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Pacific Inter-Mountain Division United States Lawn Bowls Association June 4, 2011 Quarterly Meeting

Meeting was opened at 9:32 a.m. by President Harris at the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club who then led the salute to the flag.

PIMD-USLBA Officers and Councilors present:

Name	Position	Present
Ian Harris	President	x
Mary Scott	Vice President	x
John Ogden	Secretary	x
Alex Xavier	Treasurer	x
Sandy Souza	Councilor	x
Robb Pawlak	Councilor	x
De Doring	Past President	

PIMD-USLBA Club Representatives present

Club	Representatives
Berkeley	2
Leisure Town	0
Oakland	2
Palo Alto	1
Richmond	1
Rossmoor	2
San Francisco	2
San Jose	2
Santa Clara	1
Santa Cruz	1
Sunnyvale	2 (1 proxy)

Secretary Ogden stated that we had a quorum.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Pete Knopf, seconded by Howard Mackey and carried to approve the Quarterly Meeting minutes of March 5, 2011.

Communications

- A. Correspondence regarding Santa Cruz LBC suspension
 - a. April 13 -- PIMD Secretary Ogden to Santa Cruz President Palochak providing notification that they are subject to suspension pending vote in June. It was requested that Santa Cruz set up a time to meet with the PIMD Executive Board to discuss in more detail.

- b. April 17 – Palochak to Ogden requesting postponement of discussion meeting sighting potential decisions coming out of the USLBA interim councilors meeting in May that could impact the constitution.
- B. May 2 – USLBA Secretary Janice Bell stating that Frank Ransom's Hall of Fame nomination will be on the agenda for the AGM in September
- C. May 31 – Request received from USLBA President Marty Schans to provide suggestions on what USLBA can do better promote Lawn Bowls -- due end of July. Secretary Ogden will request input from all clubs.
- D. A copy of a letter was received from Past Membership and Instruction Chairman Frank Ransome to Pleasanton Parks and Recreation stating regrets that it has taken so long to begin construction of City approved lawn bowling green. He requests that he be removed from list of interested and knowledgeable persons.

Reports

- A. President Ian Harris
 - a. There has been ongoing communication with USLBA President Marty Schans regarding membership and "myth busting" which may result in proposed changes to the USLBA constitution and membership structure.
- B. Secretary John Ogden
 - a. On a personal note, Secretary Ogden thanked everyone for their wishes and support on his recent recovery. He reports that he is 100% and back to "normal".
 - b. To constitute a quorum, Ogden explained that a simple majority of voting members need to be represented (either in person or by written proxy) in the meeting. Voting members is comprised of PIMD officers (4), past president (1), councilors (2), and club representatives (22). A quorum is required to make any motions.
 - c. Survey results on club memberships were returned to USLBA as requested. Input was provided from all clubs.
 - d. There are a number of corrections/changes to the PIMD directory which will be provided to the Executive Board in a separate communication.
- C. Treasurer Alex Xavier
 - a. We currently have 506 members (an increase of 15 members from last meeting). The nine checks received from Santa Cruz LBC will be held pending vote on suspension.
 - b. A motion was made by Chuck Bailey and seconded by Sandy Souza to approve the PIMD Statement of Account of January 1, 2011 thru June 3, 2011 and carried.
- D. Head Umpire EB Parkell

- a. Absent. No report given.

E. Councilors Report Sandy Souza and Robb Pawlak

- a. Councilor Souza provided a summary of the special USLBA Councilors meeting held May 17 at Santa Anita:
 - i. ULSBA said that it is up to each division on how dues are collected and how to enforce 100% membership participation.
 - ii. A tiered membership is being considered to distinguish social bowlers from tournament bowlers. Proposals will be sent out to the Divisions for review in advance of any vote.
 - iii. A Marketing Director is needed from each division to support the Mortar marketing effort.
 - iv. There is a new USLBA web master (replacing Athol). Expect changes to their web site.
 - v. A new Executive Board is being formed to provide overall USLBA Governance.
 - vi. Councilor meetings will be held twice a year instead of once a year.
 - vii. Vice President Scott asked about the Mortar progress report. Councilor Pawlak said that this wasn't discussed, but the plan is still to have quarterly progress reports available on the USLBA web site.

F. Publicity Ken Torke

- a. Mike Coiner was recognized by the Executive Board for improvements made to the PIMD web site. He encouraged everyone to comment on the site and suggest site improvements.
- b. Jeanie Brown said that improvements to the Sunnyvale website were made by Ken Torke.
- c. Sandy Souza made a motion and seconded by Janet Mednick to reimburse Mike for submitted expenses up to \$500 which passed.
- d. John Ogden made a motion and seconded by Chuck Bailey to provide Mike a yearly \$100 stipend for services performed on the Web site which passed.

G. Tournament Coordinator Bud Birkenseer

- a. Memorial Pairs results have been posted on the PIMD web site.
- b. Sign ups for the Pairs Playdowns at Rossmoor LBC ends today (June 4)
- c. Bud thanked Pete Knopf for his ongoing help and experience.
- d. Larry Collaco inquired about using generic score cards for all PIMD tournaments. Joe Shepard has created a prototype. Bud said that the host club formats is working well enough, but may reconsider in the future. He said the cost for producing cards is minimal and not an issue.
- e. Pat Saunders announced that the City of Oakland will not cut the grass for the July PIMD Singles playdowns. Jerry Knott said that this is due to reduction of gardeners. Bud said that he will confirm Oakland LBC

availability with club president Jerry Ridley and provide notification of any venue changes. Mary Scott (San Jose) and Larry Collaco (Sunnyvale) offered their greens if needed.

H. PIMD Constitution Change Committee Mike Coiner

- a. Mike stated that the committee is made up of Frank Matyskiela (PA) and Peter Knopf (SF). The committee's charter is to bring the PIMD Constitution up to date and provide clarification. Content changes (if any) will be voted on separately. Some of the things being looked at:
 - i. Regional boundary alignment with USLBA.
 - ii. Use of e-mail for acceptable communications.
- b. A preliminary report will be provided to the board for consideration targeting our August quarterly meeting for approval.

Old Business

- A. Vote on Santa Cruz LBC suspension. Secretary Ogden moved, seconded by Treasure Xavier, that Santa Cruz LBC be suspended for not paying per capita dues as described in the PIMD and USLBA constitutions. After lengthy discussion, a vote was taken from each club reps, councilor, and officer represented at the meeting. It was determined that the outstanding votes will be needed to reach a decision. Secretary Ogden will gather the remaining votes and report results. [The motion eventually passed 24-4. President Harris expressed regrets that such a decision had to be made and requested that everyone keep communication lines open for Santa Cruz to hopefully come back into the division.]

New Business

- A. Councilor Sandy Souza moved, seconded by Collaco, that PIMD request USLBA to change US Open Women's format which will allow all players to play on all days. The motion passed. President Harris said he would write a letter to USLBA to that effect.
- B. Jeanne Brown (Sunnyvale) was appointed to the new PIMD Marketing position to liaison with Mortar on marketing efforts. Councilor Souza will inform USLBA of the appointment.
- C. Rossmoor President Lionel Guterres will present a proposal at our next meeting to have club representation based on club size. Presently, there are two representatives per club regardless of club size.
- D. Robb Pawlak moved, seconded by Larry Collaco, and passed to nominate Woody Ogden to the USLBA Hall of Fame. Secretary Ogden will work with Councilor Pawlak on putting together the nomination.
- E. Vice President Scott will propose that PIMD establish a \$1000 marketing grant, available to any club with just cause, at our next meeting.
- F. Councilor Souza motioned, seconded by Jeanne Brown, that PIMD take out a full page advertisement in the US Open program up to \$1000 which was carried. Robb Pawlak will create the layout. Ian will provide Robb the text.

President Harris adjourned the meeting at 12 noon.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held at the Berkeley LBC on August 27, 2011 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ogden
PIMD Secretary