



Pacific Inter-Mountain Division

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United States Lawn Bowls Association

Quarterly Meeting, June 6, 2010

Meeting was opened at **9:30** a.m. by President Doring at the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club who led the salute to the flag.

Officers Present:

De Doring	President
Greg Fivie	Vice President
Alex Xavier	Treasurer
John Ogden	Secretary
Sandy Souza	Councilor
Robb Pawlak	Councilor

Club Representation

Berkeley	1
Del Mesa Carmel	1 (by proxy)
Leisure Town	2
Oakland	1
Palo Alto	1
Richmond	1
Rossmoor	2
San Francisco	2
San Jose	2
Santa Clara	2
Santa Cruz	2
Sun River	0
Sunnyvale	1

Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Howard Mackey, seconded by Pat Saunders, and passed to approve the minutes of March 6, 2010.

Correspondence

None

Reports

A. President Doring

President Doring remarked that Rossmoor did a brilliant job at opening day. There were 120 participants. The Memorial Day tournament was also very successful especially with the great weather.

During the Memorial Day tournament it was discovered that someone had bowled who was not member of PIMD. An exemption was made for this person provided that they become a paid member by this Monday. If dues are not received then any prize money received during the tournament will be forfeited back to PIMD. This prompted a discussion on how to ensure tournament players are members of PIMD/USLBA. Treasurer Xavier said that he would assist by checking the entered names against the PIMD roster. Anyone signing up for a tournament who is not a member of USLBA or an affiliated club will be requested to join before being able to play.

B. Secretary Ogden

No report submitted.

C. Treasurer Xavier

President Doring presented the Statement of Account December 31, 2009 through June 4, 2010. A motion was made by Sally Ruddy, seconded by Dick Ruddy and passed to approve the statement. A copy of the statement is made part of the filed copy of these minutes.

It was noted that only \$3.89 in interest was earned over the 3 month period. Mary Scott suggested putting the money into a money market account to earn a little bit more interest and retain liquidity. Alex said that he will look into it.

Sally Ruddy complemented Alex on making the statement so easy to read.

D. Councilor Souza, Pawlak

No report.

E. Head Umpire Parkell

We have three new umpires in our ranks: Alan Sindelar (Carmel), Christine Palochak (Santa Cruz), and Jerry Louis (Santa Cruz)

F. Tournament Coordinator Knopf

Four womens teams and ten mens teams have signed up for the pairs play downs at Rossmoor. Two additional items were brought up as part of New Business.

G. Membership Packet Committee – Jerry Louis

All changes requested at the last meeting have been made and placed on a web site. I video is being put together on Signs and Signals will be put on web site. Clubs can obtain USLBA Rule books by contacting Frank Matyskiela of Palo Alto at frankmaty@aim.com. Jerry can be contacted at papaluke@scshop.com for any questions or suggestions on the new membership packet information.

Clubs should now be in a position to download new member packet materials electronically. The new system makes it easier to maintain the material and make the material more available to the clubs. Great job by the Membership Packet Committee for putting this together.

Old Business

- A. San Jose member Mike Coiner was in attendance to present the new PIMD web site. He requested that anyone with history of the PIMD to please contact him at balanceme@yahoo.com. He said that there is unlimited space is available for pictures, video, whatever. Clubs who do not have a website can take advantage of the notes section to post things like upcoming events and club hours. Secretary Ogden will send Mike the PIMD meeting minutes so they can be posted. The site can also be used for PIMD tournament results and publicity campaigns. At Vice President Fyvie's suggestion, Mike will ask Athol Foden to have the USLBA site point to our new site.

Check out Mikes' great work at www.pimdlawnbowls.org.

Larry Collaco requested Athol Fodens attendance in the quarterly meetings to provide a read out on the USLBA marketing activities. This is more of an USLBA issue that Councilors Souza and Pawlak can report on in our next meeting.

Jerry Louis suggested that information from the Club Directories be included on the site. President Doring will work with Mike on what things can be included.

- B. Councilors Souza and Pawlak reported that the changes in the USLBA bylaws amounts to clarifications and will be voted on in the next general meeting. Councilor Souza said that no action is requested or required from PIMD in order to pass the bylaws. President Doring requested clarification that Bowls Magazine may be an electronic publication and not (necessarily) mailed.

Secretary Ogden requested the councilors to report on when anticipated changes to the USLBA rules can be expected and subsequent redistribution of books at our next meeting.

New Business

- A. California Lawn Bowling Day took place on May 8. President Doring asked clubs to report on their activities and results. Here is a synopsis:

Club	Activities and Results
San Jose	Closed due to sprinkler maintenance
Richmond	Celebrated with a bbq. 9 people came.
Rossmoor	Had 25 visitors. 15 have signed up lawn bowling classes.

Sunnyvale	Celebrated with hotdogs. Had about a dozen visitors. Recruited 3 new members. Promoted through brochures handed out at retail stores, messaging at the library
San Francisco	Had 40 to 50 visitors. Advertised through Facebook, SF Gate, Craig's list, and word of mouth.
Santa Cruz	Celebrated with "Bring a Friend" day. Had about 30 visitors. On another occasion a corporate group of 16 came and played and made a \$150 donation.
Palo Alto	Celebrated with a large event. Timing is not the best since their greens are closed the next day for regular maintenance.
Santa Clara	Had 8 visitors and recruited one new member.

It was generally felt that having these activities centered around a day of recognition was worthwhile, especially for cross promoting and getting the clubs themselves involved. Larry said that staggering the events would allow more people to participate in multiple venues -- California Lawn Bowling Month (?).

- B. Vice President Greg Fivie presented an opportunity that had come up in the last week to have Australian pro Tony Scott provide private training and run group clinics. He is out touring the west coast for the next three months and has already contracted with SW and NW regions. Ed De Assis said that Rossmoor has been in contact with Tony to provide training for their members for a week. Greg will travel to Los Angeles to meet with him and discuss possibilities for our division. Greg requested that the PIMD provide seed money such training at a dollar per member. A motion was made by Sandy Souza, seconded by Jerry Louis and passed that PIMD seed \$600 if the event comes to fruition.

Greg said that details around the training event will be made available to the clubs over the next few weeks. One approach approach is to train our trainers and have each club represented – given enough time to plan. See related article from Northernstar.com:

<http://www.northernstar.com.au/story/2010/05/15/coaching-star-earns-his-stripes/>

- C. Tournament Coordinator Knopf proposed, as a result of a lack of markers at the 2010 Mens NorCal Singles Tournament at Rossmoor, that we modify the PIMD Tournament Rules and Regulations pg 3. para "6. Markers" as follows:

- a. Players entering a PIMD singles match are required to identify at least one

marker volunteer for (deleted-every three players from their home club) their entry. If no marker is provided, then the entered player and his opponent may have to mark their own game."

A motion was made by Secretary Ogden, seconded by Vice President Fyvie, and approved by hand count that the change be made as proposed.

Peter said that the PIMD Tournament Entry Form is modified for players' to identify a marker when submitting their entry.

In follow up discussion, Secretary Ogden suggested that Singles matches be scheduled on days that do not conflict with other tournaments to help the chances of getting markers. Peter said that this will be a consideration in the January planning meeting. Frank Ransome suggested that a time limit be placed to prevent games from running too long. Peter said that time limits can be made at the discretion of the tournament director.

- D. Larry Collaco suggested that we include an Australians Pairs tournament in the PIMD schedule. Peter said that this will be addressed at the annual planning meeting in January.
- E. Tournament Coordinator Knopf let a discussion about the role of USLBA in lawn bowls in the annual Senior Olympic Games held around the country and most recently in Palo Alto. It was generally felt that by having these games umpired by USLBA sanctioned umpires ensures that they are run under the auspice of USLBA rules.

The meeting was adjourned by President Doring at 10:50 AM until our next Quarterly meeting on June 5, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ogden
PIMD Secretary