

**Pacific Inter-Mountain Division**  
**United States Lawn Bowls Association**  
**Quarterly Meeting**  
**December 5, 2009**

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

**Officers Present:**

Bill McConachie	President
Dee Doring	Vice President
John Ogden	Secretary
Alex Xavier	Treasurer
Frank Ransome	Councilor
Sandy Souza	Councilor

**Club Representation**

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

**Approval of minutes:**

Minutes of August 29, 2009 were approved as written.

**Correspondence**

- A. Tournament Hospitality received October 19, 2009 from President Bill McConachie regarding clarification of social hours.

**Reports**

- A. President McConachie

President McConachie reflected on the last two years of his presidency and thanked those who aided in the challenges of keeping PIMD going. He mentioned that we did not get off to the best of starts with the passing of Steve Ringwood. He thanked, in no particular order, John Ogden for filling in the important role of Secretary, De Doring for stepping up as Vice President and providing much needed comfort, Alex Xavier for being a wonderful treasure and producing best reports seen, John Chin as out going president, Peter Knopf for doing such a wonderful job as Tournament Coordinator.

He announced that the job of making up the club directory will move over from Past President John Chin and himself to Secretary Ogden.

He then presented Frank Ransom, who is retiring from his official duties with PIMD and USLBA, a plaque in appreciation for his years of hard work and contributions to lawn bowls in general. More importantly, he concluded, Frank is a gentleman and we are indebted to him for his good work in nurturing and advancing our sport

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B. Secretary Ogden

No report.

C. Treasurer Xavier

Presented the Statement of Account JANUARY 1, 2009 THRU DECEMBER 04, 2009. A motion was made by Sally, seconded by John Chin which was passed to approve the statement as written. A copy of the statement is filed along with these minutes.

D. Tournament Committee Knopf

Tournament Coordinator Knopf submitted 1) Attendance History – PIMD Tournaments; 2) 2009 PIMD Tournament Results; and 3) PIMD/USLBA Schedule – 2010 DRAFT 4) Quarterly Meeting Tournament Report

Knopf read the Tournament report stating that 2009 was as successful year. 26 tournaments were held with 652 entrees. The past history of attendance is available to give an idea of the importance of the tournaments and where they need work.

Suggestions included in the report, deserving of discussion and possible action, were covered under New Business.

Knopf concluded his report by announcing that Bud Birkenseer (PA) has agreed to be the PIMD Assistant Tournament Coordinator starting next year. Bud does not realize yet that this will put him in line for maybe taking over the TC position.

#### E. Head Umpire Parkell

Head Umpire Parkell read the Umpires Report a copy of which is filed as part of these minutes.

In summary:

- a. Richard Broad, the Chair of the USLBA Rules committee has recommended to the USLBA Council and Word Bowls that the “hammer rule” be removed
- b. Conrad Melton is finding a provider of striped umpire shirts for USLBA umpires.
- c. Ed Walker (PA), Larry Collaco (SV), John Ogden (SJ) have passed the umpires test. There are now a total of 18 PIMD umpires.

#### F. Councilors report

Councilor Ransom stated that a limit of \$24K was placed for the public relations firm. USLBA dues have been raised to \$20 a year. He explained that this is the first raise in many years and is expected to offset losses as a result of reduced membership. Treasurer Xavier explained that the PIMD dues would be increased correspondingly by \$10 to \$25 per player.

Councilor Souza said that PIMD is one of the last few divisions that does not have a web site. She called for someone to establish a site for PIMD. President McConachie requested Secretary Ogden to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilor Ransom stated that the councilors voted a \$3,000 subsidy for the MAP international challenge tournament. This is the only international tournament held in this country.

#### Old Business

- A. **Oakland LBC status.** John Chin stated that in July the club started working with the city on maintaining their greens. The greens are now being mowed but not aerated or verta-cut. A contract is being negotiated with the city which is expected to go on until the end of March. The city is trying to raise revenue by charging parking fees during the week days and increasing parking fees during weekends. The greens will be available for opening day but may be slow. The conditions of the greens after March is unknown pending contract and club decisions. De Doring said that SF was willing to take up the slack for closing or opening day.

#### New Business

- A. **Election of male councilor for 2010 – 2011.** Past Councilor Robb Pawlak has once again graciously agreed to take on the role of male PIMD councilor

to USLBA for the next two years. No nominations were received from the floor and Robb was appointed by President McConachie.

- B. Each of the suggestions included in Tournament Coordinator Knopf Tournament Report was discussed in turn. The suggestions are listed here along with resulting decisions:
- a. **Eliminate “Wine and Cheese” refreshments at Opening Day, Closing Day, and Heart Association Tournaments.** – A motion was made by Sandy Souza and seconded to open discussion on the suggestion as stated. The impetus of the proposal is that most people do not participate in the refreshments. President McConachie called for a hand vote on the suggestion which lost so we will keep the rule as is.
  - b. **Reduce the number of tournaments from the PIMD calendar.** A motion was made by Peter Knopf and seconded by Sally Ruddy on the suggestion as stated. The impetus of the suggestion is to open the calendar for clubs to schedule their own tournaments. There was discussion on which tournaments might be eliminated such as certain social tournaments; however, eliminating social tournaments might alienate social PIMD bowlers. The motion was tabled for discussion in the January scheduling meeting. Tournament Coordinator requested the representatives review the draft schedule with their clubs for input to the scheduling meeting. He stressed that clubs should not schedule their tournaments on the same day as PIMD tournaments.
  - c. **Eliminate monetary prizes from the Opening and Closing Days.** A motion was made by Peter Knopf and seconded by Frank Ransome on the suggestion as stated. The impetus of the suggestion is to place more emphasis on having fun than creating an overly competitive environment. President McConachie called for a hand count and the motion was defeated.

C. Election of PIMD Officers for 2010

Nominated Slate:

President	D.J. Doring.
Vice President	Greg Fyvie.
Treasurer	Alex Xavier
Secretary	John Ogden
Immediate past President	Bill McConachie

President McConacie called for nominations from the floor for each position in turn. No nominations from the floor were received. A motion was made by Sally Ruddy and seconded by Sheila Stout to adopt the slate as presented. A voice vote was taken from the floor which passed unanimously.

- D. Tournament Coordinator Knopf suggested and it was agreed without vote that tournament scheduling meeting take place on **January 9, the first Saturday after New Years, at 9:30 AM.**
- E. Frank Ransome said that Richmond may have to close. The city is cutting back to one mowing a week and the green is almost a deserted area.
- F. A committee was formed between Mary Scott (SJ) and Representatives Louis (SCr) and Harris (PA), to determine how new membership packets will be created and distributed now that Frank Ransome is retiring as PIMD membership officer.
- G. Elected President De Doring received PIMD gavel from Outgoing President Bill McConachie. President Doring thanked the representatives for their confidence and said that, with their help, we will make the right changes and continue the good work of PIMD next year.

President Doring motioned and adjourned the meeting at 11:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ogden  
PIMD Secretary