

Annual General Meeting

November 24, 2016 at 7 pm

1. Call to Order – 7:08 pm

2. Attendance and Quorum

Members: 28 (quorum 20). Board in attendance: Marie Sutton, Robyn Cook-Ritchie, Karen Jackson, Cody Dennis, Andrea Hebb, Norm Vivash, Jill Amos, Gerard McMullin. Absent: Paul Bakker.

3. In Memoriam

A moment of silence was held for members who are no longer with us.

4. Approval of Minutes from 2015 AGM

1st Norm Vivash, 2nd - David Ancill. All in favour – carried.

5. Confirmation of By-laws/Resolutions passed by the board

Joe Godwin pointed out that Article 52 meant that the bylaws were to be agreed on and would not go into effect until the next meeting. This however is not the case. The board already passed the resolution to accept the new bylaws and members are confirming this today.

6. Reception of Reports

a) Lawn Bowling

Membership numbers were down 15 from previous year and less entering tournaments. Overall, the hot weather was a hindrance in the tournament numbers. Paul Bakker (member) stepped up to take over the greenkeeper's position and kept to his quoted dollar figure. We all appreciated his work this year. Joe Godwin wanted an apology to be sent to the former greenkeeper as he was apparently sent a letter about the board bad mouthing him. The board was interested in seeing the letter as no one on the board sent such a letter. Joe didn't have it on him. Mike Lewis requested an apology from Joe for the constant harassment and asked Joe to leave the meeting if he couldn't stop interrupting.

b) Tennis

Had a good or ok year for membership or slightly better than last year - 229 members. Children's camps are better attended than last year and had to turn people away as they were full. Courts are in dire shape; Paul Bakker did some repairs but only a short-term solution to the overall problem. All the products used were band-aids. Lighting was ok. Sign-in book set at gate has worked. Members were not concerned about volunteering. Men's and women's league nights were not well attended. Inter-urban team cancelled due to the court and light conditions. Pickleball could be better if set up was more permanent and people could play during the day.

c) Treasurer

Andrea thanked Norm Vivash for his work when we merged the 3 bank accounts. Norm did a brief history of the way our financials worked. Now he is using an accrual method. He reviewed the financial draft provided. Motion to accept Financial draft – 1st Norm Vivash, 2nd Gary Horsnell, All in favour – carried.

d) Dufferin Club

Andrea Hebb reported about the roller coaster year. It was the first year all members of the club could play any sport for one fee. Many members participated in the joint socials except one which got cancelled due to rain. Lawn bowling season almost didn't happen when the president resigned and no person hired to take care of the greens. Andrea commended the lawn bowling club as they did not need a president, they are well organized and have a good volunteer base to ensure events run as planned. Potential management vote was 53 no to 47% yeas not to have the City take over management of the club. There were small committees and one meeting with the Parks and Recreation department over revising the management agreement. There was a maintenance committee with Art Smith, Norm Vivash, Gerard McMullin and Paul Bakker with Elizabeth Smith and Karen Jackson on weeds. Two broken drain pipes in the building caused flooding and a tree branch fell on the shed and broke electrical wiring to the building which was repaired by the city.

e) Parks & Recreation

Brian Hughes and Vicki Armitage attended. Brian thanked the Board and members for all our work. He stated that we are on the list for court repairs, and lighting but to do this some of the work would shut down the availability of the courts. Parks and Rec can help with the small repairs where and when they can. The Management Agreement & Lease is up for resigning November 2017 with the board already sending a memo about reviewing terms. It is projected in 2018 to start plans and design with funding for site plan. City has approved \$25,000 to design & \$275,000 to \$300,000 for the park but the design has to be done first. Baseball will not be in the site plan. Mike Lewis asked about alternate greens use for the south green and Brian reminded us that we manage the club and can use as we can but have to maintain the green. Brian suggested that we use their website for marketing.

7. Confirmation of Auditor / Auditors Report

Gary Maddock is the auditor and wasn't available to come to the meeting but he reconciled the financial report to the bank balance.

8. Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

Robyn Cook-Ritchie explained the reasoning for changing the bylaws. Bylaw changes perception of 3 clubs but never what was set out in the incorporation articles and bylaws. Budgets were to be put forward and the club was to give each sections money according to the budgets. But somehow and at some point, this changed where each section transferred money back to the club. By-laws committee (Robyn, Karen Jackson, Andrea Hebb) found we were not in compliance with Ontario Not For Profit Corporation Act. The board approved the draft changes with minor changes. Many notifications were sent and copies available to members informing them of these changes. Robyn reviewed the proposed changes. Joe Godwin suggested that the term of officers was too high at 2 years. Garry Horsnell in the past a progression was made through the board but how they are elected (i.e. second chair move to first chair and then chair). Motion to adopt with 2 proposed changes to bylaws from floor- 18 yes with 3 no. Approved.

9. Election of Board of Directors 2017

Andrea thanked the board, especially Marie Sutton who was formally stepping down after many years on the board and lawn bowling executive, for all her hard work over the years. Jill Amos, Gerard McMullin, Paul Bakker & Cody Dennis will also be resigning with the new by-laws being accepted. Next year, the Board will be Chair - Andrea Hebb, Vice Chair - David Cureatz, Past Chair - Robyn Cook-Ritchie; Treasurer - Norm Vivash, Racquet Sports Coordinator - Peter Pongrac, Lawn Games Coordinator - Karen Jackson. The Secretary position still available.

10. Unfinished Business**a) Fall Clean-up - Saturday, November 26 at 1 pm**

Clean-up has been moved to Sunday. Please bring gloves, and rakes. Winterizing building - water will be shut off, as well as phone & internet. Heat as low as possible.

b) Volunteers for Committees (Site Plan, Maintenance, etc)

Volunteers will be needed for various committees such as marketing, greens, site design. If interested, there is a sign-up sheet going around.

11. New Business

Vern Shiemens asked who is responsible for following the humidex guidelines. We can post them but we can't force people to stop playing if they don't want to. Robyn said that in order to apply for funding we have to have these policies in place for the staff. Joe Godwin thanked Gary Maddock for correcting the 2015 statements. The treasurer in 2015 was new and handling both the tennis and the Dufferin club accounts.

12. Next Board Meeting - Next meeting will be held in January.**13. Adjournment** - 1st John Matthews 2nd Everyone. Adjourned.