

## MINUTES OF THE WLBCB BOARD MEETING

held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:30 PM by ZOOM

**Board Members Present:** Bruce St. Louis, Anne-Marie Bélanger, Izak Rubin, Addie Petronko, Greg Gelgor, Betty O'Connor, Peter Paquet, Peter Vaupshas, Ian MacLaren.

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda:** Since there were no additions, the agenda was approved on a motion by Izak Rubin.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes from the March 24th Meeting:** The Minutes of the March 24th meeting were approved on a motion by Izak Rubin and seconded by Peter Paquet.
- 3. Discussion Issues:**

> **Dress Code for 2021:** Anne-Marie Bélanger chaired a Dress Code Committee during the 2019-2020 lawn bowling and croquet season. The following served on the committee: Ian Mac Laren, Irene Menear, Lesley Mohan, Michael Strauss, and Louise Demers.

In advance of the WLBCB Board Meeting, Anne-Marie Bélanger ensured the each Board member had a copy of the committee's proposal and at the meeting she spoke to the proposal, explaining the background discussions which occurred, and stressing the idea of 'maintain uniformity and allow colour.'

Each Board member was provided an opportunity to express their thoughts regarding the proposed Dress Code. Following considerable discussion, a vote was taken. 7 voted for and 2 voted against. Passed.

The matter of policing the Dress Code was brought forward. Anne-Marie Bélanger indicated that members should respect the Code and accept it without policing. The idea of sending an e-mail from the Executive to offenders was discussed.

> **Fees for 2021 (QLBF will cover BCB and QLBF fees in 2021):** At our March 24th meeting, it was decided to raise the membership fees from 260\$ to 275\$ for regular members; 160\$ to 175\$ for new members and 50\$ for social members; however, since then a decision was taken by the QLBF Executive to cover the fees paid to the BCB and QLBF for the 2021 season. Discussion was held regarding whether it was appropriate to increase the fees with the aforementioned in mind. Anne-Marie Bélanger moved that "The 2021 membership fees remain at the 2020 season rates of 260\$ regular members; 160\$ new members and 50\$ social members. The increase to 275\$ be implemented in 2022." Betty O'Connor seconded the motion. A vote was taken. 7 voted for and 2 voted against. Passed.

> **Waivers:** Bruce St. Louis presented a waiver form which was prepared on the basis of legal information presented during a webinar organized by Bowls Canada. Izak Rubin indicated that in Quebec there may be certain questions regarding legalities and that our Club should obtain additional insurance to protect Board Directors. Ian MacLaren stressed that there needs to be some adjustments to include croquet play. The form is available in French.

> **Recruiting existing, former and new members:** Bruce St. Louis informed us that on May 1st he is expecting a message from Bowls Canada regarding recruiting information. He explained that **Phase 1** of the recruiting program at our Club will involve former members

( 2020) who will be automatically accepted. Following this, **Phase 2** will involve making personal contact with those who were members in 2019 but did not renew their membership for 2020. Those who wish to return will be accepted. Five Board members agreed to share in making calls: Bruce St. Louis, Ian MacLaren, Peter Vaupshas, Betty O'Connor and Addie Petronko. Bruce St. Louis will divide the list and inform callers who they are to call. **Phase 3** will be the recruitment of 20 new members.

> **Reserving time slots ( both bowling and croquet):** Some discussion occurred regarding how it might be possible to ensure that the same members do not sign up for all time slots without considering that there may be members who will be left out. There were no restrictions proposed that were acceptable to all. Peter Paquet indicated that he will register only those members who are on his list; ie, those who have paid and signed the waiver. Bruce St. Louis requested that Peter Paquet put on paper how this will work.

Peter Paquet indicated that he will set up play for DOUBLES using 8 rinks starting on Saturday, May 8th at 1:30 or 2:00 PM. The bowling and croquet schedule will be the same as last season.

> **Monitors:** Some of our Board members who served as Monitors during the 2020 season agreed to continue during the 2021 season. ( Bruce St. Louis, Ian MacLaren and Maggie, Peter Paquet, Betty O'Connor ( spare), Anne-Marie Bélanger, Addie Petronko ). Peter Paquet will follow up with others.

> **Greens report:** Greg Gelgor delivered a very detailed report regarding the greens and more.

- 1) The greens have been uncovered and Spring treatment has commenced.
- 2) Daniel Paquin and his team have used the new Jacobsen aerator to tine the 2 rinks.
- 3) We have started cutting and rolling both greens and for this time of year we are getting some decent speed. We will take receipt of our new Greensmaster 1600 mower from Toro at the beginning of May which will assist in reducing set up, cutting time and increasing the accuracy of the cut.
- 4) We have recently erected a screen stand in front of the North rink to hang the screens after play, freeing up space on the deck.
- 5) We will use the new brown delivery mats going forward. These were purchased 2 years ago.
- 6) We will receive quotes soon to have the backboards replaced and secured. The amount of movement was excessive this year so bowls will not fall into the ditch on the South and North greens.
- 7) We have purchased a new fertilizer and seed spreader which is very handy.
- 8) The polishing machine is now ready and restored. It will operate on .25\$ which the Club will provide to operate the machine. A chit will need to be signed with a 2\$ cost per polish. All proceeds will go to the Club.
- 9) We have purchased 2 new large storage lockable boxes which will house all the croquet equipment and bowling accessories.
- 10) We have also purchased a new powerful pressure washer to clean all equipment, chairs, tables windows, deck, etc.
- 11) We have ordered new rink, centre and hog line markers which are not secured onto boards.
- 12) We are waiting for BBQ's to go on sale to purchase 1 quality brand which will be housed on the North balcony on Kensington Street side.
- 13) We are looking for advice regarding the situation on Clubhouse keys for members. Can they use lockers or is it the same as last year?

- 14) We will have real cameras installed this year.
- 15) We have been advised by the City and await decision to instal the new LED lighting and posts.
- 16) We can start the line marking on the greens once the weather improves. We will need Peter Paquet to assist in this process.
- 17) The greens are ready. Let's get the show on the road.

After the adjournment of the meeting, Greg sent us his report with visuals.

> **Website:** Peter Vaupshas informed us that the website belongs to our Club, not the City. He presented the idea of advertising on our website. It was agreed that this was an idea that should be explored. Peter Vaupshas will provide more detail at our next meeting.

> **Opening date to start playing:** Greg informed us that the greens are ready for play; however, the official opening is weather driven. In the meantime, it was decided that May 8th will be the first play date, weather permitting.

> **Date for the Semi-Annual meeting:** The Semi-Annual meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 30th from 12:00 - 2:00 PM.

> **Other immediate issues:** NIL

- 4) **New Business:** There were no items under this title.
- 5) **Date for the next meeting:** The next meeting will be at the call of the President.
- 6) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM on a motion by Peter Paquet

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Petronko, Secretary, WLBC.