

OLBA District 16

SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Hosted by Goulbourn LBC
At the Lions Club, 1339 Stittsville Main Street, Stittsville

2016 May 07, 10.00 a.m.

MINUTES

Present: Executive: 5
Delegates: 14
Visitors: 16

1. **Call to Order** (*Jane Maloney*)

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

2. **Welcome by District Chair** (*Jane Maloney*)

Jane welcomed delegates and visitors attending the Spring Meeting and wished all the bowlers in our 11 clubs a great season ahead. Jane thanked the executive members for their work and dedication: Ruth Duffy (Past President), Wayne Harding (1st VP), Garry Ross (2nd VP), Barbara Stephens (Secretary), James Rimmer (Treasurer), and John Stevenson (Scheduler).

3. **Welcome by Host Club** (*Goulbourn*)

Wayne Harding welcomed delegates and visitors on behalf of Goulbourn LBC. Wayne was representing the President of Goulbourn, George Burns-Nichol, who was unable to be present. Wayne thanked the Lions Club for giving us the hall free of charge. Wayne noted that Goulbourn undertook a major renovation of its green this year by expanding it, adding two rinks and replacing the boards. The work did not progress as planned and is behind schedule, resulting in the need to cancel the May 26 tournament (Bridlewood Trails MT). It is expected that all other tournaments will go ahead.

4. **Moment of Silence** (*Jane Maloney*)

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members who are no longer with us: Malcolm Rose (Galette), Ed Maloney (Brockville), Eileen Brown, Robert Anderson (Ottawa LBC, H.Park), Helen Morris (H. Park), Gayle Morris (H.Park), and Jim Black (Smiths Falls); also those who could not be present due to illness.

5. **Governor General's Sponsorship Presentation** (*Tony Bernard*)

Jane was pleased to welcome and introduce Aisling Keenen, the Ottawa District Manager for Senior Discovery Tours (now the major sponsor for the Governor Generals' Tournament), and the three District 16 Governor General Trustees - Tony Bernard, Joannie Marks and Gerry Laporte. Tony reported that, through working with Aisling to establish a

Memorandum of Understanding, Senior Discovery Tours has provided District 16 with 24 new Team Ontario shirts for the annual Governor General's tournament between Eastern Ontario and Quebec. In addition, Senior Discovery Tours will be providing \$500 per year towards the event for four years from April 2017 to 2020. The Governor General Tournament Committee and Trustees were very grateful to Senior Discovery Tours for its support. OLBA has also given its permission for us to use Ontario shirts for the event with the sponsor's logo. The 2016 Ontario playdowns and finals will be played at the Almonte LBC in August. Aisling noted that she has been working with Tony since the fall, and was very pleased with how the shirts turned out and to be a part of the Governor General tournament in the future. The trustees applauded her. A photograph was taken of Aisling presenting the new shirts to Jane, together with Wayne Harding, and the three Trustees modelling new shirts, for posting on the district website.

6. Adoption of the Agenda (*Jane Maloney*)

Jane thanked Wayne Harding for developing the District 16 website at www.olbdistrict16.weebly.com on which copies of the documentation for the meeting were posted, i.e. Agenda, Draft Minutes and Treasurer's Report.

Jane invited a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented; moved by Flo Barclay and seconded by Tony Bernard.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Minutes of the 2015 Fall General Meeting (*Jane Maloney*)

a. Errors and omissions

Later in the meeting, David Jefferies noted that in item 5e, Umpires' Report, "Gerry Reimer" should be omitted from the list of umpires, and "Elmer Janzen" should be added.

b. Motion to adopt

Subject to the above amendment, Jane invited a motion to adopt the Minutes of the 2015 Fall General Meeting; moved by Gerry Laporte and seconded by Rob Elliott.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Business arising

Jane will send all club presidents a reminder in August to have nominations sent to the Awards Committee for the District Lawn Bowler of the Year Award and the Ottawa Sports Award Lawn Bowling Nominee. The Awards Committee would appreciate having several nominations.

8. Correspondence (*Jane Maloney*)

- James Rimmer regretted not attending but sent his Financial report, which was posted on the website.
- There are some discrepancies in the 2016 Annual. Hanover LBC District 8 had two Tournaments omitted from the Annual - a 3-day ladies' competition in July, and a 3-day men's competition in September. Jane has condensed the information into a one-page flyer and put it into the club folders. For further information please contact Jane.
- In consultation with Weston Nesbitt (OLBA Championships) District 16 will not hold the scheduled September 24/25 OCS and CCS Fours. Ontario club delegates will

vote on the viability of the Ontario Championship stream at the next OLBA meeting on 2016 October 15.

- The 16 District Chairs had a 2-hour conference call March 23 to discuss the OCS and CCS Championship streams. From that discussion, all bowlers in Ontario who do not meet eligibility requirements have been informed. Five bowlers in our district are ineligible for the OCS Fours, Pairs and Mixed Fours as they were in the Canadians in 2014. The next eight bowlers were ineligible as they had participated in the CCS Fours last September 19/20, but since the conference call, these eight bowlers have now been deemed eligible by Weston Nesbitt. If members have not heard from Jane, they may enter either Championship stream. The 16 District Chairs are continuing discussions online. They have been given assurance that complete and accurate statistics will be available to help with the overall evaluation of the 1-year Trial OCS Ontario Championship Stream. Jane thanked Jan Bauer for providing notes of the meeting and these are available.

9. **Treasurer's Report** (*Jane Maloney*)

The Treasurer's Report issued by James Rimmer has been posted on the website. James was on standby in case of any questions concerning his report. The bank balance as of 2016 April 19 was \$2,920.47; net assets amounted to \$6,503.79. In reviewing the report, Jane reminded the meeting that a motion had been put forward and carried last fall to place a moratorium for the 2016 season on the \$2 levy that was being imposed on club members. There were still invoices coming in for engraving and trophies. The District has decided to adopt a brand new Bowlers Handbook, which replaces the old grey handbook. District 16 has placed an order for 250 copies of the new handbook at the bulk rate of \$3 per copy (normally \$3.50 per copy); the cost (\$750) will be coming out of the cash in bank. Jane indicated that there was a signup sheet for orders for the new booklet. The District was also ordering another batch of score cards, for which there was another signup sheet.

Jane invited a motion to adopt the Treasurer's report; moved by Ted Dingle and seconded by Rico Silvestro.

MOTION CARRIED

10. **Report of the District Chair - OLBA Meetings** (*Jane Maloney*)

Jane reported that approved minutes of the OLBA meeting on 2015 October 18 had been posted on the OLBA website; the approved minutes of the 2016 April 16 meeting will be posted in due course. Jane wished to thank everyone who gave her a clear mandate on several items and those members who represented the District in person or by proxy.

Highlights and main items approved included the following:

- Each club may appoint two delegates to the OLBA Meetings with one delegate having the vote.
- Every delegate may hold one proxy vote from a voting club member unable to attend.
- New Bylaws were approved and the Phased Implementation Plan was approved.
- OLBA governance allows for an elected director to serve terms of two years until their successor has been elected. No director may serve more than eight consecutive years, including all terms and years served as a director previously and in perpetuity. Thus, a director must step down for one year after serving an eight year term and then may reapply for election to the OLBA Board of Directors.

- The Ontario Championship Stream was approved for a one year trial period (see the Annual for details).
- The motion to change the OLBA name and logo was defeated.
- The OLBA Financial Statement for 2015 shows a surplus of \$195,217, which is down \$10,000 from 2014.
- OLBA fees increased by \$1.50 per bowler to \$11.50
- BCB fees have increased by \$2.00 per bowler for 2016. OLBA will use its cash reserve to pay the \$2 increase for 2016 only. The BCB fee is \$13.50 per bowler. There is a 2-page BCB Membership Update included in each club folder. BCB has developed a Strategic Direction for 2015-2018, which can be accessed through the BCB website.
- Total fees payable to OLBA/BCB in 2016 is \$25.00 per bowler.
- The Bill Boettiger Volunteer of the Year Award went to Bob Machan. Only three entries were submitted.
- Rich Peart (Treasurer) stated that the budget is not yet finished and will change over April/May for the shortfall funding of BCB increase in fees and insurance. John Fantin will take over as Treasurer in June.

Gerry Laporte reported highlights from the 2016 OLBA Umpires' Meeting:

- Moe Cosyn, head umpire, conducted a short meeting.
- There were no major law changes.
- There were some questions regarding rules: Moe reported in reference to somebody using a mechanical delivery that the rule says the bowl must be deliberately delivered.
- The greens keeper calls the shots as to where ground sheets are placed.
- Concerning the dress code, the Annual states that at the District playdowns players are required to wear regulation clothing but at the Provincials teams are required to wear matching clothes (see p.48/49). Gerry suggested that club delegates should let their players know about this.
- There will be a Level 2 training session for level 1 umpires in Woodstock, details to be announced later.
- Umpires at the Provincials will be paid \$25 per day plus meal expenses, 35c/km mileage allowance and lodging. Forms can be obtained from the convenor.

David Jefferies added that there will be an umpires meeting at Galetta at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. Wayne Daley and George Boersma will be tested. There will be an umpire working out of Deep River, but he has not been tested yet.

11. **Novice Day** (*Wayne Harding*)

Wayne reported that Novice Day will be held on Sunday, July 17 at Goulbourn. He requested that club delegates encourage all their novices and coaches to come and participate. This is an instruction day; participants will move from rink to rink and do drills, and it is hoped to play a few games at the end of the day. Garry Ross will run the coaches part. The District Novice Singles Championship tournament will be held on Tuesday, August 23 at Goulbourn; unfortunately, this tournament was missed out of the list of District 16 Tournaments printed on p. 199 in the Annual.

12. New Business

Jane noted that thank you letters have been sent to all who participated in the “Club Coach Course”. Any coaches who have not received their coaching pins should contact Jane.

a. **Championship Streams** (*Jane Maloney & Wayne Harding*)

Jane wished to thank Wayne Harding for all the work done on the posters going to each club and to Ruth Duffy for printing them. The goal of having two Championship Streams is to have more bowlers compete at the Canadian Stream (CCS) Fours, Pairs, Triples, Senior & Mixed Pairs, as was done in the past, except that District 16 winners will go to the Ontario East Regional Finals where competition is against the winners of Districts 9 to 15. The winner of the East Regional Final will advance to the Canadian Nationals. OLBA will be represented at the Canadians by a West Ontario finalist and an East Ontario finalist.

The newly approved Ontario Championship Stream is in a one year trial for 2016. Winners of each of the 16 District Playdowns will advance to the Ontario Provincial Championships. Competition is amongst 16 teams. The formats are Fours, Pairs, Mixed Fours (2 ladies & 2 men), Novice Triples, & Singles. Winners are declared Ontario Champions. It is hoped that keeping competition and travel within Ontario will make this stream accessible to more bowlers.

Restrictions apply to the teams winning gold at the East Ontario Regional Finals (CCS), in that they may not enter the OCS Mixed Fours at Galetta on July 9/10 or Pairs at Nepean on June 18/19 in that year. Due to the dates of the East Ontario Finals this rule will apply to the CCS Fours Gold Winner at James Gardens on June 11/12 and CCS Pairs Gold Winner at Nepean on July 2/3.

b. **Volunteer for OLBA Board** (*Jane Maloney*)

Jane noted that Edith Pedden has been a dedicated Secretary at OLBA and a tremendous advocate for District 16. Her term of 8 years finishes this October. Eastern Ontario needs to have a representative on the OLBA Board of Directors, the importance of which was reiterated by Edith herself. Anyone interested in applying for the OLBA Secretary position was invited to contact Edith.

c. **New Bowler Kits** (*Jane Maloney*)

Jane reported that the New Bowler Kits contain few resources this year and it was felt that they were inadequate for our new bowlers. The kit contains a “Welcome to Lawn Bowls” pamphlet, an OLBA pamphlet on “Benefits of Affiliation”, and a sample page of Ken Simpson’s free OLBA newsletter. BCB’s little grey Lawn Bowler’s Handbook, included formerly, had handy information needed for instruction in the game but it is not included this year. However, BCB has really improved the Lawn Bowler’s Handbook, which is now in colour with many excellent instructional pictures. The Executive has decided to invest in 250 new handbooks at a reduced volume cost of \$3 each, to include in the kits. Edith Pedden is providing copies of EBanter to include in the package.

Rico Silvestro pointed out that OLBA provided our New Bowler Kits last year free of charge, but now we have to pay for them. BCB/OLBA have also increased our fees. Gerry Laporte noted that he had contested our fees. Edith added that a lot of people find the marketing program to be inadequate but nobody has contested it. Jane pointed out that membership cards will no longer be laminated by OLBA; the best way to get them laminated was to go to Staples and ask for 5mm thickness, which would cost less than \$3 for eight cards. Thus, we have been impacted by several OLBA cost saving measures.

Rico motioned that District 16 donates copies of the New Bowlers Handbook as required to new bowlers in 2016; any further copies required by the clubs can be purchased for \$3.00, including copies for returning bowlers. The names of new bowlers should be provided to Jane Maloney when requesting the new handbooks. The motion was seconded by Gerry Laporte.

MOTION CARRIED

Jane indicated that the District has temporary membership cards available for new members for completion by the club secretariat if required for participation in district tournaments. Garry Ross added that Elaine Stevenson has also sent an electronic card to the clubs that can be printed off and completed.

d. **Awards** (*Jane Maloney*)

Jane reported that in 2015, District 16 had the greatest percentage increase in members of any OLBA district. Ruth Duffy was presented with a special insignia badge to commemorate this achievement.

Brockville is celebrating its 110 year anniversary. Jane presented the commemorative plaque to Mary Willows. The anniversary is noted on page 34 of the Annual.

Marie Simpson (Prescott) won the Ken Simpson marketing challenge identifying a mystery object correctly. Jane presented Marie with a key chain.

Our Awards Committee in 2015 comprised David Jefferies, Elmer Janzen and Gerry Laporte. They accepted and reviewed nominees for the Volunteer and Bowler of the Year Award – open to all bowlers in District 16. Furthermore, Gerry Laporte has worked on a formula for the Ottawa Sports Award in Lawn Bowling. This calculates a score for the bowler based in the city of Ottawa who has achieved the highest level of competition. Jane wished to thank all members of this committee, Dave is stepping down from his position and the board is asking for a volunteer to take Dave's place in 2016. Presidents should ask at their clubs if there is anyone who would like to take this on.

e. **Purchase/sale of Lawn Bowls** (*Elmdale*)

Robert Elliott announced that Elmdale LBC is holding an Open House on Saturday, May 14 in conjunction with a Vendors' Day. A flyer advertising this event was included in the club packages. Jane wished Elmdale great success with this event.

f. **Assistance with Governor General's Tournament** (*Almonte*)

This year Almonte is hosting the Governor General's Tournament. Al Jones reported that he had met with the Governor General's Committee and had managed to obtain the services of a piper and a parade marshal. Everything was in hand. A poster advertising the dates has been included in the club packages. Wayne Harding wished to have as many Fours teams and novices as possible to participate in the playdowns; Wayne hoped to have an overflow, since the Governor Generals will be held at Almonte, but Goulbourn is on stand by for overflow. Elmer noted that the competition is open to novices of up to three years.

2. **Fall Meeting:**

The District 16 Fall Meeting will be held on 2016 October 01 at Nepean LBC.

3. **Thanks to Host Club** (*Jane Maloney*)

On behalf of the Executive, Jane thanked Goulbourn LBC and its members for hosting the Spring General Meeting.

4. **Motion to Adjourn** (*Jane Maloney*)

At 11:20 Rico Silvestro moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary Willows.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stephens
Secretary, District 16

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