

Etobicoke Lawn Bowling Club

Executive Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 10, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Club House

Present: Mark Wells, Mike Russell, Lynn Fair, Irene Fair, Joe Swain, Doug Turner, Paul Dickey, Lucia Saja, Deb Holdsworth, Doug Raymond, Kathryn Raymond, Nancy Bass, Maria Balan, Judy Nave (arrived at 2:00 p.m.), Maureen Clancy (Scribe)

Absent: Marianne Henn

Determination of Quorum:

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

Approval of Minutes from last Meeting – August 1, 2024:

A motion to accept the minutes from the above meeting was tabled by Doug and seconded by Mark.

Sponsor's Presentation:

Maria, current Vice President, provided a Power Point presentation which could be presented to various potential sponsors in the community. The essence of this project is to recruit sponsors who would/could provide funds in exchange for advertising their business , (logo etc.) on ELBC website, fences surrounding the property, in the club house, bench plaques, and banners before or during a tournament. The purpose of recruiting such sponsors is to:

- Possibly raise funds to secure a part time Greenskeeper,
- Purchase sand and seed for the greens,
- Purchase wetting agent
- Purchase sun protection, pergolas, etc.

Directors of Club Tournaments as of 2025:

Doug and Kathryn Raymond offered to fill this vacant position. It was put to a vote at the meeting, proposed by Nancy and seconded by Doug Turner. It was accepted unanimously.

Committee to Recruit for Head Coach and Greenskeeper:

A committee needs to be established to recruit a Head Coach and Greenskeeper. Joe will continue in the position of Greenskeeper for the moment. Doug Turner may be able to secure the services of a paid Greenskeeper. He will follow up with a contact.

Web Launch Date/Web e-mails/2025 Calendar Development/Letterhead/Website Costs:

Doug Raymond advised that the website is ready to launch – possibly before the Annual General Meeting. A vote was held to proceed and was accepted unanimously. This updated website will automate a lot of processes within the club. A new letterhead has been added to the site and the feedback has been positive. Irene will send Doug a list of events to be entered on the website.

Doug will work on the calendar over the winter and will send rough copy to everyone. The previous Communications Committee is no longer in service as Russ and Maryanne have moved on and Paul is stepping back from the position.

75th Anniversary Committee Report:

One of the items being proposed to mark the 75th anniversary of the club is to purchase wetting towels for all members. Kathryn is looking into markings and costs for towels and will pass quote to the Anniversary Committee.

ELBC Banquet – October 25th - Possible Locations and Dates:

October 25th appears to be the most appropriate day for the Banquet to be held at the Mandarin. The same price applies for Friday and Saturday. \$23.99 for Seniors and \$29.00 for regulars.

Duties of President, Vice President and Immediate Past President

Duties of the President, Vice President and immediate past president need to be reviewed. Nancy will forward current copies of the positions to all executive members so it can be discussed at the next meeting. Mike Russell has agreed to become Vice President for the upcoming season.

Other Business:

Irene raised the ongoing issue with garbage pick-up or lack thereof. After the most recent tournament when garbage was not removed, maggots were found within the bins in the club house. There was a suggestion that whoever holds a tournament must remove the garbage from the club house at the end of the event. A sign should be posted to this effect. Joe may have a contact who would remove garbage at cost, but must be phoned when required to do so.

Paul raised the ongoing parking issue at the Club and indicated that if there is no parking, there will be no Bowling. Although various people have contacted the city and local councillors, no resolution has come forward so far. The parking lot is currently filled by construction workers and commuters from early morning. It was suggested that this subject be discussed and the Annual General Meeting with members to encourage action with the city. This was seen as a #1 priority.

A question was raised as to how much each sponsor donates to Club Tournaments. Currently it is \$250 per sponsor except for the Keith Voith Tournament which is based on a bequest amount

over a number of years. It was suggested that the sponsor amount be reviewed at an Executive Meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 10th, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.