

Burlington Lawn Bowling Club

January 24th Reports

President's report – Ken Maitland

First and foremost, I want to thank all of our people who have dedicated so much effort and time to organize and prepare for 2021. It has been a trying time for all of us and we hope that we can get to bowl this year.

Without the capability to meet in person, we have put together some reports for our executive members to read and be brought up to date on what is happening at our club.

The new and improved website of the Burlington Lawn Bowling Club **will be live on Monday, Jan. 25th** and accessible using www.burlingtonlbc.org As we all hope to be out on the greens this year and the tournament sign up of noon, February 1st is fast approaching, you will find the listing of the tournaments hosted by BLBC and a web based application page. Have a look at the site, try it out and let us know if you have any comments or suggestions at info@burlingtonlbc.org

Please do engage in our new web site. You should be pleased with our new format. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact any of our executive for answers.

Please stay safe and well. I hope I will see you on the greens this season.

Vice Presidents Report – Neil Johnson

BLBC Website – With Remi's sudden passing, Ken has asked me to take on the role of webmaster. Unfortunately, we do not have access to the web platform or passwords of the current site so we have created a new, more functional web page. It can be accessed using the same URL which is burlingtonlbc.org. Some of the changes include:

- Elimination of private email address
- One landing page with hyperlink access to individual pages
- Editing capabilities by multiple stakeholders. They will be the President, Vice President or Webmaster and Tournament Director.
- Sponsor page click link to their website
- Membership & tournament sign up directly from web page
- I am putting forward a motion for discussion as to whether or not we want to maintain our Twitter account or replace it with a Facebook page.

I would love to demonstrate the site to you before it goes live but I ask that you take a look and review its content and ease of use. If you have any info

that requires updating or suggested changes, please send me an email at info@burlingtonlbc.org

Revenue Generation – As you may know, I have secured the sale of the trailer for \$850 as well as the chairs from the ladies locker room for \$250. Although every dollar helps, during the pandemic shutdown, we must start to formulate other revenue generating opportunities for when we get back to normal life. I have 4 suggestions to table for discussion

- Spring Garage Sale
- Opening & Closing Mixers with Open Bar
- Saturday Night dances for club member
- Bingo Nights

I would like to set up a sub committee to study the feasibility of holding these events so I would like to put forth a motion to establish the sub-committee and proceed with the spring garage sale, utilizing the space of the clubhouse to collect and store sale items. The date of the sale would be targeted for spring, prior to any possible opening for outdoor bowls. The following notice would be used to notify club members.

BLBC GARAGE SALE

To be sent to ALL BLBC MEMBERS upon approval by the Board

Your Executive is preparing to hold a large garage sale this coming spring in order to supplement the clubs revenue during this pandemic.

We are asking all members that wish to participate, to go through your home and identify any items, clothing or knick-knacks that you would like to donate for the cause.

We are planning to open the clubs doors on a Saturday & Sunday, in March between noon and 1pm for donation drop off. If you can't make these times or require items to be picked up, please contact the club at info@burlingtonlbc.org with the details and we will arrange for someone to come by and pick up.

All our plans are subject to the Government allowing us to carry through with our activities. Let's all hope we get back to outdoor bowling as soon as possible!

Cheers, Neil Johnson, BLBC Vice President

Treasurer's Report - Al Price

In answer to your questions - There was no bowling in 2020 therefore no membership fees collected.

At the end of June we had \$5940.35 in the club chequing account and knowing where we were headed, I prepared for the Board a 6 month Pandemic forecast covering July thru December:

Revenue: None expected

Expense: Used the 2019 actual numbers for each expense account but adjusted downward those accounts I knew would not have 2019 expense e.g. Kitchen, Building, Property.

I discontinued our monthly contribution to our Reserve Fund account.

Based on this information I projected a deficit of \$12,950.35 by end of December.

The President Tony Farrell and I sent out a letter to the membership outlining our financial position and asked them for a Financial Assistance of \$75.00 from each Member. During the months of July & August, \$9,050.00 came in.

To that in July we transferred \$10,000 from our Reserve Fund, giving us \$19,050.35 plus the \$5,940.35 for a total \$24,990.07 to work with.

From this financial position I extended the forecast to May 2021 as well for the months of July to December. I replaced the 2019 actual expense with the 2020 expense as reported in my monthly financial statements.

Based on this updated financial information and barring any unforeseen expense we are good to end of April falling into a \$2,160.74 as we ramp up Greens Maintenance.

Now if by chance by Government direction or other means we are not able to bowl, then no membership fees will be collected therefore we will need financial assistance either by:

(A) From OLBA via Government funding

(B) Requesting member financial assistance *again*

(C) Dipping into our Reserve Fund again which we would not want to do; It isn't for this purpose

So the bottom line is if we don't bowl, then no affiliation fees will be forthcoming from the BLBC. I expect we will know by early April. TIME WILL TELL!!!

Any Questions please ask Al Price Treasurer, email aprice14@cogeco.ca

Coaching Report - Bob Pring

From a coaching standpoint, we are hoping to have a week of introduction to Lawn Bowls, the week before opening day. After that we will have our regular sessions on Wednesday evenings. We can always use help, from some of our "more experienced" bowlers. We have our schedule laid out for the year and hope we can convince a lot of interest from our community. We need to have all of our members invite a friend or put up a notice in their apartment to invite people to our Open House.

Tournaments Report – Julia Farrell

The tournament dates are all set to go.

Neil, Tony, Ken, and I had a meeting about our new Website that thankfully Neil has been working on and has done a great job.

I will be taking the entries as usual starting on Monday February 1st at 12pm noon. This may sound premature but until different I think we must go ahead and treat 2021 as a normal year. If we must cancel, then we will.

There will be our normal 11 tournaments with two Districts and one Provincial playoffs. All these dates will be posted on the website.

Bar Report – Josephine MacLean

I am happy that we were able to get rid of the beer inventory. At what loss I don't know. I previewed the website designed by Neil & I am very impressed.

Bar related items from 2020 that need to be addressed:

- What to do with the display fridge, is it worth fixing or should it be chucked?
- Need for more volunteer members with smart serve and how do they take the course.
- If and when the club is in operation should the above be examined

My 2021 Wish List for the Bar

- *The club opens and there are tournaments.*
- *The bar to have a smaller selection: 4 domestic and 1 non domestic beer, 2 coolers. 1 non-alcoholic beer, 1 type of red & white wine, 3 pop brands 1 type of juice/ice tea & chips.*
- *The draw master to inform the players that there is a bar, it also has non-alcoholic items and when it's open. This is important after the games have been played, the kitchen staff has cleaned up & there's no food/beverages and people are waiting for the results of the tournaments.*
- *Rather than a tip jar, a building fund jar.*
- *The club to have a general email address that the executive and board members have access to. Presently the BLBC has an account with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. It has Theresa Kennedy's email address. Fortunately she forwards any updates and I have the password. The account has important information like the club's license and past special licenses. In order to change the email address a new account must be opened and no access to previous documents.*

Indoor Bowling – Lorraine Negus

As far as Indoor Bowling is concerned – obviously there will be no bowling until October – hopefully by that time everyone will have been vaccinated & we are able to play & get back to our leagues and socials.

I am starting to work on the handbook – setting up the calendar for the 2021 season.

Director Roger Carey reports:

a) Building and Property

Al and Sylvia are inspecting the club to make sure that the heat is on and the furnaces operating ok. As well as inspecting outside property buildings on regular visits. They also installed soap dispenser in ladies washroom and keeping things up.

b) Sponsorship

Doug Brusey - Is still looking into a Grant for the club. He is checking on sponsors and finding some closed because of Covid-19 and will keep us updated.

Membership – Evan Bingley

After canvassing the membership, about 25% sent a response.

37 returning

3 returning after an absence of several years

2 new members (memberships were a Christmas gift) paid

2 kids returning

1 new associate (changing from full member to associate)

23 not returning to date.

I have had inquiries from 2 members from Balmy Beach who have moved here and will no doubt join. Also another inquiry last summer.

There were several responses indicating “wait and see” until we have the vaccine. Some would send their cheque today!

I suspect another 20 or so will not be back.

Our big concern will be getting new members whether we can bowl or not. There needs to be a committee formed to get the word out...flyers, Cogeco, Face book, social media, Curling clubs etc. I personally don't think the ads in the Post are effective. The Post is barely a newspaper.

The membership info usually goes out about mid-March. The last few years most members have downloaded the form and left it at the Club with the cash or cheque. I suspect e-transfer will be used more this year.

Putting the membership form on the web site is a great idea. There are only a couple of members without email or internet.

Hospitality – Barbara Day-Wills

At this time unfortunately I am presenting a Nil report.

Our first priority is to the safety of our members. With that in mind, I anticipate guidelines from the City of Burlington and the appropriate health officials will be forthcoming. These guidelines will direct our food and beverage service. Until such time as we have these directives I recommend that, even if we are open for bowling, no hospitality service be offered.

As the weeks unfold we will have a better sense of what will be allowed. I then intend to invite interested members to form a committee to make recommendations to the Board for consideration and action.

Club Championships – Chris Clark

On the website, you will find the proposed schedule for 2021. This is based on having a regular season starting early May. This can be amended subject to COVID, OLBA schedule changes, etc.

I would also like to run the Novice/Leads introduction night that we did in 2019.

I spoke to Bob Pring early last year about changing the format, and he was happy with my suggestions.

Proposed date: Friday July 16, start time 6.30pm (players to arrive by 6pm for instruction on format)

We would have sign up for 32 Skips, and 32 Leads (no signing up as pairs since I found that the stronger club bowlers "cherry picked" the stronger leads!). All players would pick a scorecard which would allocate them their rink and partner for the first game. We would play 4 x 4 end games. At the end of each game (a bit like 4-3-2-1) the winning skip would move up 2 rinks, and the losing skip up 1 rink. The winning lead would move down 2 rinks, and the losing lead down 1 rink.

At each rink the skip that had won their previous game, will play with lead that lost, and, the skip that lost play with the lead that won.

There would be prizes for skips, and for leads, based on games won, with points scored as a tie breaker.

Bar B Q between 2nd and 3rd games.

Skips would need to assist leads to ensure that they complete their score cards accurately (those that need help).

If we can get a sponsor, great.

My aim is to get each skip playing with, and, against, as many leads as possible.

Please circulate to the rest of the Board for input before we meet.