

District 16

Spring Meeting

Hosted by Goulbourn Lawn Bowling Club

May 4th, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Present Executive: 4
 Delegates: 10
 Visitors: 19

1) Call to Order and Welcome by District Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00. She began by thanking all the clubs for the work they have done in supporting playdowns and provincial tournaments as well as in-club activities for the enjoyment of their members.

The Chair noted that she had received a resignation from the District Secretary, Barbara Stephens. To fill the position, she sought the agreement of the attendees to appoint Mr. Wayne Daley as secretary. There was general agreement.

2) Welcome by the Host Club

Virginia Cunningham, Goulbourn Lawn Bowling Club President, welcomed all attendees to the District 16 Spring meeting commenting that there was a larger turnout than expected. She finished by wishing that everyone have a great season on the greens.

3) Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda has presented. Moved by Debbie Farrell of the Highland Park club, seconded by John Jackson of Nepean that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

The Chair asked if anyone had any addition to the agenda. There was none. The agenda stood as presented.

4) Moment of Silence

The Chair asked that the attendees stand for a minute of silence for those who were no longer with us. She also invited those who wished to mention specific club members who should be remembered along with their club. The following members were mentioned:

David Goff: Past-President, Nepean

Gordon Anderson: Past Treasurer Nepean.

Dave Cadieux of Brockville

Silvia Paulus of Goulbourn

George Burns-Nicholson of Goulbourn

Tony Bernard of Elmdale
Edwin Kent of Elmdale
Cecilia Palmer of Goulbourn
Charlie Cadman of Almonte
Andrew Parkinson of Highland Park
Don Murray of Galetta

The Chair thanked everyone for these names and hoped that we would continue to remember the deceased with a sense of loss for a long time.

5) Minutes of the 2018 Fall Annual General Meeting

a) Errors and Omissions

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions.

Ron Beaupré noted an error in the Iroquois club report which said that there was an open triples tournament planned for July, 2019. The Minutes gave the date of the tournament as July 2nd when it will be held on July 5th.

The Chair asked if there were any other errors or omissions. Seeing none the Chair called for a motion to accept the Minutes.

Moved by Ann-Marie Waddell of Goulbourn, seconded by René Boucher of Elmdale that the Minutes be accepted.

Carried

6) Treasurer's Report

Suzanne Erikson was not present but had submitted a report. It shows that the District 16 bank balance as of April, 2018 was \$2,211.38. During the subsequent year the total earned revenues had been \$1,276.33. Expenses during this period were \$114.69. The Bank balance as of May, 2019 was \$3,373.02. Along with this the District had score cards to the value of \$1,100 and investments to the value of \$3,560.77. The Districts total assets were, therefore, \$8,033.79.

7) Report of the District Chair

The Chair reported on the OLBA Annual Meeting. She said that there were thirteen people from District 16 at the meeting.

At this meeting Ken Simpson reviewed his term as President of OLBA stressing the improvements made and mentioning specifically the new Hall of Fame. Mr. Simpson also noted that the Board is moving towards being a Policy Board with the Committees being established to perform the hands-on work. He also noted that Board members would be drawn primarily from these committees and thus have a better understanding of how the Board worked before becoming a Board member.

John Fantin, OLBA Treasurer, presented a financial report which stipulated that entrants in Playdowns, both at District and at Provincial levels would be asked to pay an addition \$5.00 as a result of the necessity of paying HST. His report also mentioned that if a club makes over \$3000 gross revenue it must register for HST. Finally, Fantin noted that there would be no membership cards being printed. Instead a template is available by contacting Elaine Stevenson.

The Chair also strongly suggested that Club secretaries submit membership revisions as early as possible, not waiting for the August 31st deadline.

Ken Armstrong spoke of Insurance. Clubs who are not sure of what they need are asked to call Dan Lowrie, the insurance company used by OLBA, for detailed information.

Ken Armstrong reported for the Nominating Committee. There was only one position contested this year and that was the position of Board President. The winner was Phillip Francis over Steve Schuknecht.

The Chair informed the meeting about the District Chairs meeting that had taken place at the OLBA Spring meeting. Tom Roth chaired the meeting. At the meeting, BCB's Jake Schuknecht offered to go to each District in Ontario and make a presentation on "How to Grow your Club".

The Chair went on to reiterate that the fee to enter playdowns this year is \$5 more than it had been last year. Further, play in the Provincials will also cost participants \$5 more. As well, the fee to play in the Provincials must be given to the convener or sent to the OLBA Treasurer prior to the contest. Those who have not paid will not be allowed to play.

The Chair also mentioned that Charlie Roach, the provincial greens authority, has offered to answer questions from clubs on the maintenance of greens.

The Chair then called on representatives from Goulbourn and Nepean who were grant recipients to tell of their experiences.

Gary Ross of Goulbourn spoke first saying that this was the second time the club has received a New Horizon grant. The money was used primarily to replace club bowls which were old and no longer practical. The club also purchased some junior bowls which can be used by senior club members who are no longer able to use the larger bowls. The club also bought some accessory items. The grant amounted to \$17,500. With this latest success the club will not be submitting another request this year.

Larry Myers of Nepean spoke, noting that their experience was much the same as that of Goulbourn. Their main needs were for new and smaller bowls. This equipment is what their grant will cover.

When the Chair asked for questions or comments Ron Beaupré reported that the Iroquois club had also received a grant. In their case the club needed new lighting to permit evening bowling. The submission has been made. The results have not yet been received.

The Chair strongly encouraged all clubs to examine their equipment and facilities to see how a grant might benefit the club. Then the submission should be made as early as possible.

René Boucher of the Elmdale club reported that that club too has received a New Horizon grant. In this case the grant was for \$25,000. The money will be used to purchase bowls and accessories.

8) **Governor General's Tournament**

Gerry Laporte started off by mentioning the death of Tony Bernard who had looked after the GG tournament for several years, a great loss to the

tournament. He then said that a replacement was urgently needed to chair the GG Tournament Committee. He also said that the Committee had three trustees of which two must now be replaced.

Gerry went on to review the District's funds in support of the GG Tournament. Currently the Bank balance stands at \$3277.80.

Gerry stated that the playdowns for the GG Tournament teams would be held at the Elmdale club on August 17th and 18th. The tournament itself will be held in Quebec on August 31st, probably at Beaconsfield.

The Chair then introduced Rob Rienzo who has stepped forward to be the Treasurer of the GG Tournament Committee. She also noted that David Smith had stepped forward to serve as the third trustee of the GG Tournament Committee. The Chair put both names to an informal vote and received unanimous agreement from the attendees.

The Chair went on to comment on the District Website which has been set up and is managed by Wayne Harding. The site is a great source of information on District clubs.

Gerry Laporte submitted his resignation having served for many years on the Governor General's Committee.

9) Umpire Report.

Gerry Laporte reported that the District has eight umpires now, seven of which have been requalified with the measuring test. There are five candidates for District umpires. These will be trained on May 11th and 12th by Nick Watkins who is the head umpire for the country. The cost of the training will be \$35 as has already been stated.

10) Novice Day

Larry Myers of Nepean said that Novice Day will take place on June 8th which was also National Bowls Day. He then asked that Gerry Laporte assist him in reporting on this event. It would be for District Novices with five or less years of experience. The day will consist of practical applications of techniques on the greens. There will be three workshops with both presentation and practice, delivery, weight control and line control. There will be a presentation by Jane Baker on bowling devices. After lunch there will be the challenge in which the attendees will go through different activities on which they will be scored.

Karen Oatman of Galetta raised the issue of the differences in the definition of 'Novice' for different events, some saying three years or less, others allowing the Novice qualification to be retained for five years. The Chair pointed out that there were reasons for the qualification differences. The Chair promised that all these points would be reviewed for the Fall scheduling process.

11) Marketing Committee Report

Larry Myers related the work that had been done to take part in the 55+ Spring show on April 26th and 27th. He also spoke of funding from OLBA with the assistance of Ralph Ellis. They had a counter of tables seventy feet long, two short mat rinks, and a display of bowls equipment from MVP Sports. However,

there were still some expenses that the participating volunteers had to pay. He hoped that the District might be willing to provide reimbursement funds.

The Chair said later that if expenses are to be incurred, they should be clearly identified, and the Board should be warned ahead of time that the expenses would be incurred. Further, the submission for expenses should be submitted in writing.

Alistair Lawrence spoke of a Nepean initiative to people to come and try out these facilities as the season gets started. Nepean wants to have reciprocal agreements with other clubs so that the Nepean members get the opportunity to see what playing on grass is like compared with artificial turf. Alistair hopes that such an agreement would allow for three free visits for the Nepean club members.

12) New Business

a) Nomination for 2nd Vice President

The Chair noted that the position of 2nd Vice-President was still vacant. She asked if there was anyone in attendance who would step forward to take on this position. She then asked Ron Beaupré if he would be interested in taking on the duties of 2nd Vice President. After consideration, Mr. Beaupré said he was unable to do so.

b) Approval of draft D.16 By-Laws.

Gary Ross reported on the work he had done in developing By-Laws for District 16.

Dave Jefferies asked about the Quorum noted in paragraph 3.5. Gary said that the quorum would in fact be 1/3 of voting club delegates.

Gerry Laporte raised the issue of remuneration for clubs who were hosting an event. This is something that doesn't seem to be covered in the By-Laws. Garry responded that there is no remuneration for the clubs.

Gerry raised a second issue having to do with Novice and Senior scoring of events. He suggested that the scoring method used for the seniors should be used for both.

He then raised a third issue suggesting that anyone who had previously won a Bowler of the Year award should be excluded from winning the District award again.

Garry responded by saying that there was no longer an Article VII and that the items in that article had been shifted to the addendum and as such could be more easily changed if needed without going into the By-Laws. Consequently, the issues that Gerry was raising could be easily changed and would not affect the By-Laws.

Moved by Gary Ross, seconded by David Smith that the By-Laws as currently written with the change on paragraph 3.5 concerning the quorum from Club Members to Member Clubs be accepted.

The following member clubs voted in favor – Almonte, Brockville, Deep River, Elmdale, Galetta, Goulbourn, Highland Park, Iroquois, Nepean, and Ottawa short Mat. None voted against.

Carried.

13) Fall Meeting

The Fall meeting will be held in Galetta on September 28th.

14) Thanks to the Host Club

The Chair thanked the Host Club, Goulbourn for their hospitality and said it was much appreciated.

15) Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.