



VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING – JULY 8, 2014

New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club

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Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

In Attendance: David Arnott, Pat Skinner, Sam Siu, Kion Wong, Peter Lee, Robert Ascroft, Bill Paquette, Myrle Lawrence, John Speers, Mary Hargreaves, Laura Low, John Aveline, George Cubiss.

Absent: Sharon Cowie, Ken Sherlock, Peter Moffat

Motion: To adopt Minutes of Board Meeting of March 1, 2014 as read, moved by George Cubiss and seconded by John Aveline.

Correspondence: **Pat Skinner:** - E-mails received from clubs asking to send reminders of different events being held at their clubs. Attendance appears to be down this year.

Financial Report: **Sam Siu:** Sam discussed income for the present year and mentioned that entries had dropped considerably from the past. This results in lower income for the current Season. – Peter Lee moved that the Financial Report be accepted as read. All in favour.

Presidents Report: **David Arnott** - David stated that he was very impressed with the Board and thanked everyone for their contribution to the V&D. David also mentioned that the **Presidents Cup**, was very successful.

Men's League : **George Cubiss:** - George gave report and said that the League was going well with no problems. 26 Teams are in the competition.

Umpires: - Feedback from Clubs is encouraging for Level 1 Umpires. Level 2 course will be given soon and they are all anxious to take the course.

Markers Clinics: Markers Clinics have been organized for Maple Ridge, North Vancouver, South Burnaby, Tsawwassen and a Measuring and Rules Clinic at White Rock. John Aveline helped out by running a Markers Clinic at Granville Park. All Clinics have been well received.

Ladies League: - **Myrle Lawrence:** - The League has eighteen (18) teams this year. The Play-offs will be announced at a later date.

Top Ten: - **Kion Wong:** - There are 16 Teams in the Top Ten. Finals will be held on August 8.

V&D Events:

B.C. Week – Women's: **Myrle Lawrence:** - Entries are up from last year. Uneven teams for Fours and Triples. Myrle will try to find more teams rather than have a Bye.

B.C. Week – Men's: **Robert Ascroft:** - 32 Teams have entered: - 28 Triples, 32 Pairs, 20 Fours.

Awards Day: - **Peter Lee:** - Applications are coming in. All events not complete as of this date.

Players Development: - **John Speers:** - Thirds and Skips Clinics going well. 14 of 23 Clubs have enrolled in the Clinic, with 129 people participating.

BBC Provincial Co-ordinator: - **John Speers:** Awaiting new information regarding Coaching.

Director to BBC: - **John Aveline:** Nothing new from BBC.

Question: What do we get from Bowls Canada:

Answer: Affiliation fee covers the cost of translation from English to French. This is very costly.

Executive Directors Salary.

Commonwealth Games in Scotland 2014, maybe should be included in the costs.

Website: **Robert Ascroft:** - Website is being well received.

Juniors: **Mary Hargreaves:** - Mary thanked the V&D for their support to the Juniors and also reported that the Juniors had received \$500.00 from Deltaport, the coal terminal at Roberts Bank. A Junior's Tournament was held at Tsawwassen with eight Juniors participating. It went very well. Next event will be the Adult, Junior competition.

Other Business: David reported that the \$1000.00 grant issued to the V&D toward the Handbook, has been withdrawn. David has had no recent communication from the Executive of BBC regarding this issue. David will draft a letter to BBC, and the final sent to all parties concerned i.e. V&D and Bowls BC.

V&D Events: Players who do not finish their games, because of their standing in the games, and who wish to split the prize money, will not be awarded the money.

Bowls BC Mixed Triples: David reported that complaints had been received that all the entry fees for this event were retained by the host clubs, and prize money was limited to \$1,000 cash provided by Bowls BC. This intention was clearly laid out in the applications to host this event which we approved at a Board, therefore, we can have no issue with the host clubs. If the tournament is held again next year, this will be the time to address the issue of prize money. **Meeting adjourned at 12:10 - Next Meeting October 25, 2014**

