#### Unapproved Minutes, SPLBC Spring General Meeting, Sunday, April 21, 2024 (1:00pm) Clubhouse

#### 1. Call to Order:

With 68 members present the meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by President Chris Chapman.

#### 2. Acknowledgement: Anne Berridge, Truth and Reconciliation Committee.

Land Recognition: We acknowledge that SPLBC is located on the unceded and ancestral territory of the Coast Salish peoples, the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Anne noted that Janice Krieger has purchased an Every Child Matters flag from a First Nation in Ontario to fly on National Indigenous Day June 21, 2024.

The Park Board and the Truth and Reconciliation Ad-hoc Committee has purchased and planted 2 trees to replace 2 of the 3 dead trees originally planted in collaboration with the Park Board and the 3 Coast Salish Nations.

**3.** In Memoriam. Moment of silence to remember those who are no longer with us.

#### 4. Approval of the Agenda and Approval of Minutes of SGM April 30, 2023.

Since the Spring General Meeting is not an official meeting that requires motions, but an informational meeting, President Chris Chapman declared the Agenda and the Minutes of SGM April 30, 2023 approved.

#### 5. President's Report. (Attached).

Introduction of Board Members and Managers for this season.

Communications: Website: Chris Chapman is working with webmaster Stan Chao on updating our website.

Parks Board Agreement

Managers Workshop

President's Membership Subsidy Program, established in 2023, has \$1,000 in its account and it ready to take any applications.

Report on a Grant Application to Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTOERO): Trevor Ludski (attached)

Truth and Reconciliation Ad-hoc Committee Report: Trevor Ludski (attached).

Capital Priorities Committee Report: Mary Anne Gillies (attached). Presented by Chris Chapman.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report. Financial Statements. (Attached).

Our NHS Grant of \$25,000 is listed as a liability at the moment until the funds are spent.

We have \$100,000 in Term Deposits so in good financial shape.

Our profit and loss situation is better than last year: the revenue from games nights has increased our income.

Error in GST reported last year of between \$3,000 and \$3,500 – this amount will need to be submitted.

Q: Do we expect a penalty for the GST error?

A: Hopefully not, but maybe.

#### 7. Vice-President's Report. (Attached).

Corporate Rentals: Judy acknowledged the wonderful volunteers we have had working on corporate events. This year we have 21 events with over 1,000 participants and we will achieve our budgeted targets. Sign up sheets for corporate events are posted on the bulletin board.

Bar: the Pro Shop is now completely under the purview of the bar – Judy thanked Claus Braovac for his work in setting up and running the Pro Shop.

Request for bar volunteers with SIR certificate.

Molab

Club Safety Officer

#### 8. Past President's Report. (Attached). Presented by George Griffiths.

Membership Report

**Participation Report** 

Open House preparations are well in hand. A redesign of the Open House poster was done this year to be more inclusive.

Our membership numbers are slightly ahead of last year's. Last year we had 80 new members sign up; while we may not be able to count on 80, we hope to have between 60 and 70 new members sign up this year. Most new members come from word of mouth from current members.

Q: Can we break down the ages of the members for granting purposes?

A: Yes.

Q: How many members can we handle?

A: About 300 bowling and 80 social.

#### 9. Director's Report (Infrastructure). (Attached).

House Report: Team Leader Harold Wiebe

Fobs/Security Report: Team Leader John Sinclair

Carpentry work has been done on the window frames in the clubhouse over the past week. Painting work has been done by Gavin's group on the exterior of the clubhouse.

The house team is working on the speaker system problem.

Security: only 1 incident has occurred. Securigard continues its random patrols.

Q: Are the external speakers working on both greens?

A: Yes, on both greens: each can be turned on and off individually.

Wayne acknowledged the great job members did of the spring cleaning and in particular the work of Christine Beaulieu.

#### 10. Director's Report (Greens) Attached.

Greenskeeper

Cap Boards

Aerating the greens

New sprinkler heads

Electric mower

**Painting** 

Bowls rake racks

Our greens are still a bit fragile but hope to have them open soon for practice, before the Open House.

Some work has been done in the games room to tidy up and bring more light into it.

#### 11. Director's Report (Bowling & Games). (Attached).

Club Tournaments and Leagues

Club Championships Prize Money

SP Inter-club entry now online

Stanley Park teams registering for inter-club tournaments

Games Leader - Geordie Stowell

Coaching Manager – Petra VanderLey

V&D Event Advocate

Awards Day

Other Events

SPLBC has a full slate of tournaments and events scheduled this year. Graham gave an explanation of the difficulties in scheduling our own events vis-a-vis the V&D tournaments. Received some complaints about scheduling so two changes have been made: the Men's and Women's Pairs has been moved to July 20 and the Women's Singles to July 6.

SPLBC Inter-Club events: Restrict SPLBC entries to 40% of the total tournament entries. The popularity of the Bell Aussie Pairs has meant that there will be a playoff of those SPLBC teams who want to play in this event to decide which ones will be able to enter.

New this year is our V&D Event Advocate who will inform our intermediates of the available opportunities and shepherd them through the process of registering and participating. Dave Sullivan has stepped up to take on this role, with his team of Cheryl Young and Neil Wilson.

Wagdy Senbal's weekly \$2 Sunday Aggregate game returns again this year – thanks to Wagdy for running this event.

Coaching Report: Petra Vanderley (Attached).

Our great group of novices last year really put SPLBC on the map.

Volunteer demonstrators are still needed for the Open House. A sign-up sheet is posted in the clubhouse.

Novice Orientation: the plan is to have 3 lessons, rather than 4, because of the drain on volunteers.

New this year are the marking and measuring clinics, which Petra hopes will generate interest in our members in officiating. We don't currently have this expertise at SPLBC.

"Refresh Your Game" clinics will again be held this year.

Before the Novice and Blue Heron league evening games, Petra wants to have a half hour focus on a particular skill to prepare for competitive bowling, for those who want it. She is looking for volunteer coaches to assist with these sessions.

#### 12. Director's Report (Social). (Attached).

Management Team

**BBQs** 

**Events** 

Sign up sheets will be posted for event leaders and helpers.

BBQ info will be put into the Club calendar. Discounts for online ordering prior to the Friday night will again be available.

We are relying again on members for baking for events.

Request for members to please clean up after themselves when they use the kitchen/clubhouse.

Q: Are we going back to tokens for the BBQs?

A: Yes

#### 13. Other Business

New this year: On Friday July 12 from 3-7 pm SPLBC will host a Bowls Demo Day, with Aero, Henselite, Taylor, and Drake reps, before the BBQ. Also invite members of other clubs to come. Notice will go to V&D member clubs and PIBC via email. From Dave Sullivan: if you order bowls now, you will be able to get them that day.

Lighting: new coloured LED panels will go up in the clubhouse and the current panels will be put in the men's and

women's change rooms.

We are looking at options for a wireless mic upgrade; in the meantime the wired mic works just fine.

Club shirts: Luc Millaire will be taking orders for the shirts and will have samples available for Open House. The official white and green club shirts will be ordered the week of May 11. The coloured shirts w crest will be ordered later on, as well, for those members who do not need an official club shirt if they are not bowling competitively. These shirts may be ordered in June.

Q: Do we have a new bowling delivery system to try?

A; Yes. For Open House bowling arm samples in 4 different sizes will be available. Vince Mai, PIBC, also has samples available.

Wagdy Senbal offered a thanks and praise to the Board, Managers, and all our volunteers for their tremendous job of keeping the club running so well.

Q: What is our vision for the future of this club? Do we have a strategic 5, 10 year plan?

A. Chris presented the Capital Priorities Committee Report, prepared by Mary Ann Gillies. Our greens will need renewing at a cost of \$250,000 to \$300,000 each in the coming years. If we have a new green, that will cost \$500,000. For provincial and national events we will still need the grass surfaces. Many questions are still to be answered about the future.

President	Secretary	-
APPROVED BY THE SPRING GENER	AL MEETING ON	, 2025
<b>15. Adjournment:</b> The meeting was	adjourned at 2:46 pm.	

### SPLBC Spring General Meeting – April 21, 2024

## **Presidents Report**

#### Welcoming of members and Introduction of the board

Chris	Chapman	President
Judy	Lawson	Vice President
Lisa	MacLean	Secretary
John	Roberts	Treasurer
Lois	Goodeve	Past President
Graham	Mason	Bowling
Gavin	Clifford	Greens
Sue	Smolen	Social
Wayne	Hawrysh	Infrastructure

Thanks to **Graham Kerr** for his work in presenting the information slides at the meeting.

#### **Parks Board Agreement**

Unfortunately, we have nothing new to report and are still awaiting word on when we might receive a new operating agreement. As a result of not having an agreement in place our Capital Priorities Committee is hesitant to recommend any new major projects. Once the board is clear on what the club's responsibilities are under the new agreement, we will be in a better position to prioritise and allocate the clubs capital resources. Until then we are going ahead with some minor repair work and installing new LED Field lights for which we received a \$25 000.00 grant through the New Horizons for Seniors program.

#### **Managers Workshop**

This year we held a manager's workshop on April 14th where people from your team of Directors and club managers spent 3 hours brainstorming and sharing ideas with one another.

Many of the ideas that were discussed during the managers workshop have become a part of this year's programming and will be touched upon during the various director's reports. In addition, there were several new initiatives discussed at the workshop that are now under consideration for future implementation.

As I call out your name, I would ask each of our managers to stand and remain standing until all have been introduced. I would ask that you hold your applause until all managers are standing.

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Stan	Chao	Webmaster
Lynda	Brennan	Communications
Anne	Berridge	Group Rentals
Keith	Bespflug	Corporate
Judy	McInerney	2025 Group Rentals
Rick	McInerney	2025 Corporate
Keith	Warriner	Bar Manager
Dianne	Farlinger	Club Safety Officer
George	Guthrie	Membership Manager
Susan	Guthrie	Membership Manager
Rob	Berridge	Participation Coordinator
Geordie	Stowell	Games Manager
Petra	Vanderley	Coaching Manager
Christine	Skelton	Tournament Hospitality
Derrick	Williams	Tournament Hospitality
Laura	Moffat	Kitchen Manager
Alan	Jones	BBQ Manager
Harold	Wiebe	House Manager

#### **Communications:**

**Website** – Stan Chao has been working behind the scenes moving our more sensitive data to our password protected members only area. As a result, you will not be able to access things such as our membership list or minutes of the board meetings unless you are signed in to the website. For those of you who have troubles signing in please contact <a href="membership@splbc.com">membership@splbc.com</a> for instructions.

**Newsletter**: Lynda Brennan continues to do an excellent job at keeping the content of our newsletters relevant, informative and at times quite humorous.  $\Leftrightarrow$   $\diamond$ 

The work of the **Truth and Reconciliation Discussion Group** to be presented by Anne Berridge

The work of the **Truth and Reconciliation Open House Committee** to be presented by Trevor Ludski

The work of the **Capital Priorities Committee** to be presented by Mary Ann Gillies

**President's Membership Subsidy Program**: Established in 2023 and funded by donations received from our Lifetime Members.

The funds allocated to the President's Membership Subsidy Program account are to be used to off set the cost of membership fees for those that request financial assistance. Requests should be made directly to the President either by email, phone or in person.

Each person requesting a subsidy will first be offered the option to pay the membership fee in 5 equal installments. The installments will be payable on the last day of May, June, July, August and September. The president has the authority to amend this payment plan if required.

If the installment plan is not an affordable option and the President deems it appropriate to offer the individual a subsidy, the person will be asked to contribute whatever amount they can afford, and the remaining balance will be taken from the President's Membership Subsidy Program account. If the person is not able to contribute anything towards their membership, the president may at his/her discretion subsidize 100% of the membership fee.

Each subsidy will only be valid for the year it was granted.

The identity of those applying for and / or receiving funds from this program will be kept confidential by those responsible for distributing the funds.

Any funds that are not distributed will remain in the program account until such time as 1) they are distributed through the program or 2) the board approves reallocating the funds to something else. The sum of all subsidies granted in any given year shall not exceed the balance of funds available in the President's Membership Subsidy Program account as determined by the treasurer.

#### Report to SPLBC's SGM

#### **Sunday, April 21, 2024**

### Trevor Ludski, Chair, Truth & Reconciliation Ad-hoc Committee Members: Rob Berridge, Chris Chapman, Toni Ludski, Trevor Ludski, David Seymour

The Truth and Reconciliation Ad-hoc Committee was established to suggest respectful ways of inviting members from Indigenous communities in our neighbourhood, and potentially from other parts of Vancouver, to attend our Open House on May 4th.

Following are some actions the committee has identified in collaboration with the Truth and Reconciliation Discussion Group.

Members from each of the three Coast Salish First Nations as well as members from the Aboriginal Friendship Centre are being invited to our Open House. Staff from Talasay Tours, an Indigenous owned tour company that operates in Stanley Park, have also been invited.

On May 4, 2024, a table staffed by members from the Truth and Reconciliation Ad-hoc committee along with members from the Truth and Reconciliation Discussion Group will be set up inside the clubhouse. The table will include eagle feathers, a sweetgrass braided rope and an Indigenous flag with the inscription Every Child Matters, draped in front of the table. This will promote dialogue among members as well as between SPLBC members and the Indigenous community.

A poster acknowledging the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations and expressing gratitude for the opportunity to gather and celebrate on their land will be on display in the clubhouse.

Club members greeting Indigenous guests at the table will present them with complimentary tickets for hotdogs, drinks and chips, and will invite them to take out a club membership that includes two complimentary lessons.

After May 4, 2024, the Truth and Reconciliation Ad-hoc Committee will meet to debrief Open House activities as they pertain to our purpose. A report will be submitted to the club's executive.

# Report on a Grant Application to Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTOERO)

#### Submitted by Trevor Ludski, Sunday, April 21, 2024

In February 2024, Trevor Ludski received information about community grants designed to encourage all RTOERO Districts to support and partner with local organizations to promote projects that will improve the lives of members and in particular, seniors. The grant amount is \$4,000.00.

Recognizing that 60% or more of our members are seniors, we have submitted a grant application to RTOERO which will, if approved, allow sixty SPLBC members to participate in walking tours through Stanley Park late October 2024, through March 2025. These tours will be conducted by an Indigenous owned tour company, Talasay Tours.

SPLBC members who participate in the tours provided by Indigenous tour guides will:

- Learn, speak and listen differently from before in regard to interactions with other members along with family and friends;
- Share with other members how Indigenous people utilize the land for food, medicine and technology;
- Express their appreciation about and recognition of stories, oral history and perspectives of the Siwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Shíshálh (Sechelt) communities through their eyes;
- Share some of the history of Stanley Park through the lens of Siwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Shíshálh (Sechelt) eyes after having experienced guided walks highlighting unique stories, oral history and perspectives of their community; and
- Develop an appreciation and respect for Salish and Northwest Coast Indigenous art, art forms, stories and world views of Salish peoples who have lived in the region for thousands of years.

The following Calls to Action informed SPLBC's grant application.

**Call to Action 57** speaks to the importance of training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism. SPLBC will emphasize the importance of educating ourselves and each other about the history and rights of Indigenous peoples who were the original caretakers of the land we call Stanley Park. We will encourage and invite our members to participate in walking tours led by Indigenous guides employed by Talasay Tours, an Indigenous owned tour company.

**Call to Action 62** speaks to the importance of delivering programs on reconciliation and sharing best practices. Taking walking tours through Stanley Park that are organized and led by Indigenous people will foster opportunities for club members to listen to and learn from Indigenous people.

Cost (provided by Talasay Tours) Tours Through

Stanley Park:

We Are The Land - 90 minute tour - \$60.00 per person (minimum 20) (\$60.00 x 20) =

\$1,200.00

Talking Trees Nature Tour - 90 minutes - \$75.00 per person

\$75.00 x 16 = \$1,200.00

Spoken Treasures (wheel chair accessible) - 60 minutes - \$70.00 per person

\$70 x 10 = \$700.00

Talking Totems - 60 minutes - \$60.00 per person  $$60.00 \times 15 = $900.00$ Total Grant Request = \$4,000.00

SPLBC members who participate in the tours will gain new perspectives through the guidance of Indigenous tour guides. These 'new lenses' will ultimately contribute to our role as allies to Indigenous peoples.

SPLBC is committed to supporting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action through the implementation of Indigenous-led walking tours. The walking tours will promote trust and develop meaningful relationships, recognizing that this process takes time and effort. Our club's values and principles of respect, equity, diversity, and inclusion are essential for ensuring the success of our partnership.

Fall and winter offer SPLBC seniors a rich tapestry of experiences to explore, learn, and connect with nature and each other. Embracing these seasons as opportunities for adventure and discovery can enrich our lives and develop a sense of wonder and appreciation for the world around us.

Considering that RTOERO members from across B.C. are submitting grant applications for their communities, the results will only be published in late September or early October.

Regardless of the results, SPLBC will continue to take steps in support of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action.

Through our efforts, we strive to build lasting partnerships rooted in trust, equity, and inclusion, paving the way for a more harmonious and just society for all.

#### Capital Planning Report - SPLBC Spring General Meeting April 21, 2024

As I have said at previous General Meetings, the Capital Priorities Committee is charged with planning for capital projects – by capital we mean facility expenses (building and greens), not operating expenses.

We have 3 main tasks.

- 1. Draft a Capital Plan and submit it to the board.
- 2. Assess proposals for capital expenditures > \$5000 and make recommendations to the board.
- 3. Assist with obtaining funding for large capital projects.

As a reminder, the process the committee follows is to seek input from the relevant club committees and directors and then develop a capital plan that has 1, 3, and 5 year horizons. That plan is then forwarded to the Board.

Because of the continuing lease negotiations with the city, we still don't have a full Building Capital Plan, but we have been working with the Greens Capital Plan and have completed one 5 year planning cycle and are about to begin another when the plan is submitted to the committee.

We are a committee that reports to the board though the president. The current members of the committee are: Neil Wilson, Brad Marchant, George Guthrie and from the board, the President, Vice President and Treasurer – Chris, Judy and Rick and now John.

This past year, we put in a New Horizons Senior Program grant application to be used to upgrade the lighting around our two greens. We asked for \$25,000 and we are happy to report that we received the grant. The lighting upgrade will be done in the next while and will allow us to play later in the evenings.

This grant means that in the last 6 years we has applied for and received in excess of \$100,000 in grants.

We have also been involved in the discussions and planning process to address possible greens expansion and/or renewal.

This year members of the board will have discussions with the City of Vancouver around building a third green to accommodate our growing membership. We know this is likely a very long shot given the pressures on the use of the land in the park and especially land that might be designated for sports or recreational use, but we are moving forward with the request on the principal of nothing asked nothing received.

The CPC has also asked the greens advisory committee to come up with a plan to renew the existing greens. The greens were originally built for the Empire Games in 1954 and their renewal is long overdue.

As these discussions and plans progress the board and the CPC will keep members informed.

### **Balance Sheet**

As of March 31, 2024

	TOTAL
ssets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
1052 Vancity Operating Account	80,939.69
1055 Gaming Account - Vancity	5.84
1060 Operating Account - HSBC	0.00
1080 Vancity Term Deposit 6405	0.00
1081 Vancity Term Deposit 6447	0.00
1082 Vancity Cashable Term Deposit 3565	0.00
1083 Vancity Non-Redeemable Term Deposit 3623	0.00
1084 Vancity Non-Redeemable Term Deposit 1581	0.00
1085 Vancity Non-Redeemable Term Deposit 4005	20,000.00
1086 Vancity Non-Redeemable Term Deposit 4039	20,000.00
1087 Vancity Non-Redeemable Term Deposit 4047	20,000.00
1088 Vancity Non-Redeemable Term Deposit 6425	20,000.00
1089 VanCity Cashable Term Deposit 4043	20,000.00
Class B Membership Share	7.19
12000 Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$180,952.72
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	
1210 Sundry Accounts Receivable	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)	\$0.00
12100 Inventory Asset	840.57
1405 Cash Floats	100.00
1410 Prepaid Expenses	0.00
Total Current Assets	\$181,893.29
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Liabilities and Equity

#### Liabilities

#### **Current Liabilities**

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2100 Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Accounts Payable (A/P)	\$0.00
2110 Accrued Liabilities	0.00
2112 BC Bowls Memberships	0.00
2114 Deferred Revenues	0.00
50 Gaming Grant	0.00
51 Merchandise Sales	0.00
52 NHSP Grant	25,000.00
53 President's Membership Subsidy Fund	950.00

Accrual Basis Wednesday, April 3, 2024 09:11 PM GMT-07:00

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## Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club

#### **Balance Sheet**

As of March 31, 2024

	TOTAL
Total 2114 Deferred Revenues	25,950.00
25500 GST/HST Payable	-440.87
25550 PST Payable (BC)	-99.56
Ministry of Finance (BC) Suspense	0.00
Receiver General Suspense	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$25,409.57
Total Liabilities	\$25,409.57
Equity	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	0.00
30500 Designated Reserve	3,000.00
31000 Prior Period Adjustments	0.00
Retained Earnings	176,925.85
Profit for the year	-23,442.13
Total Equity	\$156,483.72
otal Liabilities and Equity	\$181,893.29

### **Balance Sheet**

As of March 31, 2024

	TOTAL
4 Deferred Revenues	25,950.00
T/HST Payable	-440.87
T Payable (BC)	-99.56
Finance (BC) Suspense	0.00
General Suspense	0.00
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ening Balance Equity	0.00
ignated Reserve	3,000.00
r Period Adjustments	0.00
Earnings	176,925.85
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### Profit and Loss Comparison

October 2023 - March 2024

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OCT. 2023 - MAR. 2024	OCT. 2022 - MAR. 2023 (PY)
225.00	225.00
45.00	
818.00	2,451.00
69.94	47.62
5,273.00	4,000.00
2,409.00	525.00
639.22	
439.33	807.25
250.00	
2,039.89	646.50
2,401.89	152.02
\$14,610.27	\$8,854.39
\$14,610.27	\$8,854.39
16,250.00	15,000.00
336.95	370.92
16,586.95	15,370.92
1,533.52	647.03
	422.65
865.62	1,155.60
220.42	60.00
1,093.41	1,157.61
	373.43
3,712.97	3,816.32
205.82	73.91
261.06	10.39
546.58	84.30
5,898.71	3,713.48
- <b>,</b>	43.98
571.83	
220.14	
	40.00
	460.10
126.01	94.55
	751.43
	228.82
225.90	21.20
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### Profit and Loss Comparison

October 2023 - March 2024

	TO	TAL
	OCT. 2023 - MAR. 2024	OCT. 2022 - MAR. 2023 (PY)
5660 Club House Cleaning	880.00	1,050.00
5670 House Supplies Purchases		638.61
5680 Repairs & Maintenance	1,945.13	6,274.23
5682 Liquor and Business Licence Expenses	1,067.00	833.00
5685 Electricity and Water - Parks Board via QMC	628.07	698.21
5690 Heating - Fortis	829.60	1,054.76
5700 Telephone & Internet - Telus	482.79	482.82
5720 Capital Improvements	2,068.38	500.00
5730 Club House Renovations	10.69	8,004.18
Ministry of Finance (BC) Expense	1.55	
Total Expenses	\$38,077.02	\$44,354.69
OTHER INCOME		
4501 PST Commission Revenue	22.71	0.00
4502 Over and Short in Cash	1.91	-2.00
Total Other Income	\$24.62	\$ -2.00
PROFIT	\$ -23,442.13	\$ -35,502.30

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#### Vice President's Report for the SGM

April 21, 2024

#### **Corporate Rentals**

This year we've raised corporate pricing by \$10 per person, to \$60 for 2 hours of bowling, we left the social aspect the same, \$10 per person. Our bookings are in demand and barring rainouts we expect to achieve our budgeted goal of \$55,000 for 2024.

So far we have 21 corporate events booked, with over 1000 participants. Most will be held on Thursday afternoons but a few will fall on a Friday and even an occasional Monday or Tuesday. All bookings are being entered into the club Calendar for reference.

Many thanks to our corporate managers, Anne Berridge and Keith Bespflug, and their team leads for all their hard work. And a big welcome to Judy and Rick McInerney who will be shadowing Anne and Keith this year in order to take over from them in 2025. It's going to be another busy year so I encourage everyone to participate in helping out with these events.

#### Bar

There is a major change at the bar this season: Iain Girvan has stepped down from the bar manager position. Iain has filled this role for the past 7 years and during that time the bar has undergone a number of changes including a new POS system, a bar remodel, product expansion to include chips, pro shop supplies, membership and event ticket sales. I would like to thank Iain for all his hard work. Iain will still help out as a bartender and a knowledge source for Keith Warriner who has capably stepped up to the bar manager role.

In response to member requests, one of the changes we're going to make this year is offering a few non-alcoholic beverages. We'll start slowly but if there's a good demand, we'll probably purchase a third fridge to make room.

There are no changes in pricing planned for this year.

The Pro Shop is now completely under the purview of the Bar. Keith will be managing the inventory and all stock and sales will be entered into Square.

Many thanks to Keith Warriner, our bar manager; Robert Knall, who does our purchasing and inventory; Ed Asher who returns all our empties and takes care of our Return-It account; and the bartending team for all the time and hard work they will be putting in this coming year. If anyone wishes to join the bartending team, we'd love to have you. Once you get your SIR certification, please let Keith or myself know.

#### Molab

Thank you to Ralph Wettstein who has stepped up to stock and manage the Molab. Many thanks to Keith Warriner for looking after it all these past years.

Since we're going to be selling nonalcoholic drinks at the bar, Ralph will be phasing out the Exel nonalcoholic beer from the molab and replacing it with a soft drink – maybe Fresca?

#### Club Safety Officer (CSO)

Our CSO, Dianne Farlinger, and her club safety teammate Cathy Hine, will be organizing some knowledge events focussed around health and safety. Examples of these are concussion protocols, first aid, safety tips on the greens .... Thank you Dianne and Cathy for taking on this important role.

Judy Lawson, Vice-President SPLBC

#### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### **SGM APRIL 21, 2024**

Things are happening fast and furious with the new season upon us. We are very fortunate that we have so many eager and skilled people to run our club. Below is a report from the membership team.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

#### By George and Susan Guthrie

#### **Enquiries:**

We have been receiving enquiries about becoming members in the club since December. There is clearly plenty of interest about our club in the community. It's our members who make the club what it is and thereby make the job of the membership team that much easier.

#### Website:

You have probably noticed that the website has been improved. There are now two tabs for membership:

- 1. "Membership" includes club information for both existing members and prospective new ones
- 2. "Members Only" continues to provide information for club members which should not be available to the public such as the Membership Lists.

Also, we have added a section in the Membership tab which provides details for the various volunteering areas so that both existing and new members can understand what they might be committing to. All the team leaders did a fine job by providing the details in a standard template.

All these website changes were put in place by Stan Chao, our webmaster. He did it so quickly and seamlessly that we'd hardly emailed a request and it was done.

#### **Membership Form:**

This year Chris Chapman designed a new online form. His extensive work in programming it makes it straight forward and easy to use, in fact it is so well designed that you'll have to try very hard to make an error.

#### **Open House:**

Planning for May 4 is well under way and going smoothly. The banners are now up, including a

new one at the south gate, and fliers are being distributed. There has been a great response to the call for volunteers (as usual) so it is shaping up to be another successful day.

#### **Participation Report:**

I am so pleased that Rob Berridge has agreed to fill this role again. I really must compliment him on the wonderful job he has done in educating and elevating participation in all the volunteer activities that go into running our great club. We have all become very familiar with his avatar decorating newsletter items and notices on the walls. Expect more of the same with some improved communications based on learnings from last year.

#### Infrastructure Report

#### SGM 2024

## House Report Team Leader- Harold Wiebe

- -Cabin Contracting will commence the repair of the Back Windows and repair of the bottom sections of the Cedar Paneling
- -New Brackets have been installed for the Rakes (Glen Young and Gavin)
- -Sound System was updated
- -Phase 2 of the Lighting Project is pending upon Budget availability
- -New Faucet was installed in the Kitchen
- -Cleaners have done an outstanding job throughout the Non-Bowling season in accommodating the various Social Activities

#### FOBs/Security Report

Team Leader-John Sinclair

- -Keith Warriner has volunteered to be John's back up FOBs Man
- -After a quiet winter, their responsibilities will ramp up
- -Securigard are continuing to ensure that Our Space is Safe and Free of Vandalism and Vagrancy

• Greenskeeper Scott Anderson's contract has been extended through 2026. His work along with a dedicated crew of volunteers on the Greens Team kept both of our greens playable throughout the 2023 season and they in good shape heading into the 2024 season. Brad Marchant has updated the greens nutrient plan and secured better pricing from a new supplier.

Returning this year in the shop, Brad Marchant, Larry Crebo, Glen Young and Terry Furlong keep our machines and equipment running smoothly and they also pitch in with many special yard projects. On the greens, Regulars Robert Prud'homme, Dirk Ricker, Hugh Jansen and others keep the grass growing and the yard tidy. The team is somewhat depleted and is looking for new recruits.

Monica Hilson, Wagdy Senbel, Colleen Fee, Yana Sabanskis, Sue Smolen and Darrel Oakford return to their spectacular garden plots this year while Barbara Coleman is taking a break after many years of providing hard work and TLC in the east garden.

- The boards that cap all our end boards were removed and replace at the conclusion of the 2023 season and they will be painted or otherwise treated later this season after the boards have fully dried
- Aerating both greens has been done consistently every spring and fall thanks to the efforts of many extra helpers that show up for that heavy work
- New sprinkler heads were installed during the 2023 season with mixed results. The dry spots that had been a problem in the centre of each green, especially in the west, were alleviated, however dry corners have become an issue. We expect that by tweaking the size of the nozzle heads we will get more consistent coverage.
- A new electric mower that was first used in early summer last season works very well and is very much quieter than the gas mower. This will continue to be used primarily for late night and early morning cuts so as not to disturb our neighbours who often would complain about the noise from the gas mowers
- Painting of the club house awning and doors was completed last year and the rest of the club house exterior panels and trim will be painted this spring
- Glen Young designed and installed new rake racks. That area of the games room has been cleaned up, reorganized and will also be painted

### **Bowling Director Report**

#### Club tournaments and Event Dates

Saturday, June 8: SP MEN'S/WOMEN'S PAIRS

Saturday, June 15: SP MEN'S SINGLES

INTER-CLUB: Dale Hoadley Women's Triples - Saturday, JUNE 29

INTER-CLUB: Andy Craig Mixed Fours - Sunday, JULY 14

Saturday, July 20: SP WOMEN'S SINGLES

V&D Mixed Pairs - Tue/Wed/Thu JULY 23/24/25, 7:00-9:00PM

Saturday, July 27: SP NOVICE SINGLES

INTER-CLUB: English Bay Men's Triples - Saturday, AUGUST 3 9:00am

Saturday, Aug 24: SP MIXED PAIRS

INTER-CLUB: Bell Aussie Pairs – Saturday, SEPT 7

Saturday, Sept 14: SP Triples Twist

Sunday, Sept 15: AWARDS DAY

### 2024 Club Leagues

The Monday **Singles** League (Chris Chapman), Wednesday **Competitive Pairs** league (John Sinclair), the **Twilight** league (Brian Hutchinson and Cheryl Young) and the **Diamond Jubilee Singles** league (Wagdy Senbel) will all be returning this year. The Diamond Jubilee Singles will move to Friday this year.

In addition, the Tuesday morning **Shady Ladies** draw will continue (Beatrice Engel and Pam Grant) along with, of course, the **Blue Heron** draw (Luc Millaire) on Thursday evenings.

### Club Championships Prize Money

This year we will be breaking with the tradition that all entry fees collected will go to prize money. Starting this year, a portion of the collected fees will be held back to cover the cost of coffee and snacks so the event is revenue neutral. The amount held back will be between 10 and 15%, depending on the type of event and to allow for rounding of prize money allocations.

#### SP Inter-club entry now online

For 2024, entry to our four inter-club events is now strictly online. It can be accessed from the QR code in our full page ad in the V&D Events Handbook, or by going to the tournaments tab on our website. When people complete and submit the form, a copy of the registration goes to the convenor of that particular event. After hitting the submit button, the registrant is directed to a payment page.

For now, we will continue with sign-up sheets for our various club championships. The sign-up sheets are generally available in the clubhouse three weeks before the event.

#### Stanley Park teams registering for inter-club tournaments

I am proposing a new rule for having a limit on how many Stanley Park teams can enter our own V&D inter-club tournaments. The suggested limit is no more than 40% of the capacity of the tournament, *unless* the capacity is not reached then more SP teams can backfill the event.

The reason? The Evelyn & John Bell Memorial Australian Pairs is a very popular tournament on the V&D calendar, and in recent years I have had to turn down registrations from other clubs. Inter-club tournaments are a way for us to welcome bowlers from all over the district to our club, and if left unrestricted this event can easily become overwhelmed by our own members.

The solution? For the Bell Aussie Pairs, Stanley Park teams will place their names on a list kept by the convenor. If we are unable to accommodate every team that wishes to enter, then we will have a playdown (format TBA), or resolve it by random draw.

The other three inter-club events generally do not exceed 40% SP participation and in recent years have not reached capacity, so I don't foresee a problem with those events.

#### Games Leader – Geordie Stowell

Geordie has taken on the role of Games Leader this year.

### Coaching Manager - Petra VanderLey

Petra is returning as our Coaching Team Leader.

#### **V&D** Event Advocate

There are numerous events on the V&D calendar strictly for intermediate bowlers (and novices too) and our club is often under-represented at these events. I was looking for someone to take on the responsibility of not just informing and educating our intermediates of these opportunities, but to do as much persuading and organizing as required to get them registered. And once registered, to make them aware of the rules and provide them with the knowledge they need to participate in these kind of events while representing our club in a positive light. David Sullivan has agreed to take on this position and I am sure he will do a great job.

#### **Awards Day**

At the 2023 Awards Day, I unveiled a points system to establish our top bowlers and it made for a fun count-down to all those in attendance. Based on a system that some other clubs use, it is a better metric than accumulated prize money. The details of how the points system works will be outlined in a newsletter during the season.

#### Other Events

On stat holidays we will try and create some interesting variations of the game. For example, last year we introduced 'Terry's Tangled Triples' which was a lot of fun. And the 'Ultimate' game remains a favorite with everyone. In fact, we welcome any ideas that you may have heard of, or participated in, that you think our members would enjoy.

#### - Graham Mason

#### 2024 Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club (the CLUB) Coaching Program SGM Report

The Coaching Team Leader will be the point person for all Club members who would like to teach orcoach Club members, from novice to competitive levels.

Prior to the Novice Orientation & Lessons, all coaches must attend a session where there will be a runthrough of the Novice Orientation & Lessons. This is to ensure all coaches are teaching the basics in the same way and there is coaching consistency within the Club.

- 1. Open House
  - a) 1 or 2 demonstrators per rink each shift
  - b) 1 2 persons to handle lesson sign ups and collect lesson fee (\$30), each shift
- 2. Novice Orientation & Lessons (NCCP certified coaches available)
  - 2 lessons per person, cost of \$30 (applied to membership fee if person joins club)
  - b) 2 game setting lessons preferably 2 coaches per rink
- 3. During the Season
  - a) Marker Clinic \$5 fee
  - b) Measuring Clinic \$5 fee
  - b) Individual Coaching (NCCP certified coaches available), ideas include:
    - Tuesday Night Novice League 30 minutes prior to draw, review one topic e.g. handsignals, etiquette, point of aim, setting the mat etc.
    - · Thursday Blue Heron League 30 minutes prior to draw, review one topic
    - daytime week session
    - weekend session
    - · individual coaching as arranged between coach and member
  - c) Preparation for Competitive Bowling (both coaches and competitors)
  - d) Strategy Clinic \$5 fee

The instructional session availability and frequency, will be dependent upon available volunteers.

#### SGM - Social Director's Report

#### April 21, 2024

I am delighted to announce that Christine Skelton and Alan Jones will continue serving on this season's Hospitality Team. Alan Jones will continue as BBQ Manager but Christine will step into a new role, that of Hospitality Manager. With the many bowling events it was felt that we require at least two Hospitality Managers, so Derrick Williams will also be stepping into this new role. Laura Moffatt is joining us as Kitchen Manager this season. Depending on the final number of scheduled events we may be looking for one more manager to join the team.

I am grateful for everyone's continued support and look forward to working with this ever wonderful group. They will be establishing a larger team of members to help with all the various events and tasks. Look for their announcements seeking volunteers in early May.

There will be 8 Friday Barbeques this season commencing June 7, 2023. We are very cognisant of the rising food costs but hope to continue with the \$2 discount for online orders.

The following social events for the season have also been confirmed. Watch for details in the newsletters.

Victoria Day - May 20

New Member's Pizza Night - May 31

Canada Day - July 1

Pride - August 1

BC Day - August 5

Labour Day - September 2

Awards Dinner (date to be determined)

Friends and Family night will be celebrated at the club on the two Saturday fireworks nights, July 20 and 27. Great way to introduce lawn bowling to family and friends, or just come watch the fireworks.

We will continue to look to the membership to provide baked goods for the many tournaments.

The kitchen is stocked with cookies, coffee and teas, including herbal teas. Help yourselves but, please do tidy up before you leave and return items to the fridge and cupboards as necessary.