

Port Credit Lawn Bowling Club  
2022 Annual General Meeting  
Sunday, May 15, 2022

**President:** Keith Powell

**Secretary:** Sharon Costescu

**Treasurer:** John Outram

**Board Members in Attendance:** Anna Carr, Karen Czaniecki, Lynn Joshi, Helen Kinsella,

**Regrets:** Rob Galipeau, Steven McKerihen, Dorothea Phair

**Quorum Confirmed:** 29 (ordinary) members present at opening of meeting.

Eligible Votes – 29

**Meeting Commenced:** 2:03 p.m.

**1) Welcome:** Keith welcomed the members who took the opportunity to be here and introduced the Board of Directors.

**2) Additions to Agenda:** The membership was asked if they would like to add anything to the agenda. There were no new additions.

**3) Presidents Opening Remarks:** Welcome to the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Port Credit Lawn Bowling Club. As we had a meeting in December, I will focus my brief remarks on the future. The Boards first order of business was to put together a realistic budget. After 2 years of uncertainty we have tried to plan a safe and normal year. The budgets viability depends mainly on a membership of around 130. At the start of the meeting we were at about 80 paid members, so we still have a way to go. Please encourage friends and family to give lawn bowling a try. Our next priority was to put together a calendar of events and regular bowling that will be satisfying to our members. This calendar is on our Website along with other club information. The website is being updated by Karen Czaniecki as required. As a source of revenue we would like to attract business events and have developed guidelines for rental of the club facilities. If anyone knows of a business that would like to try lawn bowling as a fun day out or as a team building exercise we would like to hear. Contact Helen Kinsella. We now have Internet at the club. We will develop plans as to how best use this for bowling instruction and development as well as entertainment. Later in the year we will be applying for 2 grants. First an Horizon Grant to cover the cost of replacing some of our greens equipment and secondly a Trillium Grant to update and improve the efficiency of our greens lighting. The last 2 years have been difficult for us as individuals and as a club. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable 2022 lawn bowling season.

**4) Approval of 2021 AMM Minutes, Dec. 4, 2021:** Motion to approve the minutes of the AMM, Dec. 4, 2021 was made by Lynn Joshi, seconded by Dave Sparkes. All in favour – **Motion Carried.**

**5) Financial Reports:** Keith reported that the Board of Directors have received and reviewed these reports and have voted to accept them.

John Outram shared and explained the key components of the report with the membership. The TV monitor was used to show the membership the pages of the report.

Based on the Independent Practitioner's review, nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Port Credit Lawn Bowling Club Incorporated as at December 31, 2021 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

- John Outram made a motion to approve the unaudited Financial Statement as presented to the membership, seconded by JoAnn Wilton. All in favour – **Motion Carried.**

In conclusion, Keith stated that for the last 2 years due to Covid restrictions we have lost money. However, because we have a Building Fund we were able to transfer money out of that fund to help us out. We will strive to run the club with our operating budget.

**6) Approval of Auditor:** Sharleen Harris made a motion to accept Simone & Company as our auditor for 2022-2023. Seconded by Louise Cascone. All in favour – **Motion Carried.**

## **7) Reports:**

(a) **Greens** - Rob Galipeau

Greens have got off to a good start after a cooler and dryer than normal spring.

We are currently searching for another lawn care expert to help provide advice during the season. Keith Bartlett has taken on the Golf Superintendent position at Scarborough Golf Club so he will not be able to assist us this summer. We thank Keith for his service to PCLBC over the past three years.

A schedule is in place for the summer for all the maintenance including mowing, verticutting, topdressing, and fertilizing.

There are a few boards on the greens that will need replacing during the season. These will be done over the next few weeks.

We are doing our best to keep maintenance costs down but we continue to run two pretty old mowers that may require some work during the season. The club's capital plan will require us to purchase a new mower sooner than later.

## **- Junior Nationals**

Junior National will run at the club between July 30th and August 6. I expect all member club activities between these dates will be postponed.

- All plans are coming together well. We will require the assistance of some volunteers during the tournament to help as markers or scorers. Those who are interested in helping out can contact Rob Galipeau.

**(b) Membership – Anna Carr**

- We ran a successful Open House that has enticed several new bowlers. In addition, 5 individuals who were not at the Open House have been attending the Learn to Bowl sessions.

- As of today we have - 71 seasoned bowlers (5 of those signed up today).

- 7 new members

- 3 associate members

- 3 social members

Total – 84

- Anna also wanted the ladies to know that for safety reasons, when wearing sandals on the greens they must have a strap around the back. Also, shirts with collars or sleeves are required.

**(c) Calendar of Events – Lynn Joshi**

- Our Opening Day Event on Victoria Day is fast approaching. It begins with tags in a 9:45 a.m. A lunch of sandwiches and salads will be served. Members are asked to let Lynn know what kind of sandwich they would like, turkey, ham, chicken or vegetarian.

- Two additional events are coming up in early June.

- The first one on June 4<sup>th</sup> is our Family and Friends Bowl & BBQ, celebrated on National Bowls Days. Thanks to Mary Quinlan and Dave Sparkes for sponsoring this fun family day.

- The second event is the Milton Exchange on June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be calling on Milton to let us know more about their plans and how much the entry fee will be. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the clubhouse for these two events on Opening Day.

- For all our in-club events we are calling on all the members to get involved as convenors or helpers to make our club activities a success this year.

- Karen Czaniecki is organizing drawmasters for our weekly bowling events and we are in need of more members to consider taking on this role. You will not be left alone on this, you will be totally supported as you learn the ropes. Something else to note is we will no longer be collecting money for our tag draws. Call or come and see Karen at the club to learn more. Presently there is a need for drawmasters for Wed. evening, Fri. evening and Sat. morning. You will still be able to play at those times.

**(d) OLBA – Dorothea Phair** - The OLBA held their AGM on April 30, 2022, providing a wealth of information for those representatives in attendance on Google Meets. A recording of the meeting is available on the website [www.olba.ca](http://www.olba.ca) The website also has an electronic copy of “The Annual” which used to be published with hard copies available to the clubs. We are District 9 in Ontario and all events are listed for 2022 held at the various clubs including Port Credit. The complete Annual can be found on the Website under the OLBA crest. The hard copy of the Annual is no longer available. A copy of the District 9 section will be available upon request at the Club, if you would like a printed copy for your reference.

The Motto for this year is “Give It A Try” which was used for our advertisement of our Open House with poster copies available to post without the Open House line. Help to promote our Club and encourage new members to “Give It A Try”.

Dorothea Phair, OLBA rep. for PCLBC

(e) **Open Tournaments at PCLBC** - Registrations for our four Open Tournaments are on-going with registration by email preferred to [dotphair@gmail.com](mailto:dotphair@gmail.com)

Open Pairs are Sunday July 10 and Sunday Sept 18, starting at 10 a.m.

There are 12 entries for July 10, sponsored by The Ghosh Family with 4 Team spaces available. The September 18<sup>th</sup> has 9 entries to date, mostly from other clubs with spaces for 6 more teams.

The Ladies Open Wednesday Tournaments are June 8<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Creative Memories & Helen Kinsella, and August 24<sup>th</sup>, tournament sponsored by Lilian Harwood. The cost will be \$20.00 per bowler. There will not be a Luncheon provided this year on August 24<sup>th</sup> due to food donations and COVID restrictions.

We desperately need Port Credit bowlers to fill in the “Home Team” draws for both events.

Dorothea Phair, Draw Master for PCLBC Open Tournaments.

(f) **Junior Bowlers** – Steven McKerihen

- Keith reported that Steve has taken on the job of recruiting youth bowlers to stimulate interest in a junior program at our club. He has been in touch with Phys. Ed. teachers at two local high schools as well as with competitive junior curlers who are considering this as a cross-over sport for the summer.

8) **New Business/Questions?**

- A question from Louise Cascone. What is our policy on wearing a mask? Louise organizes our Golden Girls teams for the season and she has had a request from the district convenor to clarify our policy on wearing masks so that this can be shared with the other clubs involved.

- Keith replied that this has been a difficult topic for quite awhile. As a club, we will encourage the use of a mask when inside the clubhouse; however, it is left up to the individual to make their own choice.

- Louise also mentioned that we could use some more members to sign up as spares for the Golden Girls.

Keith moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m.