



SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BOWLS BC

October 14th, 2017

Directors Reports



Presidents Report September 2017

GENERAL

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Board Members for their dedication and hard work during the first half of our fiscal year.

We have had our 'bumps in the road' during this half of our year all of which provided many learning experiences. As you know, your Board went through major changes in its make up since April 2017 with a new President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Director of Operations and Director of Player Development and Education.

I would like to thank the outgoing 2016-2017 Board Members for their guidance and help during the transition period.

Bowls BC summer season saw many excellent tournaments at both the Provincial and National levels. Many of our athletes participated in these tournaments and showed very well with many podium appearances. It is refreshing to see athletes at every level, young and older, doing so well. I wish to extend my appreciation to the clubs working towards including athletes of all ages and genders to join and to walk along side these individuals.

COACHES AND UMPIRES

The numbers of coaches and umpires have been steadily increasing year after year. Having said that, we need to increase the numbers of qualified coaches throughout the Bowls BC family to ensure new and not so new bowlers will continue to learn and enjoy our wonderful sport. I would also like to see an increase in the numbers of umpires throughout our organization. Under the leadership of John Speers and George Cubiss, our goals are being met in many Districts.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

The Bowls BC Board of Management had been meeting every two weeks from April 2017 to June 2017. During the summer months, we met once per month.

We had a face-to-face meeting during the Majors held at the Juan de Fuca Lawn Bowling Club. Normally we meet by Google Hangout (through the internet).



FUTURE PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Bowls BC Board of Management is considering many initiatives during the second half of this fiscal year:

- Updating the Policies and Procedures
- Developing a Strategic Plan for (2018 – 2022)
- Review and make recommendations relating to bowls games including formats, conditions of play, which should be permitted to participate in each event, etc.
- Develop a plan to increase Bowls BC visibility in our Province
- Develop a plan for better communications with our Districts, our clubs and other sports organizations
- Review the participation of Bowls BC LTAD Program, as adopted and revised from the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD), by our individual clubs
- Review and actively pursue additional sponsorships
- Provide sources of references to clubs to improve their individual greens to a standard to host Provincial and National events

VIASPORT

Bowls BC appreciates the cooperation of each club for submitted their fees and spread sheets to our Secretary on a timely basis. Our funding from viaSport is determined by the number of members of Bowls BC, amongst other considerations. The application requirements are daunting, including information concerning demographics, competition results, player development, officiating, coaching. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and we understand the work necessary to produce this information.

CONCLUSION

The Board of Management members will present their reports at the SAGM. If you have any questions or suggestions, please make them known. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you if you have anything you wish to discuss with me throughout the balance of the fiscal year.

Respectively Submitted, Wayne D. Hatt



Vice-President's Report September 2017

On September 4th, I was appointed to the position of Vice-President commencing immediately. I am honored to be given this opportunity and delighted to be part of the Executive at Bowls BC.

The President, Wayne Hatt and the **Director of Administration**, Lynn Chwartacki, requested that I "cast fresh eyes" over the Policy and Procedures Manual. The changes I made are mostly that of formatting and consistency. The very nature of a Policy and Procedures Manual means it is a living document with policy amendments being made from time to time. I would be delighted to support Lynn's work on this at any time.

The Directors met online on September 21. Thank you to all for the warm welcome. I was set the task of working toward increasing Bowls BC's visibility in the communities. I will meet with the President and the Director of Administration online to brainstorm ideas and prepare a proposal for the Directors to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Phillips, M.Ed.

Vice-President

Bowls BC



Director of Administration Report September 2017

The 2017 summer edition of bowls has come to an end. I hope all had an enjoyable season. Following the AGM in March it has been a busy time for Board Members due to vacancies on the Board. I wish to thank all my fellow Board Members for their double duty in many areas. I look forward to attending to my portfolio in the coming months.

Membership

Membership totals are in the final stages of completion. Rough estimates reveal a marginal increase in numbers.

Final totals will be avail at the AGM in March 2018.

The Pacific Indoor is currently starting up.

Please note that requests for the Membership Recruitment Program has been extended to October 20th, 2017. Please complete the online form and forward to Dennis Verge as per instructions on the website.

Website

A review of the website will occur over the winter months.

Online forms, ease of negotiating site etc., will be reviewed and altered to ensure continuity and ease of use.

BBC is working to update the website so all information will be easily available.

Registrations and all payments will be available via the site.

The use of online forms has alleviated lost registrations, payments etc. This system has significantly decreased work loads on many fronts.

Please contact me should you have suggestions.

Policy and Procedure Manual

Over the next months we will be revamping the manual to provide membership with clear policies and procedures. The manual is a living document which can be amended at any time. When completed it will be forwarded to all clubs and uploaded to the BBC website.

Society Act

Please remember that all clubs must amend their Constitution and By-Laws to conform with the new Society Act by November 2018.

All information required to complete the process is available at the following site:

The New Society Act & Transition- Province of BC.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan will also be updated and reviewed during the winter months.

Once completed the new revision will uploaded on the website.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any queries.

Respectfully submitted

Lynn Chwartacki, Director of Administration BBC



Coaching Report September 2017

I would like to thank the four Learning Facilitators that work with me (Anne Jackson, Ron Leslie, Davie Mathie, and Bev Johnson). Their time and efforts make it possible for us to put on these courses.

Over the last 10 years we have trained 357 club coaches, and average of 36 per year. In 2017, we have trained 51 club coaches a little above average. Fours courses were put on this year at the following venues: Kamloops LBC, North Vancouver LBC, Parkville LBC, Sidney LBC. Thank you to the members of these club for allowing us the use of their facilities.

Recently Bowls Canada has completed their upgrade of the coaching programs. A transfer of Qualifications has taken place from the Old levels system (level 123.... etc.) to the New system (Club Coach, Competition Coach and Performance Coach). Any coach who previously was a certified Level one coach has been transferred over to the new system as a Club Coach. Any Coach who was a Certified Level Two Coach is now under the new system a Certified Competition Coach. Certification is good for 5 years and must be maintained by continuing professional development. If you are not actively coaching or taking further training your certification will lapse. In which case, you will have to recertify.

Sum Stats:

Active club coaches	357
Inactive Coaches	121
Active Certified Competition Coaches	11
Inactive Certified Competition Coaches	2
Competition Coaches in training	9
Performance Coaches in training	9
Learning Facilitators	4

Active: means they are actively coaching

Inactive: means they are listed as coaches in my database but not actively coaching.

In training: means they have more modules to complete before they are certified.

I have been working with Bowls Canada updating the competition coach course manuals. This manual was put together to meet a deadline, as a result the material did not reflect the latest coaching philosophies and needed to be updated. One of the other Learning Facilitators from Ontario and myself volunteered to update the material. We have submitted our updates but so far have heard nothing from Bowls Canada about printing the updated manuals. We need these before we can put on a Competition coach course.

Respectfully Submitted, John Speers, Director of Coaching



Junior Development Report September 2017

This season was a successful one for several of our Junior players. The Provincials held at Gordon Head LBC in Saanich/Victoria were attended by sixteen players, four girls and twelve boys. Preliminary play on Friday and Saturday was in the form of round robins with play-offs on the Sunday.

In the Girls' U18 Division, the results were:

Gold	Emma Boyd.....	Tsawwassen
Silver	Sierra Trueman.....	Sidney
Bronze	Luci Ewen.....	Oak Bay

In the Boys' U18 Division, the results were:

Gold	Trevor Birrell.....	Sidney
Silver	Owen Twamley.....	Tsawwassen
Bronze	Jason Valchar.....	Nanaimo

In the Under 25 National Girls' Championships, Carah Webster from the Lakehill LBC defended her title and won the Gold Medal for the second time, defeating Pricilla Westlake in the final.

Trevor Birrell and Carah Webster are now on the National Development Squad along with Emma Boyd and Pricilla Westlake.

Over the winter I will be developing a Junior Development Model for starting and maintaining a Junior Program. The Program will be in accordance with the LTAD Model. During the winter, I will be approaching schools and setting up initiatives for the following year. Shirley Phillips has very kindly agreed to collaborate with me in this work and I look forward to having a very productive off-season.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Bodley-Scott



Bowls South Island Report September 2017

As usual, it was a very busy year in Bowls South Island with hardly a day without a tournament and as always, the season wound up with the very popular "Bowl for the Cure." Since its inception in 2003, this event has raised \$77,689.70 for the Canadian Cancer Society. Thirty-two teams with between four and ten players engage in two days of Quaddie format with only one prize – the Trophy. All monies collected over the weekend go directly to the charity.

This season, Bowls South Island hosted several Provincial Championships, starting with the Provincial Fours at Juan de Fuca LBC in late June. This was followed by the Provincial Juniors at Gordon Head LBC in early July and the Provincial Singles in late July, the Men's division at Gordon Head and the Women's at Canadian Pacific LBC.

The Junior program was very successful this year. The Boy's Under 18 was won by Trevor Birrell from the Sidney Club and Sierra Trueman of Sidney won the Silver Medal in the U18 Girls' Division. At the Nationals in Dartmouth Nova Scotia, Trevor won all his Round Robin games and ended up with the Bronze Medal. In the 19 – 25 Junior Girls category Carah Webster won Gold for the second time. Carah and Trevor are now on the Bowls Canada Boulingrin National Development Squad.

A committee with a representative from each of the eleven clubs in Bowls South Island is still working on its new Governance model and hopes to have it finished by the end of this winter.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Bodley-Scott



Vancouver Island North and Powell River District. September 2017

Our District had planned 22 various tournaments throughout our district for the 2017 season and I am glad to report all were held except for two.

Unfortunately, one of the Port Alberni tournaments had to be cancelled on account of extreme heat conditions with temperatures forecast for the mid-30s .

The Courtenay Carnival, a fundraising tournament was cancelled as sufficient funds had been raised to satisfy the local Courtenay Municipality. The building is now fully complete and some extra kitchen appliances were donated by the local council as well as a defibrillator, a welcome addition.

Our Annual General Meeting is planned for 11 am on Saturday October 28th, to be held at the Qualicum Beach Clubhouse at which time a revised executive will be elected.

During this year a Coaching Clinic as well as an Umpire Certification course were held to ensure a sufficient number of coaches and umpires were available for our district needs.

This report is submitted by Pete Harding.
Bowls BC Director.