

**Port Credit Lawn Bowling Club
2021 Annual Membership Meeting
December 4, 2021, 1:30 pm.**

**Mississauga Senior's Centre
1389 Cawthra Road, Lucy Turnbull Room**

President: Dorothea Phair
Vice-President: Keith Powell
Secretary: Sharon Costescu

Quorum confirmed: 25 (ordinary) members present
5 (ordinary) members by proxy
Eligible Votes – 30

Meeting commenced: 1:45 pm

Welcome by President Dorothea Phair

1. A Moment of Memorial reflection was observed to remember those members of PCLBC who have passed in the last two years.

2. Additional Agenda Items/ Conflict of Interest - Members were asked if there were any items to be added, and if there were any conflicts to be declared. The answer was no on both accounts.
Motion to accept agenda from Sharleen Harris, seconded by Lynn Joshi, all in favour – **Motion carried.**

3. Approval of minutes from 2021 AGM meeting, May 10, 2021

Motion to approve minutes from Dave Sparkes, seconded by Anna Carr, all in favour – **Motion carried.**

4. President's Opening Remarks – Dorothea Phair

Welcome again and thanks for attending this Annual Membership Meeting. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in the spring of 2022 when the Financial Report for 2021 can be finalized.

In looking back to May 2021, and before that, there have been challenges. The Board of Directors has attempted to follow the By-Laws, the procedures, and necessary steps of the club's business. We have held regular BOD meetings, either by zoom or in person with agendas and minutes for the records. We have dealt with purchases and payments, maintained a liaison with the City of Mississauga and the Contract requirements.

In our Community Registry Program we have required some maintenance of the building by city workers for the leaking roof, the trimming of the hedge at the entrance, the clearing of brush on the north side of the building, the removal of graffiti, maintenance of the furnace, with filter replacements, and on-going repairs of the inside wall as a result of the roof leaks. Keith Powell now has a positive contact with a workman from the City who will complete the work on the wall. We would like to express our appreciation to the City of Mississauga for their work on this project.

2020 was a lost year to us for lawn bowling. The club was closed, although expenses were incurred for Greens Maintenance, an important asset for the club. In 2021 we started slowly, with practice on every second lane, then to games with no regular prizes, but good exercise and protocols in place for safe play. Then we introduced League Play, Ladies Tuesday Mornings and Men's Tuesday Nights bowling. We acknowledge that this was a lot of work behind the scenes with Draw Masters and phone calls. A **big thank you** to all who helped with the organization and a **big thanks** to the participants who came out to make it happen.

This fall, 2021, we initiated the Short Mat indoor bowling with equipment purchased before the pandemic with funds from the Horizon Grant for Seniors. It is wonderful that our clubhouse can accommodate the two mats, with markings, that are used for play. There is not a lot of space to spare, but we can manage and enjoy many moments of

“Good Shot” and “Oops, not again!” when a bowl hits the block or finds its way along the floor. There are opportunities 5 times a week at present to participate, with the possibility of expanding when more members come out.

Administratively, we have weathered the storm and plan to move forward with plans already listed for 2022 with OLBA.

5. Financial Statements for 2018,2019,2020. – Rob Galipeau

The financial statements for these 3 years are now complete. We are grateful to Marco Simone of Simone & Company. Although we did not have a lot of full membership activities we were able to control our spending and it can be said that we did not lose more than \$10,000 cumulatively over 3 years. We are in good shape going into the next season. The Financial Report is available to the Membership upon request.

Motion by Rob Galipeau to accept the Financial Statements for 2018,2019,2020, seconded by Rick Czaniecki, all in favour – **Motion Carried.**

6. 2021 Membership Report – Anna Carr

Our final count for this season is 99 members

- 85 of these are Ordinary Members (as referred to in our By-Laws), of these 85 – 66 reside in Mississauga and 19 outside Mississauga

- 8 were Social Members – all reside in Mississauga

- 6 were Associate Members – 1 resides in Mississauga, 5 outside Mississauga

75% of our membership resides in Mississauga. I hope we can increase our membership next season. The City of Mississauga would like us to have 80% of our members residing in Mississauga. So, I am asking for your assistance in accomplishing this request.

The 2021 season offered a reduced rate in our fee structure. As or if we see the restrictions lifted, we can expect our fee structure to be increased to the pre-pandemic times.

This fall and winter we are offering a new program in our facility – Short Mat Bowling. Those who are attending are finding this a challenging but fun activity. If you have time to come out and enjoy this new sport with us, please do. We would love to see you over the winter.

7. Election and Approval of new Board of Directors for 2021-22 – Peggy Matheson

With the majority of the existing Board staying on and some still to complete their 2-year assignment, there were few openings to fill. Two new members have been selected to join the Board of Directors for 2021-2022. They are – John Outram and Henry Hlady.

Amendment: Henry decided to decline the invitation to join the Board. Steven McKerihen has since been recruited. Dorothea asked from the floor 3 times if there were any other nominations. Seeing none, the list stands. Welcome John and Henry.

Motion to accept the new Board of Directors for 2021-22 from Sharleen Harris, seconded by Terry Green, all in favour – **Motion Carried.**

Board of Directors for 2021-22

Dorothea Phair	Karen Czaniecki
Anna Carr	Sharon Costescu
Helen Kinsella	Rob Galipeau
Lynn Joshi	John Outram
Keith Powell	Steven McKerihen

8. Approval of Auditor for 2021 Financials

Motion to approve Simone & Co. as auditors for 2021-22 from John Outram, seconded by Keith Powell, all in favour – **Motion Carried.**

9. Director Reports

(a) Draw Master Coordinator’s Report – Karen Czaniecki

Changes in 2021 – As you know there were many adjustments that were made in 2021. As outdoor activities were allowed once again we had many Covid 19 restrictions that needed to be put in place. We arranged to have two supervisors each time the club was open so that our members played in a safe environment.

I would like to thank all of those supervisors, but would like members to know what they were required to do that you may not be aware of.

- Early in season take registrations by phone for time of play
- Early in season set up all greens to be played on
- Arrived earlier than usual to open side gate for sole access and set up entry table
- The paperwork collected was all tiled in case contact tracing was necessary (which fortunately it was not)
- Cleaning all equipment after play (bowls, jacks, rakes)
- Sanitizing all common touch surfaces, including bathrooms
- Mostly being a welcoming smiling face to the club during this trying season

Thank you to this long list of supervisors and draw masters.

Ruth McDonald, Linda Dickson, Rick and Karen Czaniecki, Louise and Vince Cascone, Sharon and Mike Costescu, Bob Ashby, Lonnie Bewick, Keith Powell, Anna Carr, Dorothea Phair, Helen Kinsella, Lynn Joshi, Rob and Debbie Galipeau, Mary Quinlan and Dave Sparkes.

In looking at the last report I prepared for an AGM in 2019, I noticed that I thanked 9 draw masters. Please note that this year we had 19 volunteers for our tag draws.

We could not have been open this season without these dedicated volunteers.

(b) Event Planning – Helen Kinsella and Lynn Joshi

We had two special events this year with good attendance.

1. Civic Holiday – There were two games played followed by pizza and pop.

Members paid \$5 for the lunch and after expenses we made \$58.

2. Labour Day – 49 bowlers attended. We served sandwiches, chips and pop and the members paid \$5 for lunch. We had two generous members that donated the food and the club profited by \$232. We had prizes from Port Credit Residences that went to the members of the winning teams. Considering with the Covid season we had two very successful events that members truly enjoyed.

Looking forward to more great events in 2022.

(c) Grounds and Gardening Report – Ruth McDonald

Upon returning to the club last spring, we encountered two opposite conditions. The greens were in beautiful condition as our greens keeper Rob Galipeau and his crew had diligently maintained them throughout 2020. However, the surrounding grounds were overgrown and badly in need of some TLC.

Following Rob's advice, the back fence was cleared of everything except the Rose of Sharon. With the help of a number of volunteers we were able to get the overgrowth cleared within the first few weeks. With the initial clearing done, Carlo Baldassini took over the project of improving the grounds along the back fence. He pruned the trees, dug up the soil and planted small gardens around the base of each tree.

Gradually over the summer, the existing gardens were weeded and pruned and in some cases new soil and plants were added.

A special vote of thanks should go to Carlo who not only contributed many hours of work but also took many plants from his own garden and transplanted them at the club. Much of the improvement of the grounds should be credited to him.

We thank all who volunteered their time and talents to improve the look of the club this year. But, for those who are gardeners, you know the work is never done. Next year we will need help again to maintain what has been done this year and perhaps even add more features.

Ruth and Dorothea presented Carlo Baldassini with a Certificate in recognition of all the work he put into improving our grounds and gardens this year.

Ruth thanked the Board of Directors for having her on the Board and was glad to be able to take on the grounds project.

(d) Greens Report – Rob Galipeau

2021 was a good year for the greens. No unexpected diseases or issues had to be dealt with.

There were some mechanical breakdowns that did cost the club some money and took time to fix, but this is to be expected with a majority of our equipment in the later stages of their useful life.

I expect next year to be similar. A plan to replace mowers and the aerator should be discussed in the next couple of years at the most.

Rob thanked Ruth and her team for working to make the grounds look so good. He has met at the club with representatives from Tourism Mississauga and with Councillor Steve Dasko and both have been impressed with the look of our club and its greens. Rob thanked the Board for dedicating resources to make the improvements, as the greens performed very well this year.

(e) Facilities – Keith Powell

Dorothea mentioned in her opening remarks some of the issues with the clubhouse that we faced this year. The most persistent issue was roof leakage, which damaged an interior wall and window. The roof was fixed after numerous attempts but repairs to the wall are still to be completed.

We are still waiting for the city to demolish the small walls behind the building with the hope that their removal will discourage the youth who linger in that area. The city will also trim back the trees in this area to allow for more light into the clubhouse.

Dorothea added that a plumber is expected to come next week to fix the ladies washroom toilet.

(f) Safety Officer – Bob Ashby

Dorothea reported that after a fire safety inspection conducted by the Mississauga Fire Department, we were given a list of requirements to bring us up to code. Bob created a binder to record monthly fire extinguisher inspections.

Keith Powell is now maintaining these reports to ensure the safety of our clubhouse.

Sharleen Harris reminded the Board to check the batteries in the defibulator.

10. Short Mat Winter Bowling 2021-22

Dorothea asked if there were any questions about the game, and mentioned that it takes control, concentration and a bit of luck.

Rick reminded members of the fee structure. There are 2 more sessions starting in the New Year.

Members are welcome to come out one time without paying to try it out then can choose to pay a pay-as-you-play fee of \$7 or pay the full session fees.

Karen mentioned that it is nice that you don't have to carry equipment in throughout the winter months. Everything you need to play is provided at the club.

11. Upcoming Events for 2022

Junior Nationals – July 30 – Aug. 6

- We will be looking for volunteers from our membership for score keeping and marking.

In-Club and Open Tournaments

- Lynn mentioned that when our calendar of events comes out we would be asking the membership to have a look at how they can help out. We will require a convenor for each event who will recruit volunteers to help in the kitchen and on the green etc.

OLBA Open Tournaments

- We have submitted information for 4 open tournaments to the OLBA Annual.

Wed. June 15 – Women’s Triples
Sun. July 10 – Open Pairs
Wed. Aug. 24 – Women’s Triples
Sun. Sept. 18 – Open Pairs

We ask our sponsors to donate \$200 for in-club and open tournaments. Members can co-sponsor, businesses are asked to be the sole sponsor.

12. New Business/Questions

There was one question posed by Terry Green – What is the PCLBC going to do to boost our membership in the coming year?

– It will be up to many of us to reach out to past members and recruit new ones. Lynn Joshi has put together a package to attract new sponsors and to contact existing sponsors. This should bring new community members to our club who will spread the word about where we are and what we offer.

- There were no new items for the agenda.

Helen Kinsella moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm