

Etobicoke Lawn Bowling Club
Executive Meeting Minutes (Revised)
October 11, 2024 – 12:00p.m.

Present: Nancy Bass, Mark Wells, Kathryn Raymond, Doug Raymond Maria Balan, Doug Turner, Mike Russell, Marianne Henn, Judy Nave, Deb Holdsworth.

Absent: Lucia Saja, Maureen Clancy, Irene Fair, Lynn Fair, Joe Swain.

Determination of Quorum:

It was determined that a quorum was present and the meeting could proceed.

Approval of Minutes from last Meeting:

Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting was proposed by Deb Holdsworth and seconded by Doug Turner.

Business arising from last Meeting:

There was no business arising from the last meeting.

Website - 75th logo, QR Code – Doug

Doug will continue to make changes and upgrades to the Website. For example the previous named “Twilight Pairs” will be called “Family Pizza Nights”. This change was approved by the executive. Scheduled dates thus far are: May 30th 2025 and June 20th, 2025, however, dates may change. Del Manor, previous sponsor of both Twilight Pairs will be asked to consider sponsoring an event other than a tournament, and if they are willing a request to cover a meal will be made. Mark Wells will be our contact with Ralph Ellis at James Gardens.

National Bowls Day promoting the 75th anniversary will take place on June 7th. A new convener will be needed. Currently, Doug Turner and Mark Wells organize. Mark Wells asked the executive to approve and vote on an expense of \$2,500 to go to 75th Anniversary events. This money would come from the current equipment fund. The vote was affirmed and carried. An additional \$1,000.00 donation is coming from Mark Well’s step-mother.

Calendar: Daytime bowling will commence at 9:45 rather than 10:00a.m.

Membership Fees: Membership fees will be shown on Website at \$210 for the coming season.

Opening Day: May 17th, 2025 will promote the 75th Anniversary. MP’s and other dignitaries will be invited.

Open Tournaments:

Open Tournaments Director vacated by Rob Bartlett will be split into three (3) tournaments so (3) conveners will be recruited from members who currently have

convener training. Suggestion to have food at all tournaments. Also, 5 end game, followed by food another 5 end game with new team. Mike Russell suggested Novice leagues and tournaments, Bowl Buddies and Rules Meetings. Marianne Henn suggested some training sessions for new conveners. Rain days for tournaments for 1st and 2nd years will stay as per Rob Bartlett's request. Saturday evening games will only be July, August and September at 6:15p.m. as per Deb Holdsworth's request.

Membership:

Membership is down by 20 people from last season, mostly women. Committee to promote club should look for opportunities for free publicity. Mike Russell would like to bring back the "Grass Rink and make it a weekly e-mail with current tournament results. It should also feature upcoming events etc. Mike would like to review and change the constitution according to changes made over the years.

Greens and Property Update – Joe Swain

Joe was not present at the meeting, but Mark Wells provided an update on his behalf. Mark advised that the greens were faster and better as the mower blades were sharpened twice this summer. Next summer they will be sharpened three times. A more in-depth report will be given at the AGM.

AGM – Saturday October 19th

Most Directors will provide an overview of their particular area of responsibility to the general membership and Mike Russell will present the 75th Anniversary Report at this venue.

Changes to some Director's Titles:

- Doug Raymond will be Director of Website, Calendar and Promotions.
- Mike Russell will be Vice President and Director of Membership and Communications.
- Kathryn Raymond will be Director of Club Tournaments.
- Simon Carter will take over from Doug Turner. However, Doug will continue to assist next year.
- Mark Wells will continue as Director of Finance and Promotions with Doug.

Thank you letter to Montgomery Inn:

A thank you letter of acknowledgement on parking privileges to be issued to Montgomery Inn for their help with parking issues this season.

New Business

No other Business was presented at the meeting.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: AGM on Saturday October 19th at 1:00p.m.