

**Port Credit lawn Bowling Club
2023 Annual General Meeting
Sunday, May 7, 2023**

President: Keith Powell

Secretary: Sharon Costescu

Treasurer: John Outram

Board Members in Attendance: Anna Carr, Karen Czaniecki, Dorothea Phair

Regrets: Rob Galipeau, Steve McKerihen, Helen Kinsella

Quorum Confirmed: 41 (ordinary) members present at opening of meeting.
Eligible Votes - 40

Meeting Commenced: 2:10 pm

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 present was asked if they would like to add anything to the agenda. There were no new additions.

3) President's Opening Remarks:

Thank you to the Board of Directors, all of who have worked hard during the past year. Lynn Joshi resigned during the year and we would like to thank her for all the effort she has put in on behalf of the Club.

Financially we did well in 2022. We had a revenue short fall due to not meeting our budgeted membership numbers but with revenue from the Junior National and over budgeting costs for greens maintenance more than made-up for it. John will give a more detailed account of our financial and investments.

During the year we worked on 3 grant applications.

- A Trillium Grant, to improve the greens lighting for which we were not successful. We are still trying to find out why.

- A New Horizons Grant where we were successful and have received \$25000, which is to be used on the pergolas and new greens equipment.

- A Community Grant from the City of Mississauga, where we received \$8000 for marketing to increase and diversify our membership, and we do need new members. Please encourage any one you know to come and try our sport.

Thanks to Karen and Sharon who are working with a developer and will shortly have a new and improved web site up and running. It will have more functionality and hopefully attract outside interest.

We have a full calendar of events planned for the year but their success will depend as usual on volunteers. There are sign-up sheets available so please volunteer where you can.

The green is looking inviting and I wish you all a year of good bowling.

4) Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes, May 15, 2022: Motion to approve the minutes of the AGM, May 15, 2022 was made by Sharleen Harris and seconded by Dave Sparkes. All in favour – **Motion Carried**

5) Election/Confirmation of the Board of Directors: The following existing directors are standing for re-election; Keith Powell, Sharon Costescu, John Outram, Karen Czaniecki, Anna Carr, Dorothea Phair, Rob Galipeau, Steve McKerihen. Helen will not run this year. She has put in many years, in a variety of capacities into the success of our club and we thank her for that. Helen will continue to run our Corporate Events and will call on several volunteers to help on those days.

Three members have put their name forward for election to the Board; Iwona Vineham, Rick Czaniecki and Beata Kolata.

Motion to approve the new Board of Directors for 2023/24 was made by Louise Cascone and seconded by Tish Khomasurya. All in favour – **Motion Carried.**

Welcome Iwona, Rick and Beata. Your desire to work on the Board is much appreciated.

6) Financial Reports:

The financial reports were made available to the members. John Outram, Treasurer, shared and explained the key components of the Financial Report to the membership. The figures presented today will be reviewed by our accountant and should be approved unless something unexpected is found. Overall, we did well in 2022. We saw an increase in our total revenue over the previous year, as we were able to put in place a full schedule of bowling after the Covid years. Events such as the Junior Nationals and 4 Corporate Events brought in new revenue.

Motion to accept the 2022 budget as presented was made by John Outram
And seconded by Nancy Luscombe. All in favour – **Motion Carried.**

7) Approval of Auditor: Motion to accept Simone & Company as our auditor for 2023-2024 was made by Sharleen Harris and seconded by Nancy Luscombe. All in favour – **Motion Carried.**

8) Reports:

a) Greens (Rob) – No Report. Keith commented that the greens look great and thanked the greens keepers for all the work they have put into them. Due to the wet, cool weather we have had so far this spring, the work to prepare the greens for the new season has had to be put on hold. We should be able to have the Learn to Bowl and Open Bowling sessions begin the week of May 15th.

**b) Membership (Anna) –
2023 Membership Report for Annual General Meeting**

It is good to see all of your smiling faces today. To date, we have 68 who have paid their membership for the 2023 season. Thanks to those who have been so prompt with your payment.

I would like to thank every person who gave time on either of the Saturday or the Sunday of Open House. The first weekend was rainy and wet but we still had 24 interested people attend. I have emailed all of these people to remind them of the “Learn to Bowl” program to be held on Tuesday, May 16th and Thursday, May 18th at 1:00 and 7:00. By the response I have had, it will be well attended.

Our ‘Open House’ yesterday brought another 35 – 40 prospective members through the doors. I will get an email off to these people this coming week. But many of them showed a keen interest as well.

Steve McKerihen is going to lead us with the Learn to Bowl program this year. Members will be approached to assist Steve on those days. Steve is not present today due to a family illness.

Please remember, Dues MUST be in before you can take part on Victoria Day. We always look forward to this day with great anticipation! Let's get out and have a great day!

As always, we will wear our "whites" or as close to white as possible.

Submitted by Anna Carr.

c) Calendar of Events (Karen)

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REPORT ON 2023 CALENDAR

PRESENTED BY: KAREN

WHERE TO FIND THE CALENDAR

- Monthly calendars will be sent out by Mailchimp
- Entire calendar always available on the club's website
- Website also has listings of Social Events, Club Tournaments and Open Tournaments

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- Tag draws will be the same as usual:
 - Tuesday morning ladies tags + social/ Tuesday evenings men's tags
 - Wednesday evening tags
 - Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning tags
- Drawmasters
 - Thank you to last year's drawmasters: Ruth McDonald, Rick and Karen Czaniecki, Sharon and Mike Costescu, Carlo and Claudette Baldassini, Jo Ann Wilton, Bob Goddard, Anna Carr and Dorothea Phair.
 - See me if you would be interested in becoming a drawmaster – volunteers needed!!
- SOCIAL DAYS
 - Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Day, Labour Day social tournaments – 2 games plus lunch between games

- We do not currently have a social convenor so these days will be bring-your-own-lunch. If interested in this position please see a board member.
- The signup sheet has been posted for our opening on Victoria Day, please sign up if you plan to attend.
- Club exchanges
 - PC is hosting Milton – Sunday June 25th
 - Oakville is hosting PC this year – Wed. Aug. 9th

NEW + RETURNING ACTIVITIES

- Pre-season – in addition to our Learn to Bowl Sessions there are scheduled Open Bowling Days for members so that you practice for the season. Please check the May calendar
- Novice Pairs will be run by Sharon and Mike Costescu again this year
- In-club Triples league – Friday night. Thank you to Bill Shinde and Ron Bonne for organizing
- In-club Pairs league – Thursday night. Thank you to Rick Czaniecki and Ron Bonne for organizing
- Wednesday evening tags with social (Strawberry shortcake night, Pizza night etc.) – monthly
- Family Day – date TBD
- Return of the Eldon McFadyen club singles weekend in late August (26/27)

Golden Girls and Sunshine Boys are starting up again There will be many Open Tournaments and In-club tournaments throughout the season

Submitted by Karen Czaniecki

- Karen asked the membership for a show of hands to see how many would prefer to bring their own lunch to tournaments or have lunch catered. A greater number opted for bring your own lunch.
- Karen also called on the members to step up and volunteer to help run our social events.

d) OLBA – (Steve) – No Report

- Keith commented that the OLBA is using a new Membership database this year. New information was requested on this year's membership application

form. This information will be used to investigate trends in lawn bowling across the province.

- Karen reminded members of the line on the application form regarding the use of members' photos. We would like to post more photos of our members on our website this year.

e) Open Tournaments (Dorothea) – We have 4 Open Tournaments planned for this year. Two are still without sponsors assigned. Members have the opportunity to sponsor events if they like. Having 2 people share the cost makes it easier to do so.

- To date we have very few teams signed up for these Open Tournaments and our first one is scheduled for Wed. June 14th.

- Ruth McDonald is taking registrations by phone or email. Each tournament will be 3 games of 12 ends, weather permitting, \$20 per person.

- More advertising needs to be done to encourage teams to sign up. We are not the only club experiencing low enrollment, it is happening across Ontario.

8. New Business/Questions -

a) Old bowls and bags have been put out in the clubhouse for members to have a look at. Make a donation if you decide to take a set or a bag. We will attempt to give the bowls that are left to a club that might be looking for extras.

b) John reminded members to give a pusher a try if they are having difficulty releasing the bowl without tossing it.

Keith moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 pm.