

VIN&PR ZONE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
October 24, 2009
Parksville Lawn Bowling Club

MINUTES

The President, Bob Steven from Port Alberni LBC called the meeting to order at 10.05 a.m. Representatives from all clubs were present

A moment of silence was observed for those no longer with us.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Semi-Annual General Meeting held on March 28,2009.

M/S Joe van Kooten /Wendy Stanley adoption of the minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Regarding the suggestion that George Gibson & Gary Robinson attend the Powell River meeting to discuss their decision to leave Bowls BC and the zone. . A copy of an email sent to Bowls BC was read to the assembly advising that the Powell River club did not want or need Zone representatives to attend their meeting as their decision was final. So George & Gary did not attend.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy Curry was unable to attend the meeting but sent the financial statements and proposed budgets. Incoming treasurer Kate Wilson presented the budget for 2009/10.

M/S Kate Wilson/Sandi Mitchell that the 2009/10 budget be accepted.

Motion Carried.

Kate advised that the current bank balance was \$3,555.67.

Board Reports:

President: Bob Steven thanked the Parksville LBC for hosting the meeting. He said that it was a pity that in a wonderful hot summer that the Novice/Singles was really wet. He wished that he could have attended more zone tournaments but he really enjoyed presenting the medals to the winners of the Pairs tournament.

BowlsBC: George Gibson. (for brevity highlights of report - full report attached.)

- Bowls BC AGM December 2nd - Tsawwassen.
- Sports BC has been notified that they will be a cut of 29% - if this translates down to Bowls BC could result in a \$9,000 cut. If this is the case many changes may be needed i.e. funding to Prov. participants to attend Canadian Championships, affiliation fees, entry fees for Provincial competitions.
- \$1,000 will be spent to update Bowls BC website.
- Winners of the Provincial tournaments were announced the most relevant to the zone being Courtenay's Vern Greenhill who won the Gold for Men's Singles
- 2010 Provincial tournaments - skips will draw their division placement 30 minutes prior to start of play. White Rock LBC will host to 2010 Can. Mixed Pairs Sept 7-12. Looking for the venue for 2011 games.

Officiating: Ken Chatfield was not able to attend. No report

Bowls Canada Boulingrin - Gary Robinson

New Executive - President Donna Law from Manitoba, Gary will be new Vice President joining Alex Marshall from Alberta, New Treasurer Ian Tyzzer from Vancouver, Sectary Shirley Lenarduzzi from Ontario.

Gary advised that there would be a shift in focus. Look for Bowls Canada to move towards a much greater emphasis on athlete development within Canada, and for such a program to be the future "feeder system" for the National Team.

BCB is also preparing for a "competition review" as the next step in the development of its Long Term Athlete Development plan. This review may lead to changes to the Canadian Championships.

Games: Pat Cutt.

Pat advised that she had not received any complaints regarding the zone tournaments. She had received a question regarding the sign-up date for tournaments. It was felt that April 15th was too early for some comes as they had not yet started their summer schedule.

Various suggestions were made but it was decided to let the clubs discuss this and bring suggestions to the January Games meeting. Zone winners for 2009 were Ladies Singles Elaine Van Kooten Gold Jan McNaughton Silver; Archie Harris Men's Gold, Keith Terson Silver; Rick Quibell/Marg Fenske Gold Pairs, Mick Banks/Vicki Banks Silver.

Date of Games Meeting - January 23rd, 2010 at Parksville LBC 11 a.m.

Volunteer of the Year Award:

George Gibson advised that he had not received any names for the Volunteer of the year. Names must be sent to incoming President Dave Muir or George Gibson soon so that Bowls BC can have all the names by December 2nd.

Club Reports:

Beban Park: President Harvey Hodgins.

Beban had a good year. We tripled our membership and won a set of Drakes Pride Bowls.

For the first time in over two years we had a full green on several occasions with picnics and social events over the summer. Jim Scantland completed the coaching course in Parksville but unfortunately was often absent due to his annual commitment to coaching swimming for Senior games. This left coaching load on the present who lost a lot of time due to illness in the family. All new members were taught how to deliver bowls etc. but the rules of our sport were not taught properly and most of our new members did not learn the pleasures of lawn bowls as well as they should have in their first year-hopefully this will be rectified in the new season or over the winter. As usual we are bowling when weather permits over the entire winter months and will start our tenth year of all year bowling outdoors on November 18th. We will try and be present daily at 1 p.m. each day and visitors are welcome.

Nanaimo: President Paul Roughton.

We achieved our objective of holding our membership level this year, in fact we slightly increased it. We had some upsets in our executive this year but the club rallied round and we finished the season in a very strong position. Next year's executive is 90% in place, subject to our AGM elections in December. Next year our objective will be to improve our web page and we have taken positive steps to achieve this. A new position of web master will need to be introduced into the club. I am pleased to say that our greens are in great hands and we thank Steve Forrester for his ongoing advice We shall continue to focus on membership again and continue with both social and competitive bowling as required.

**Parksville: President Ben Thomas presented by Sandi Mitchell Vice President
(for brevity highlights of report - full report attached)**

Another year has come to an end. This year our membership at the end of the season was 188 playing members and 41 social members. As most of you know, our green this year, while great, suffered from the winter that we had last year and some of our edges didn't recover. We have done the coring again this year and were able to purchase a sand spreader and a screen to help spread the same so hopefully our green will be back to its enviable state next year. We hosted the zone singles and were treated to a great display of bowling by both groups. This year we invited the residents of Stanford Place to come and try their hand at bowling. It proved to be a great time for everyone involved. As a fundraising endeavor we participated in the Beach Festival. Once again our clubhouse will be open to the public to play crib and bridge during the off-season and short mat for our members.

Qualicum: President Neil McColloch.

This year our membership sits at approximately 170 members. After the hard winter our green did not really recover and we had to move our schedule Men's and Ladies tournament to Courtenay. We really appreciated their offer to loan us the green for this event and we shall be returning the favour shortly but allowing them to use our indoor green for a club event. We had a great turn out of volunteers to core and sand the green and we are hoping for a much better green in the Spring. Our AGM will be November 22nd.

Port Alberni: President Joe Van Kooten.

A year has gone by and it only seems like yesterday. I am now in my second year as president. When we started the year off I did not like what I was seeing on the greens. To my amazement I saw a difference. If you could see the greens now you would say the same as me - impossible. We have had a very successful year with several major firsts - our Elaine van Kooten won the gold for the Ladies Singles- we hosted the Bowls BC Ca\$h triples and I think we outdid ourselves on that. We also hosted Parksville for the annual interclub and as it was we just got lucky and squeezed out a win on points. I am looking ahead to next year hoping for another great season.

Courtenay: Pat Cutt

The club has another good year. There are 60 members. The green was really good and at the end of September it was awesome and people were still wanting to play. The club is very proud that the Provincial Singles Champion came from their club - Vern Greenhill and hope that all the extra media will translate into some more members. Annual General Meeting will be December 8th.

Club of the Year Award: George Gibson

Three clubs submitted a completed requirements form. An independent group went thru the requirements and it was unanimously agreed that the winning club for **2009 was Parksville LBC.** George suggested that the requirements for this award be updated to level the playing field for smaller clubs in the zone.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed addition to the By-Laws.

President Bob Steven explained that this addition was recommended after the semi-annual meeting whereby Powell River felt that they could belong to the zone without belonging to Bowls BC. As Ken Chatfield was the chairman of the 2006 By-Laws he was asked to come up with a recommendation.

His recommendation was that there be an addition of 3.3. which would read

Member clubs must be affiliate members of Bowls BC to compete in any zone tournaments. The present 3.3. would become 3.4 and 3.4 would become 3.5.

M/S Sandi Mitchell/Neil McColloch acceptance of this recommendation.

After much discussion it was

M/S George Gibson/Pat Cutt that the words "to compete in any zone tournaments" be deleted from the motion.

After more discussion the vote was taken

George Gibson/Pat Cutt's amendment **was defeated.**

Sandi Mitchell/Neil McColloch's motion to accept 3.3 as recommended **was defeated.**

After more discussion

Pat Cutt/Dave Muir moved that the following changes be made to Current Article III of the By-Laws.

- 3.1 Zone member clubs must be affiliate members in good standing of Bowls BC.
- 3.2 The membership year is from May 1 to April 30 the following year
- 3.3 Members clubs must uphold these bylaws and respect those of Bowls BC
- 3.4 New clubs in this geographical area will be encouraged to apply for membership by writing to the Secretary of Bowls Vancouver Island North & Powell River

MOTION CARRIED.

It was generally felt that a committee should take a look at the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures and update them by the next AGM.

Appointment of New Executive and Directors

President Bob Steven thanked the following for agreeing to take on the duties of the Executive for the 2009-2010 season. Beban Park was unable to take on the position as Vice-President at this time and so the rotation will see Courtenay supply the Vice-President. Name to be forthcoming. George Gibson's term as Zone representative to Bowls BC was completed. Pat Cutt nominated George from the floor to stand again for that office and George agreed to stand again in that position. His election to that office was approved unanimously by the assembly.

President	Dave Muir	Parksville LBC - (one year term)
Vice-President		Courtenay (one year term)
Treasurer	Kate Wilson	Nanaimo (1st year of two year term)
Secretary	Shirley Steven	Port Alberni (2nd year of two year term)

Bowls BC Rep	George Gibson
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The meeting was turned over to incoming President Dave Muir who thanked Bob Steven and Dorothy Curry for their work on behalf of the Zone.

Next meeting will be the Semi-Annual meeting March 27th at the Parksville LBC

M/S Neil McColloch/Dave Muir that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried.