

**Etobicoke Lawn Bowling Club**  
**Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**August 1, 2024 – 1:00 P.M.**

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**Present:** Deb Holdsworth, Lucia Saja, Nancy Bass, Maria Balan, Joe Swain, Doug Raymond, Paul Dickey, Marianne Henn, Russ Yurkow, Judy Nave, Doug Turner, Irene Fair, Lynn Fair, Mark Wells Mike Russell, Maureen Clancy (Script).

**Absent:** Katherine Raymond

**Determination of Quorum:**

It was determined that quorum was met for this meeting.

**Approval of last Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to except minutes for the Executive Meeting of July 4, 2024 was proposed by Deb and seconded by Marianne.

**Web Redesign – Doug Raymond and Paul Dickey:**

Doug and Paul presented the new updated Website to the Executive Group. Doug advised that it essentially had four purposes:

- Recruit New Members
- Disseminate Information
- Corporate/Special Events
- Surveys

He advised that it would have members only site with password in addition to general public access. The gallery would also be password protected. Access to these areas would be to all ELBC members and passwords would be changed annually. It would have forms on line for tournament registration and can also produce spreadsheets. When a Corporate request is received, an e-mail would be generated and sent directly to the appropriate executive member. All items from the handbook are now on the Website. Information can be changed relatively easy and new information added. Handbook can be printed for those who do not have computer. Key words can be added to help with the search process. A link can be made to OLBA, Safe Sport etc. There will also be a link to Open Tournaments so other clubs can see it.

Paul asked if Tournament Policy can be added so there is no misunderstanding when a member who has signed up for a tournament doesn't show and doesn't pay the required fee. After some discussion it was felt that current policies need to be reviewed by the executive to omit and correct ambiguous language. Currently this policy only appears at the bottom of the sign-up sheet on the notice board and doesn't agree with what has been uploaded to the Website. This will be removed from the sign-up sheet for now.

**Kids and Grandkids Day. - Exeter Lawn Bowling Club**

Mike spoke about having a Kids and Grandkids Day at the club. Some discussion was held and the general consensus was that this is a good idea and may well fit into celebrations for the ELBC 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. It was determined that a committee should be set up to help plan this event and should include current membership. Mike and Judy agreed to work on this communication to all members.

**Reduced Fee Schedule:**

Mike advised that he had been approached by registered members who had signed up at the beginning of the season but were unable to play due to illness. The executive agreed that they should be refunded all their money for this year. Also presented was the pro-rated fee schedule for the season for future reference. It is as follows:

Reduced Fee Schedule		
June to August 16	August 16 to September 3	September 3rd onwards
\$165.00	\$130.00	\$75.00

**New Business:**

**Club Shirts**

Katherine who was not present at the meeting, provided written information on the Club Shirt order. There was a total of 25 shirts ordered and should be delivered between 2-3 weeks from the date ordered – July 22, 2024. Total funds collected \$960.00. Total cost of shirts \$870.75 providing the club with income of \$89.25.

**Plaque Inscriptions**

Joyce Clitheroe had asked the executive how the plaque for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year bowlers should be notated. The price for plate lettering is \$103.00 including tax. The executive asked if the current sponsor intends to commit to this tournament for a number of years before their name appears on the plaque. Nancy will follow up with the sponsor on this and advise Joyce.

**Herb Simek**

Herb approached Mark to advise that he would be making one last visit to the club as a bowler. Mark is not sure when this will take place, but would like to get picture of Herb on the greens with his unique set of bowls. Mark would like Herb to donate his current bowls to the club where his name could be affixed to them and displayed as an artifact. Going forward Herb will become an honorary club member.

### Cell Phones on Greens

Doug Raymond advised that he had been approached by a number of people regarding the use of cell phones while playing. The executive advised that this is not allowed and is included in the "Code of Conduct" while playing on the greens. Irene offered to have a sign laminated and attached to the bottom of the draw board so it is visible to everyone.

### Club Banquet

A club member has raised the issue of the Club Banquet with Mike. She was inquiring if the Club Banquet which was held in previous years could be held again this year. There was some discussion on the previous venue becoming too expensive. Mike will ask this member for other venue recommendations or other days to hold this function.

### Closing Up Club

There was a general reminder to all that the club house should be properly secured if you are the last person leaving it. There was an incident recently where this did not happen. This will be conveyed to Draw Masters in particular as they are usually the last people out.

### Russ Stepping Down

Russ Yurkow advised that the meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 would be his last executive meeting as he was moving to Oakville in the very near future. We wish Russ all the very best and thank him for his time and commitment on the executive of the Etobicoke Lawn Bowling Club.

### Letter to Councillor

Joe advised the executive that he had written a letter to the local councillor, Stephen Holyday regarding the various issues still being experienced at the club house and grounds as they relate to upkeep by the City of Toronto. Joe also met with Richard Weiss on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to discuss these ongoing issues including garbage collection and offered the solution of issuing the same bins that are found in the parks. Apparently, this is not something the city approves.

### Closure of Lane from Dundas to Club

The Club has been advised by police that the laneway from the south side of Dundas to the club grounds was not to be used as a motorized lane. A notice has been issued to all members advising them of this.

### Motion to adjourn

A motion to adjourn was issued by Doug at 2:40 p.m.

Next Meeting. Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p.m.