

Fall Members Meeting October 22,2022

Chair: Lesley Durham-McPhee

In attendance: Executive members Laura, Ken and Elaine

Plus 28 club members

Lesley welcomed all in attendance to Fall members meeting at the St. George Arena

Lesley discussed the new quorum decision that had been voted on by our members. Explanation of the number of eligible voters from membership and the number of votes received. It was 37 votes, one abstention of the 67 eligible voters. As a result the change of quorum percentage is considered passed. Today we have 28 members present, so our meeting is official and voting can take place.

Next discussion was that of the election of new executive members, it will take place in the Spring. All positions will be open for nominations and we welcome all members to consider taking part.

Motion #1 - Fees for 2022-23 Regular bowling \$125 no change  
Fees for first year bowlers increase from \$60-\$75 and will include a name badge and free use of bowls. Associate member \$100  
Fee for Jr. members \$35

Motion to set above fees

Seconded by Tim

All in favor MOTION PASSED

## Committee Reports

### Finance#Treasurer

Ken reported a current bank balance of \$12,058.93 , showing in that balance is an amount of \$3000.00 that has already been allocated for clubhouse items previously approved but not purchased.

### Tournaments

Laura thanked Lyn for stepping up to assist her with this years' tournaments. Great job Lyn!

Big thanks as well to Wendy for taking on the important role in managing the Dragon League.

We will now begin preparing for 2023 Summer 55+ games, taking place August 9-11.

### Building, Grounds & Greens

Greens are in good shape. Tim will fertilize for a final time in the coming days.

Nov. 5@10:00 am will be the final day for cleanup and raking of leaves etc.

Reported that work has been completed for the damage done by installation of our new lighting.

Next season we anticipate a decision on when we can proceed with our new washroom and the widening of the doors for handicapped access. We are hoping for a new storage shed.

Many thanks to the great group of volunteers that have given of their time and energy to to complete so many tasks around the club.

### Social

This year our social committee looked after baking and feeding our visitors and members at functions put on by our club, with simple light refreshments.

We would like members to let us know what they would like the focus to be on next season and how they would like to participate. Rosemarie suggested committees to arrange social events to plan and execute. This will be discussed at the Spring meeting. Many would like to see the announcement board at the club be used to post upcoming events weekly as, most people don't go inside the clubhouse to look at the posting inside.

Ken suggested that each person help with communication for club events and information that needs to be shared.

Next year communication will be the number one aspect that we will strive to improve. There were many ideas regarding Facebook, website and announcement boards to encourage communication. Lyn has offered to be our webmaster!

Corrine volunteered to help wherever help was needed.

We need to encourage members to take on a volunteer role at the club.

Deb suggested we make it an expectation of membership just like any other volunteer club.

A discussion took place regarding the many jobs around the club that need doing and how a job description of each should be written down so that volunteers know exactly what they are signing up for. It was agreed that we need to find a way to encourage volunteer participation!

Tim suggested more people should have access to email addresses to get messages out by blind copy.

## Marketing and Membership

- 2022 focus was on our club members

- next year we will focus on skills development on Saturdays the same as was done this past season.

- We thank Rosemarie for her help with communications by her use of newspapers, Facebook and her awesome newsletters.
- Our mailout was successful as we targeted St. George at a cost of between \$400-\$500. We will plan to do the same next year.
- Big thanks to Martyn for all his work managing our club bowls this year. 11 sets of bowls were sold @ a cost of \$50 each.
- we plan to buy new bowls for the club in the future with grant money we can apply for.

### Strategic Plan

- Lesley looking for feedback from members regarding the goals outlined in the strategic plan
- volunteer opportunities- make people aware of the needs at the clubhouse
- great to see so many new faces at club
- Ken commented on the positive reaction of all to George's rules of etiquette and hopes they will continue. Lesley will ask if George will agree
- challenge for next year is to see many new members under the age of 55 and we are expecting Bowls Canada to be marketing to a younger group in future.
- suggestions for lawn signs next year instead of mailout like the ubiquitous curling signs seen in many neighborhoods
- the #1 priority is to have volunteer job descriptions for volunteer opportunities ready for spring meeting
- we discussed clubhouse rental in regards to euchre this winter and we are still not comfortable with insurance details to proceed
- Ken mentioned that he would like to train someone to be the new registrar for 2023. Agnes volunteered for the job!!! Thanks Agnes!

## Leagues

The winner of our 14 week Dragon League was Jan!! Lesley presented her with the plaque and \$50 gift card from THE DRAGON

Lesley also presented Tim with a token of appreciation from the club for all of his hard work and dedication to the repair and maintenance of our excellent looking greens!!! We also thank Tim for sharing all of his hard earned knowledge of greenskeeping with our new volunteers. Tim will be terribly missed by all of us next season as he moves away to new adventures.

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