CARRIED

8. District Spring and Fall Meetings 2016

Spring Meeting: Goulbourn, 2016 May 07 at 10.00 a.m.
 Venue: Lions Club, Main Street, Stittsville
Fall Meeting: Nepean, 2016 October 01 at 10.00 a.m.

9. Closing

a. Thanks to host club

The executive thanked the Highland Park President and staff for hosting the meeting.

b. Motion to adjourn

Ted Tozer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12.10; seconded by Rico Silvestro.

Minutes, as amended and approved at the District 16 Spring Meeting of 2016 May 07
Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stephens
Secretary, District 16