

UNITED STATES LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH, 2010
HILTON INN, COSTA MESA, CA

President Forbes gavelled the meeting to order at 8:36 AM

A minute of silence was observed in memory of all bowlers who died during this past year.

Secretary Kees called the Roll:

- Northeast Division – Councilor - Michelle Arculli (Michelle also held the proxy of Patrick Duffy.)
- Northwest Division – Councilors - Donna West & Richard Broad
- Central Division – Councilors – Steve Nelson and Glorianne Mather
- South Central Division – Councilors – Marty Schans and Myra Wood
- Southeast Division – Councilors – Linda McDougall and Tom Kees
- Pacific Inter Mountain Division – Councilors – Sandy Souza and Robb Pawlak
- Southwest Division – Councilors – Sam DeLisle and Carrie Fosatti

Secretary Kees declared that a quorum was present.

President Forbes welcomed new Councilors Arculli, Mather and Kees to the meeting.

A presentation by the Mortar Agency was added to the agenda and scheduled for 1:00 PM. Foundation Chairperson; George West will give a short presentation and will be placed after the agenda item Tournaments. The docket was approved as printed.

The Minutes for the 2009 Annual Meeting were approved as submitted.

President Forbes gave a verbal report and it was accepted.

The Secretary's report was approved as submitted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION – Men – Report submitted by Jack Lucey was approved as submitted.
- NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION – Women – No report submitted.
 - ✓ Nominations for NTS Selectors – Jim Copeland – 5 year term – Men// Linda McDougall – 5 year term – Women.
 - ✓ Jim Copeland was elected – 7 – 0 (gender specific)
 - ✓ Linda McDougall was elected – 7 – 0 (gender specific).

- ✓ No replacement for Mary Terrill was submitted at the time of the meeting.
- **HALL OF FAME:** Councilor Myra Wood, Chairperson
 - ✓ The following persons have received nominations Mary Terrell and Heather Stewart to be considered at this meeting. Doug McArthur's nomination is being offered for the second time. The nomination of Frank Ransome was received too late for consideration at this meeting.
 - ✓ **A motion was made and seconded that the Council go into closed session for the purpose of discuss each candidate for election to the Hall of Fame.**
 - ✓ **A motion was made and seconded that the Council come out of closed session.**
 - ✓ Secretary Kees announced the Doug McArthur, Mary Terrell and Heather Stewart received sufficient votes and were elected to the Hall of Fame.
- **TOURNAMENTS:**
 - ✓ U.S. National Senior Open will be held in the South Central for one more year and unless another Division steps up, this tournament will become just another Division tournament. The Council asked the National Secretary to write a letter to all Division Presidents stating the purpose and format of the Tournament.
 - ✓ The U.S. Championships in Sun City, Arizona with all systems up and running. No problems are anticipated. The next U.S. Championships will be held in the Northwest Division.
 - ✓ There will be no North American Challenge in 2011.
 - ✓ The U.S. Open is under way with the Opening Ceremonies to be held on Friday, September 24, 2010. This Tournament will be held in the Southwest for the next 4 years.
 - ✓ International Events – 2011 – Asia Pacific and the Atlantic Rim Games are scheduled.
- **NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE:** Gil Stephan, Chairman
 - ✓ No report available at the time of the meeting.
 - ✓ Manual of rules was discussed and no resolutions were offered.
 - ✓ Howard Harris offered to write a program if someone would explain the Rules and scoring for him. No resolution to this request.
 - ✓ Sandy Souza volunteered to talk to John Stewart about sharing his Program so that it could be more effectively used in the North American Challenge Cup series.
- **MAP:** – Sam DeLisle gave a brief report.
- **LAWS OF THE GAME:** Richard Broad, Chairman

- ✓ Several Rule changes were discussed i.e. the elimination of the one (1) minute rule and the Hammer rule.
 - ✓ There will be a new printing of the Rule Book but nothing will happen until the World Bowls meeting on October 14, 2010. All changes must be ratified at that meeting.
 - ✓ Royalty fees and membership fees have not yet been determined. World Bowls will make that determination at their meeting.
 - ✓ In the proposed Policies and Procedures Manual, the Rules Committee requests that the term of its committee members be extend to a two year term. The Council will approve of this change when the Policies and Procedures are presented.
 - ✓ The Rules Committee proposed that the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowling, Crystal Mark Edition 2 be adopted by USLBA. The Council voted in favor of this proposal.
 - ✓ World Bowls is scheduled to meet on October 14, 2010 to approve the Crystal Mark Edition 2.
 - ✓ Chairman Broad presented the Council the “Proposed Changes to Domestic Regulation for 2011. The Council spent considerable time reviewing all of the proposed changes and Chairman Broad indicated that the final wording would be sent to all Councilors for their final approval.
 - ✓ The Rules and Regulations the National Championships and the United States Open were reviewed. The changes were addressed by the Council and Chairman Broad will send the final draft to all Councilors.
 - ✓ There will be an electronic vote by the Council approving all changes that were noted at the AGM.
- MEMORIAL FUND: George West, Chairman
- ✓ George provided the Council with a brief history and an up to date report on the financial position for 2010.
- THE TREASURER’S REPORT for 2010 was submitted through September 2010. A final report will be presented at the end of the fiscal year. A motion was made and seconded that the financial report be approved as submitted and placed on file.
- ✓ Brian gave the Council an Overview of 2010 which showed the Following:
 - 2009 had a loss of \$1,947
 - 2009 Audit and Tax reporting indicated audit was clean
 - with no exceptions and the IRS 990EZ form was filed on time,
 - 2009 membership declined 16% and the total membership was 2875,

- 2010 P & L indicates that based on our assumptions of the early figures that we will have a profit of \$9,211 versus a budgeted loss of \$2,930,
 - Balance sheet shows us to be on a firm financial foundation.
- **NATIONAL UMPIRES REPORT:** Conrad Melton, Umpire in Chief
 - ✓ **A motion was made and seconded that the National Umpire be accepted as submitted.**
 - ✓ **A motion was made that the Council authorize a payment of \$35.00 per day for three (3) events. The question was called and the motion failed.**
 - ✓ **The committee made a recommendation that the distance of the Hog Line be 21 meters rather than 23 meters (The distance to be determined by each member nation.). The Council voted in the affirmative to make the distance 21 meters, motion carried.**
- **SUPER SHOT:** No report submitted
- **GOLDEN BIAS:** Annette Schans
 - ✓ The 3rd Quarter report indicated that 94 people had become or renewed their membership. It is anticipated that our membership will decline slightly because of the increased dues, elimination of Bowls magazine and the current economic situation. But, it is expected that we will get additional members during the U. S. Open.
 - ✓ The final report will be due at the end of this fiscal year.
- **CONSTITUTION& By-laws COMMITTEE:** George Schick, Chairman
 - ✓ **A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as submitted.**
 - ✓ Councilor West presented the Council with a newly revised “Constitution”, By-laws and Policy and Policy and Procedures Manual.
 - ✓ The Council spent considerable time in reviewing and approving all suggested changes.
 - ✓ Councilor West will present the final draft via the electronic method to all Councilors for their final vote of approval. Sufficient time will be allowed so that all Councilors will be allowed to discuss the final drafts with their Divisions. It was suggested that the final draft also be sent to the Division Secretaries.
- **INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES:**
 - ✓ Isabella Forbes and Jack Lucey were elected as International Delegates for the year 2011.
- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Heather Stewart, Chairwoman
 - ✓ The following slate of Officers is offered:
 - President, Marty Schans

- Vice President, Heather Stewart
 - Secretary, Janice Bell
 - Treasurer, Brian Studwell
- ✓ The floor was opened for additional nominations, hearing none, a motion was to close the nominations and the motion carried.
- ✓ A motion was made to elect the proposed slate of officers and the slate of officers was elected.
- ✓ The motion carried and the slate of officers was elected.

- **2011 BUDGET:** Brian Studwell, National Treasurer:
 - ✓ The initial Budget was presented to the Council for their consideration and approval.
 - ✓ Several changes were made:
 - PR/Marketing increased to \$30,000
 - Web Site increased to \$4800
 - Treasurer's allowance increased to \$800
 - Umpire expense eliminated savings \$840
 - Rule Books reduced to \$0 – The Memorial Foundation will pick up the estimated expense of \$6000
 - National Championships increased to \$3300.
 - ✓ A motion to approve the final budget for 2011 was made and seconded and the motion carried.
 - ✓ Treasurer Studwell will print the final Budget for 2011 and it will be submitted to all Councilors.

- **MEDIA COMMITTEE REPORT:** Steve Nelson, Chairman
 - ✓ The report was accepted as submitted on a motion that was seconded and the motion carried.
 - ✓ Treasurer Studwell will request that the Mortar Agency create a newly designed Website and that the funds to accomplish this will be part of the funding already approved in the 2011 Budget for the Mortar Agency.
 - ✓ Studwell will report the progress of these endeavors to the Council as they are accomplished.
 - ✓ President Forbes appointed a committee to work with the Mortar Agency and whoever is designated as the new Webmaster on a newly designed Website. Once the committee is satisfied that the newly designed Website meets the need of USLBA, they will offer a specific proposal to the Councilors and the Divisional Secretaries that will require a vote, either yes or nor within a specified time frame (30 days from the time that the proposal is submitted for a vote). Howard Harris will chair the committee and Brian Studwell and Steve Nelson

are the other two (2) members of the committee. The vote will be conducted and verified by the National Secretary.

- ✓ Chairman Nelson also emphasized that the Council must appoint a Marketing Manager. Neither vote nor further action was taken. Studwell also reminded the committee that the Marketing Manager should be part of the Executive Committee.

➤ **Miscellaneous Information:**

- ✓ Councilor Schans presented the Council with a list of materials received from Frank Ransome that dealt with Membership and Coaching. It is available upon request.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 A.M. on September 24, 2010

**Tom Kees
National Secretary
United States Lawn Bowls Association**