

VANCOUVER & DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2019



At New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club

Call to order 9:35 a.m.

Present: David Arnott, Sydney Hope, Brooke Webber, Sam Siu, Sharon Cowie, Bonnie Smith, Ken Sherlock, Kion Wong, Peter Lee, George Cubiss, John Aveline, Mary Hargreaves

Regrets: Myrle Lawrence, Laura Low

Approval of Agenda – Carried

Approval of minutes of Oct. 20, 2018 Board meeting – Carried

Correspondence – Brooke advised that the V&D Annual Report for 2018 was filed with the registry on November 20, 2018. The NWLBC has confirmed out use of their clubhouse for our V&D Board meetings for 2019.

Treasurer's Interim Report – Sam had nothing to report other than receiving a cheque for \$500. from Bowls B.C. and he's issued them a receipt. It is unclear precisely what the BBC cheque was for but it will allocated as their annual Handbook grant.

Reports

Handbook Preparation: Kion asked the Board about the customary blank white box on the front cover which is intended for a member's name. As it detracts from the cover design is it something we can eliminate? The Board agreed it isn't really essential as most folks just write on the cover anywhere it suits so the little white box can be removed from the 2019 Handbook cover.

V&D Events Scheduling – Sydney noted that she had already sent out notices to the clubs about this year's events schedule and she's already heard back from several. There will be some difficulties this year as some clubs are struggling with their greens, North Van will be losing their greens altogether due to the City of N. Van relocating the club to new premises at a future date. Richmond is waiting for the City to complete the process of building them a new clubhouse but right now it's very behind schedule. Kion said that even once work starts on the clubhouse their greens will be impacted by the construction debris etc. on their greens. David suggested that in light of the fact that there may be a shortage of host clubs/greens available for outside tournaments that we make V&D events a scheduling priority. This was agreed upon by all present.

Conditions of Play review – George commented on the number of participants in the 2018 V&D singles, 30 men and 20 women, that this was one of the biggest turn outs to date. And as a personal observation he felt that as a district championship each player should get at least two games to decide which section A or B they will play in. The dress code for national events will be changed in 2019 by eliminating the requirement to measure the length of a player's skirt or shorts. As long as all the players on a team are wearing the same uniform there will be no 'length' criteria.

Rules Committee/Umpires – George has been appointed Chief Umpire for 2019 and 2020. Congratulations George ! There will be some Umpire re-testing this year as well as several of the clubs need to have their markers renew their accreditation.

Website – Bonnie is going to be removing and archiving pictures on the website from last year's events in preparation for the 2019 season.

Women's B.C. Week – Sydney had nothing to report.

Men's B.C. Week – Peter noted that Granville Park will host the tournament again this year.

Women's League – Sharon had nothing to report.

Men's league – George had nothing to report. John suggested that the current 3 person triples format be changed to allow a team to register as a 4-member team for V&D Pennant League similar to that used in curling competitions. After discussion George confirmed that in lawn bowling the traditional triples format would continue to be used which provides for the use of an unregistered spare when necessary.

Top Ten – Kion asked if North Van will be able to host a top ten game this year. Bonnie will check and let him know.

President's Cup – David will be the convenor again this year at Granville Park. The question of another club hosting the event was discussed and if there was another club that wanted to do it the board would be happy to consider it.

Awards Day – Laura Low absent

Junior Program – David advised that Mary had just this date submitted her written resignation from the board. With her permission he read her letter aloud. On behalf of the board he thanked her for all the years she's looked after the V&D Junior program and her valuable contributions to the V&D board. Mary suggested she may know of someone who might be interested in taking her place and securing the board's approval she will now approach this person and let the board know.

Bowls B.C./BCB – Myrle absent

Other Business – George raised a concern with the current condition of play re: Top Ten 'burnt end' will be replayed. As these games take place in the evenings starting at 7 p.m. having burnt ends replayed is time consuming and can make for very late and dark games. There are no Umpires for the regular Top Ten schedule so delayed play isn't governed either. Further discussion on changing this to 're spot' will be followed up at a future meeting.

Next meeting will be Feb. 9 and will include club reps.

Adjourned 10:50 a.m.