

To the Lindsay Lawn Bowling Club Membership:

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2021

Covid-19 has not been particularly good to most organizations least of all to ours. We did a good job weaving our way through the protocols and restrictions of 2020, the first year of Covid, until we came to the end of the year and found that, because of the ‘gathering’ restrictions, we were unable to come together for our year end banquet or our Fall General Meeting. This meeting is very important to us since it is the time that we have our elections and vote in half of our executive. For those that don’t know, our executive numbered 12 strong, at that time, and the positions were held for two years. To maintain continuity only 6 positions were ‘up for election’ each year. But when we weren’t able to hold our elections at the end of 2020 the executive stayed on for one more year. Now, as the end of 2021 approaches the full executive is coming up for election. Some of the members holding these positions are quite tired and wishing a rest so will not be running for election again. A few others are stepping up and will take a new position but that still leaves some holes to be filled and we really need more members to come forward and help out the club by volunteering your time.

During this past year of the pandemic the executive was reduced in numbers to a 6 person ‘emergency executive’ in order to meet in person rather than virtually. That worked out quite well and we now propose that the smaller executive be the normal for our club rather than the exception.

The following are the new Executive positions. These positions are for a two year period with the exception of this 2021 election. Due to the need to get back in line with the normal, half of the executive changing on odd numbered years and the other half on even numbered years, some of next year’s positions are for a one year term only. Some members have already put their names forward and are willing to hold the position noted.

A second list comprises the executive appointed positions of 'Committee Heads'. These positions are not restricted to a particular number of years but will be held until that person feels like he/she needs a rest or wants a change. The Committee Heads are an important group who have the authority to add other members to their committee to assist in any way as necessary. It also allows time to train one of their committee to take over as the next Committee Head.

In any case all of these positions are important to the Club and are in need of volunteers.

Executive Positions:

Past President *	(1 yr)	Keith
President	(1 yr)	
1 st . Vice **	(1 yr)	(Rhys)
2 nd . Vice **	(1 yr)	
Secretary	(2 yrs)	(Catherine)
Treasurer	(2 yrs)	(Sandra)

Note:

* The Past President's term, in future, will only be for 1 year.

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Committee Heads:

Membership	Sandra +
Greens	Kitty +
Youth	
Property	
In-Club Events	
Tournaments	Mary + (Keith)
House	Dorothy +
Signs	
Website &	
Communications	Ian H. +

Note:

Membership - Sandra is our current and experienced Committee Head and she will keep that portfolio for next year even though she is taking on the responsibility of Treasurer as well. I know that she could use a hand and under her tutelage someone could take over and still have great support.

Youth - We haven't had a youth program for a couple of years (since Covid struck). The need is there and we need someone to organize this worthwhile project. Roy and Shelley looked after the youth bowlers for 10 years. They put a lot of time, love and energy into the youth program and have earned their right to move on. Now it is time for others, who may recognize the need, to take hold of this opportunity, form a committee and look after our youth.

Property - Reg and Ted have done a great job at looking after the maintenance needs of our club, but again, they are members that need a rest. So if you have a handyman attitude we could use your abilities and dedication. I think that one of the causes that made the position so onerous was the perimeter grass cutting. So the executive have taken away this portion of the job and are making it a separate function.

In Club Events - This position, formerly known as 'Drawmaster', has been held by Dorothy for the past few years. Over the last two years Covid Safety Officer was added to her responsibilities. Dorothy has done an excellent job for the club during this time, however, we are not expecting Covid-19 to interfere in the operations of our club next year. But Dorothy needs a rest and is moving on.

I expect the 'In-Club Events Head' and her/his committee will set up the jitneys, as was done in the past, take bookings for the morning bowlers, organize the holiday Monday jitneys, the Fun Nights and the in-club tournaments.

Tournaments - Mary McKay, along with Muriel Bryant as her assistant, has held this position for a number of years. Muriel is no longer with the club and Mary would like to retire someday so Keith will begin, again, his tournament draw room training. These tournaments are known as 'outside' tournaments.

House - The 'House Committee' is responsible for the ordering and serving of food and beverages for all outside tournaments, cleanliness of the club house and ordering of all supplies. The Committee Head will be Dorothy and she has lots of experience to bring to this position. She will be looking for volunteers to help make things go smoothly.

Signs - The sponsor signs you see around our perimeter fence are an important source of income for our club. Income that helps off-set the costs of operating the club and to assist in holding down the cost of our membership fees.

Website &

Communications - This position presents a challenge to the Committee Head since it is a tool that we can use to communicate with our membership but is also a window through which others get an image of the Lindsay Community Lawn Bowling Club. I think we are a little slow in making use of this resource but with Ian's guidance I am sure that we will catch up quickly.

Note:

Changes to the constitution will be posted in clubhouse 21 days prior to the Fall AGM, which is presently scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2021. All changes to the Constitution must be presented to the club membership and a vote taken at that meeting.

If you need any more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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President Keith

This is your club and whatever you can do to help will be greatly appreciated!

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