

PLBC Board Minutes

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Present: Betty Wade, Sally Radigan, Karen Kavanaugh, Steve Russell, Charlene Purcell, Dave Brabrooke and Laurie Fitzpatrick

Absent: Joan Murray

Next Scheduled Board meeting: Tuesday, February 15 at 1:00 pm

1. Call to order at 1:00 pm.

2. Approval of Wednesday, December 15 minutes.

Motion to approve by Steve and seconded by Dave. Carried.

3. President Report - Betty

- Met with Bob to sign some cheques. Re-iterated to him that she would not be signing any blank cheques. MSAC have been using Glen Gray's pre-signed cheques which have since been disposed of.

- Paperwork completed at the TD Bank to have Sally added as signing authority on both the MSAC Operating and Building accounts (replacing Glen Gray).

- Bob made copies of the MSAC floor plans and Betty dropped them off to Chris Kawalec prior to the City tour of the facility on Jan 21.

- Have not received any feedback from John Ewart regarding our list of questions/concerns that was submitted to him in early Dec. other than a confirmation from his assistant that they had received the document.

4. VP/Publicity - Steve

- Need to review prior MSAC minutes in order to obtain any additional history of dealings between the PLBC and WMSC. Minutes exist but are in a locked cabinet in the club office.

Action: Betty will ask Bob for access to the minutes.

- Steve asked permission to arrange to have Amber Groeneweg from Christian Horizons to assist PLBC with advertising. Amber expressed an interest at the AGM and in a previous phone with Steve to help out. The board unanimously agreed. Betty asked Steve if she would be interested in joining the board as Publicity director as this position is currently vacant. Steve said that he would ask her.

- Steve asked if we should contact Mike Davies from the Peterborough Examiner to give him an update.

Action: Betty indicated that she would contact him to reassure him that the Examiner would be first in line to receive any information regarding PLBC's proposal to the City. Mike D. has been very good in the past with promoting PLBC in the Examiner.

5. Membership - Charlene

- Charlene did not have anything to report re: membership but wanted to share some information with the board members. There has been a lot of misinformation about PLBC to WMSC members. The rumour circulating is that PLBC is the one requesting \$600,000 from the City, when in fact it is WMSC that has requested the monies. She indicated that WMSC members are being kept in the dark about WMSC's intentions.

- Charlene was asked not to attend the last WMSC board meeting because WMSC directors wanted to keep the meeting numbers to a minimum due to covid (they do not use zoom). She is a convenor and all convenors

typically attend the board meetings. Charlene has asked for the minutes which she has not yet received.

5. Assistant Treasurer - Dave Brabrooke

- What's the status with the Director/Officer liability insurance.

Action: Betty will follow up with Bob Guppy.

- \$30,000 GIC - Who has the Certificate and when does it mature? Dave indicated that we may need to cash part of the GIC to obtain funds to help with paying of MSAC maintenance and operating costs.

Action: Betty will contact Mary Roberts to obtain this information.

- We need to continue to make our presence known at City Council. Dave and Steve have contacted their councillors. Charlene will make a call to her councillors as well.

- PLBC Board Ownership of 577 McDonnell Street land and buildings. Are there any claims against it? Confirm that it has been in fact deeded to PLBC. Obtain info from lawyer.

- WMSC has never officially communicated to PLBC their plans regarding the operation of MSAC into 2022. If they are closing down at the end of January they need to submit an official letter to the Joint Board of Management and PLBC stating that this is the case. If they are closing down WMSC would be defaulting on the 99-year Memorandum of Agreement for running of the MSAC Facility. Dave also stated that there were some omissions when the Agreement was put together as PLBC refused to include a standard 'arbitration' clause requested by WMSC and there was no 'force majeure' or 'cancellation' clauses included in the Agreement.

Action: Betty and Sally were under the impression that they were just suspending the operations and not closing down. Betty will clarify this with Bob.

- On Dec 21 Dave hand-delivered a written request to Mary Anne Johnston, President of WMSC for a copy of the WMSC Articles of Incorporation, By Laws and 2020 & 2021 Financial Statements. As a WMSC member under the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act (ONCA) he has a right to receive this information. To date he has not yet received these documents. Legally they must provide within a 30 day limit.

6. Leagues/Facebook - Laurie

- Laurie has been involved in the lawn bowling leagues in Florida where she spends her winters. She is gathering information which she will share with us in the spring.

- Laurie has agreed to post some pics of PLBC history on the PLBC facebook site. **Action:** Steve to provide.

6. Other Business:

(a) Ontario grant applications - Steve

- Steve forwarded a link to Bob Guppy regarding two grants that he thought WMSC/MSAC would qualify for. The Energy grant and Small business covid. The latter grant application opens January 18, 2022 and the payments are retroactive to December 2021. This will be discuss at the next Joint Board meeting.

(b) - Jim Caldwell a member of both WMSC and PLBC is concerned that the WMSC members have been kept in the dark regarding WMSC's intentions on the future of the club. Members have not been consulted and nothing official has gone out to them. He approached Bob Guppy to express his concerns and it fell on deaf ears. Following his conversation with Bob, he put together a letter addressed to the presidents of both the WMSC and PLBC. The letter has been included in Addendum A below. To date he has not received any response. He has since contacted Betty and would like to put a petition together to hand out to the mariner members. He believes that most members would want seniors

activities to continue. He has requested a WMSC membership list from Bob Guppy. A request for the members list will be requested at the next Joint Board meeting in January.

(c) The board has agreed to send out an update to our membership. Steve will draft a letter to be reviewed by the board.

(d) Ontario Summer games +55

- Can't commit at this point in time due to uncertainty of the club this season.

(e) Web designer - Steve

- On hold for now as we do not have the funds available to upgrade the website. Sally will continue to do basic updates for this coming season.

(f) TVA presentation - Steve

- Cancelled due to covid.

(g) OLBA Online Coaching Sessions - Cost \$100.00

- Difficult to get our members interested in these sessions due to the cost. They must also commit to the online sessions as well as outdoor instruction. PLBC does not have the funds to subsidize our members.

Appendix A - Jim Caldwell's letter to the WMSC Executive

To the Presidents of Whitlaw Mariners and
Peterborough Lawn Bowling

January 6 2022 I had a conversation with Mariners treasurer discussing the Mariners decision of closing Mariners club down and selling Their property. I pointed out that they had done

so illegally. Treasures reply was and I quote (thats the way it is). I pointed out that that their decision was undemocratic and did not follow Roberts rule of order which covers all social clubs. Rules by Executives must follow membership wishes which was never asked for on Mariners executive decision to disband Mariners social club. Treasures answer was once again quote (that's the way it is). I am asking both Presidents to explain what (Thats the Way it is). I also mentioned the fact that this seems to me that is a Dictators way of answering a Question. I could be wrong, however that is the feeling I got. I spent many years as President of two organizations and never have I heard a response like the treasurer gave me. The membership of the Mariners are deeply upset as they were completely ignored by their executive on what was going to happen to their club. I would like to suggest an extension to the January 31 2022 for an opportunity to have a general membership meeting of the Whitlaw Mariners and explain the Mariners executive decision. I personally have asked for finance records of the Mariners which the treasurer said ok and he must realize this has to be done before the club is shutdown. I also asked for membership list, constitution, bylaws. I am a concerned member of the Mariners, what bothers me more is what Mariners executive is doing to loyal members who have been with the club for many years. There are ways and means to keep this club alive. Give your membership a chance to keep it. The Mariners have created a wonderful place for the city of Peterborough. I hold no malice against any member of the Mariners. Do not destroy the legacy of the Mariners. I thank all the people who have worked hard for the club over the last ten years. All I ask is that the the executive follow the rules of order that all clubs follow.

Jim Caldwell

January 6, 2022

