

2017 Spring General Meeting Minutes April 28, 2017 @ 7 pm
Burlington Lawn Bowling Club
2275 New Street, Burlington, On L7 1J4

1. **Approval of quorum and call to order:** President Doug Brusey called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and declared a quorum present. Doug noted that there were approximately 30 more attendees than last year's Spring Meeting.
2. **Approval of Spring 2016 Meeting minutes:** The approval of last year's minutes was moved by Bob Pring, seconded by Rick David. **Carried.**
3. **Business Arising From the Minutes:** No business arising from the minutes.
4. **Correspondence:** President Doug Brusey reported that the city is continuing to develop a joint venture agreement with not for profit groups in city owned properties. The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2017 at city hall.
5. **President's Report:** Doug noted in his report that our club is the largest in Ontario. We have an opening on the board for a social director and he asked for volunteers. None were forthcoming. The OLBA reports that Grimsby is struggling and that Caledonia has closed in its 101st year. Doug thanked the volunteers that keep the club running. A special thanks to Charlie Roach and his greens crew for having the greens looking their best ever.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Al Price presented and reviewed his report. We will need to recruit 25 new members to replace those who have not returned and keep the club growing. Although we appear to have a healthy reserve fund Al reminded members that we will have a number of big ticket items such as greens equipment, roof, furnaces, and transformer to name a few that are nearing the end of their use and will need replacing over the next 7 years.
Cash balance at the end of March 2017: \$3,595.80
Reserve Fund at the end of March 2017: \$31,811.82
Floats 2017: \$1,350
Total: \$36,757.62
7. **Committee Reports: (full reports on file with Secretary's minutes)**
 - 7.1 Bar: No Report.
 - 7.2 Building and Property: Mike Evelyn presented a review of all items since the 2016 Annual Meeting.
 - 7.3 Club Championships: Chris Clark reviewed the 2017 schedule and answered questions from members.
 - 7.4 Coaching Championships (no written report on file) Dave Burrows presented his report. The Open House will have 14 sessions to provide coaching to newcomers and novices. A signup sheet is posted for volunteer coaches. Dave will be available most afternoons for coaching.
 - 7.5 Greens: Charlie Roach presented his report outlining activities to date. He requires several volunteers for greens duties. Gabe Bassett volunteered to assist Mary Wesko Friday mornings.

Tuesday morning May 2, 2017 there will be an information session and demonstration highlighting some of those jobs . Charlie wants to have our greens at their peak for the OLBA Provincial 4s in June.

- 7.6: Indoor Bowling: Lorraine Negus highlighted the successes of the recently finished season and thanked all those who helped.
- 7.7: Membership: Carol Risidore welcomed everyone back for another season. Our ads in the Burlington Post are already yielding inquiries. New this year are gift certificates for memberships or other purchases.
- 7.8: Social: Director Required.
- 7.9 Tournaments: Doug Brolly presented the schedule and answered member questions. Concerns regarding the signup process and timing will be discussed at future board meetings.
- 7.10 District 5 Men's Interclub: Bob Pring -verbal report only.
- 7.11 District 5 Women's Interclub: Pat Pring- verbal report only
- 7.12 District 5 Tournaments: Julia Farrell reminded members of distinction between the District 5 Tournaments and the District 5 Interclub. There are new conditions of play to be read on the OLBA website. There is also a book containing these Conditions of Play in our clubhouse. Please read before playing in a tournament. Please do not remove book from clubhouse. Tournament participants are required to sign a waiver that they have read the conditions before participating.
- 7.13 Handbook: Lorraine Negus presented the 2017 Handbook.
- 7.14 Landscaping: Mary Ann Cook presented her report highlighting the work in progress to date.
- 7.15 Novices and Newcomers: (see coaching)
- 7.16 Newsletter: No report.
- 7.17 Photo album: Evan Bingley reported on new format. More candid photos will be used. All members encouraged to submit photos to Evan.
- 7.18 Publicity; Director Required.
- 7.19 Sick and Visiting: No report. Lorraine Negus encouraged members to help Irene l'Anson by keeping her informed.
- 7.20 Sponsorship: Nancy Skinner presented her report. Sponsors for all events have been secured. Neither Nancy or Denise Brolly will stand for re-election in the fall.

8. New Business:

At this point District 5 Representative Rusty Ruggles presented gold pins to our 2016 Canadian Championship Stream Winners in the Men's 4 and Women's 4 category. Please see page 8 of the 2017 BLBC handbook for a list of the winners.

8.1 OLBA Provincial 4's: Tony Farrell reviewed plans in place. More volunteers are needed.

Tony also requested that all of those with club keys please get back to him. He needs a comprehensive list of key whereabouts.

At this time Tony also thanked all those who sent him cards and well wishes after his knee replacement surgery. They were most appreciated.

8.2 Volunteers: Mary Wesko presented a report outlining the need for volunteers for the

club. The club is only as good as its volunteers. There is a signup chart that outlines dates, duties, and number of volunteers needed. Social is an especially important category as we can generate revenue.

8.3 Other business: Questions were answered about cost and date of replacement of the outdoor awning.

There were other questions about a fee schedule and visitor guidelines for drawmasters that will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Thursday Evening League: Peter Clark noted that a new contact person is needed as Charlie Lyle is in hospital.

Adjournment: President Doug Brusey adjourned the meeting on motion of Shirley Vidler.

Linda McCaig,
Secretary BLBC
May 1, 2017