



VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Semi-Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Saturday, April 9, 2016

At the New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club

Call to order: - President, David Arnott: - called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

A memorial Moment of Silence was held in memory of the many friends who are no longer with us. A list of names provided by the clubs was read at the meeting.

Club Attendance: All clubs were present (22). All Vancouver and District Board Members were present with the exception of Laura Low and George Cubiss.

Guests: - Diane Aguette from South Burnaby Lawn Bowling Club

Motion: Minutes of November AGM, 2015, be accepted as read. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sam Siu: - Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

President's Report: David Arnott introduced the Board Executive and Committee Directors and thanked them for their hard work and contribution to the publication of the Handbook. David also, expressed a debt of gratitude to Bowls Canada, Bowls BC and Club volunteers throughout our District along with event Convenors, Umpires and Coaches.

Reports and Updates:

2016 Handbook: Editor Kion Wong thanked the Clubs for their input into the 2016 Handbook.

V&D Events: Sydney Hope thanked everyone for their input. Sydney also explained the new classification of "Intermediate" (formerly Colt and Sophomore).

Women's BC Week: Myrle Lawrence reviewed Women's BC Week.

Men's BC Week: Peter Lee advised that Entry Forms are available on the V&D Website. Entry deadline June 30, 2016.

Presidents Cup: Tony Boucher will convene this event. Entry fee \$40.00, which includes lunch.

Women's League Play: Sharon Cowie requested that clubs encourage their Ladies to enter this competition.

Men's League Play: In George Cubiss' absence David Arnott read a brief report submitted by George in which he encouraged Men to enter this great league.

Juniors Program: Mary Hargreaves reported on the Junior Program and its development.

Top 10: Kion Wong advised that the Top 10 competition will now consist of 16 ends, instead of 15 as in the past.

Awards Day: No report as convenor Laura Low was absent.

Website: Bonnie Smith reported on the website and asked that pictures, events, announcements etc. be forwarded to her for insertion onto the Website.

Player Development: John Speers reported on the Skips and Thirds Clinic, which is open to newly appointed Skips and Thirds. It is also open to all V&D members who wish to attend.

Rules Committee & Umpires: On behalf of George Cubiss (who was supervising Umpiring at the BC Men's Indoor Championships), David Arnott reported that Umpires, Rules, Measuring and Markers clinics are advertised on page 9 of the 2016 V&D Handbook.

Bowls BC and Bowls Canada: John Aveline discussed Bowls BC's marketing program and interacting with the Districts.

BC 55+ Games: Diane Murphy represented the BC 55+ Games and outlined the bowls competition for 2016. They are looking for eleven (11) players from V&D to compete in the Games.

Acknowledgments - Volunteers of the Year: John Aveline was recognized as having recently been awarded "Volunteer of the Year" from our District by BC Bowls. On behalf of V&D, David Arnott presented acknowledgment plaques to three volunteers who were also nominated by their respective V&D Clubs. The nominees were Robert Ascroft from NWLBC, Mary Hargreaves from TWLBC and Anne Jackson from NVLBC.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

