

ORILLIA LAWN BOWLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes for Sept 17, 2016 – At the OLBC Club House

BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT:

Ross Gilmore, Delma Turnbull, Graydon Bell, Ray Williams, Sally Mills

REGRETS: Shirley Healy, Alf Bard, Craig Walker

ALSO PRESENT: General membership (about 20)

INTRODUCTION:

Graydon thanked the various Board and Committee members, bowling conveners and all the many members who helped in various ways through this season.

Graydon outlined the agenda and explained the voting process. Only Ross had a voting proxy - for Craig Walker.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Graydon summarized our financial situation using figures from our Treasurer, Delma. We started the year with \$1,500 + about \$6,100 in an investment account. As of Sept. 8th, 2016 we had \$9,362 in the bank, plus the same investment account.

However, we still have a lot of bills to pay and expenses to go. For example we need about \$3600 in fertilizer & chemicals.

We project at year-end we'll have about \$4200 + about the same \$6100 in the investment account.

A big factor was the \$24,000 one-time grant Sally Mills received from New Horizons for Seniors to buy equipment and run the Seniors in Motion program. After expenses, that program contributed over \$4500 back to the club! It also brought in about 20 new members. We are now at 61 members.

Looking into next year, assuming we can keep our current sponsors, and stay at 60 members, we expect to have slightly more income than expenses – by about \$1500. So overall we are fairly financially healthy.

Graydon noted though that the club has applied for a Ontario Trillium Foundation grant for renovations totaling \$17,000 (For new side windows, new awnings, kitchen door frame). Under the grant rules for next year, we have to contribute up to 25% of that amount (\$4,250), though it may be less if we can find less expensive suppliers or contractors than the initial estimates.

AUDITOR:

At the recommendation of the Board, Graydon made a motion that we continue to use Katherine Plante, CA as our auditor to finalize our annual statements. Ray seconded. All were in favour.

NEW BYLAWS:

Graydon explained that the current bylaws date back to 2002 when we had a more complex two-tiered management structure and a Board member rotation which is no longer used in practice.

The Board last year requested we review these and simplify them. So, Graydon and the 2016 Board have developed a new set of Bylaws, based on those recently adopted by the Leaside Lawn Bowling Club in Toronto.

The proposed bylaws were already published to the club members. There were no comments or questions from those attending. However, Craig Walker had pointed out and the Board agreed that the last section of the published version misused the word 'quorum'. That sentence should read:

"The **number of votes required** for acceptance of proposals for the amendments to the Bylaws shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in attendance, or by proxy, at the meeting."

Graydon moved to adopt the bylaws with this change. Alex seconded. All voted in favour. The new bylaws are posted on our website.

MEMBER COMMENTS, Q&A:

Ray William needs more help on Monday mornings with the green and surrounds - ideally 3 more to help with rotation of the existing volunteers. Members should contact Ray if you can assist in any way.

Norm suggested we may be able to get a sign on the highway announcing the club. **Ila** agreed to check feasibility and cost.

Karl suggested we may be able to get free advertising for the club. He agreed to investigate further and bring findings to the new Board.

Sally mentioned we hadn't finished pursuing fence advertising. **Denis** agreed to take this on for the spring.

Ross Gilmore is attending the District 13 meeting in Barrie on the morning of Sunday October 2nd. He would like one of the new Board members to attend as well.

ELECTIONS OF VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

Graydon made a plea to the entire membership:

Please consider volunteering for at least some aspect of running the club. We need many hands for the greens, kitchen, tournaments, conveners for regular bowling, event setup, coaching, Board members, Newsletter, grant applications, etc. Only if we all pitch in can we have a successful, ongoing club.

After discussion, the following positions were filled by acclamation for 2017.

2017 Board:

President: Ross Gilmore
Vice President: Alf Bard
Past President: - vacant -
Treasurer: Delma Turnbull
Tournaments: Ross Gilmore
Secretary, Newsletter: Marlene Heltcher

Membership: Shirley Healy
Director at Large: Karl Leber
Greens & Gardens: Ray Williams & volunteer crew
- Gardens Ila Donnelly
Social & Facilities: - No lead -
(Team approach: Sue O'Neill, Carol Francey, +++)
Webmaster: Graydon Bell (+Alex Kasperowitsch to assist)

Other Roles:

- Learn to Bowl Program
Coordinator Ila Donnelly (+ coaches)
- Club Calendar,
Bulletin Board Lynn Smith

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Learn to Bowl Program:
The plan is to charge 50\$ for perhaps a 4 week program (TBD).
It needs to get into the Orillia Recreation Dept Fun Guide before
the next season starts.
We agreed that if attendees join afterwards the \$50 applies to
their \$150 membership =\$100 to pay.
Sally will forward her notes to Ila.
- Junior Bowling: After interest was expressed by Big Brothers, we
had tried to contact them, but they have not come back to us.
Ross offered to call again.
- First full meeting of the new 2017 Board:
Thursday April 20th, 1 PM, either at the Club House or at Shirley
Healy's home.

Meeting was adjourned - for a Pot Luck meal.

Thanks to all who contributed such a nice selection of food.