

## HTLBA Monthly Meetings Report of Meeting of October 30, 2006

The meeting was held at Hamilton Township's Switlik Park facility. It began on time at 7:00 P.M., and was led by HTLBA President, John G. Thomas. In attendance were John, Ron Eget, Jim Kenney, Roy Newman, George Zaharchuk, Carmine Tirone, Art Ongaro, Vince Cavalli, Marie LaMothe, Jennie Rogers, Helen Prunetti, and Finita Varchetto.

John began the meeting by introducing the topic of using **the "points" system to settle ties for the trophy** for league play. There being some in attendance who were not sure what was meant, John explained that this was how his team, the Cosmos, came to win the trophy for first place in league play in 2006. Since three teams had the identical, winning record of 14-6, total points scored during the season was used as the tie-breaker. It was suggested that a trophy playoff game or series be held instead in 2007. All agreed that this is a fairer method.

At the prior suggestion of some who happened not to be in attendance at this meeting, discussion next turned to the topic of the **suitability of Saturday mornings for our four annual tournaments**. Saturday can be a hardship for some, and getting there by 8:45 A.M. can be so for others. John explained that since a tournament takes two to three hours to complete, and since the summer heat can take its toll on our members, there is no other time to comfortably hold the tournaments. All in attendance agreed.

We next tried to find a proper and fair way to deal with the disruptive situation of **members who come late to league games**. We settled on a definition of lateness as arriving for a game after the first bowl has been rolled. Discussion was somewhat heated and centered on discipline versus accommodation of latecomers. The following compromise solution was adopted for 2007: the latecomer has only one option, that of asking his team members if any would be willing to share playing time with him. If none are willing, the latecomer can then ask for the same favor around the opponent team, and he can then ask the same of members playing in other games already in progress. In recognition of the fact that not all games start at the same time, the latecomer can alternately seek to play in any games that have not yet begun. It was further noted that the skipper of the latecomer's team should discuss with him the importance of coming early or at least on time for league play.

John next made a plea for volunteers to be **skippers in 2007**, when we plan to have eight teams instead of six. He explained the duties of a skipper, and after some discussion of the logistics of reorganization, five had agreed: Ron Eget, Roy Newman, George Zaharchuk, Art Ongaro

and John himself. John declared that he would try to persuade three more during the winter months.

John noted that two **more team names are needed for 2007** and called for suggestions. The following team names will be used: Celtics, Cosmos, Royal Scots, Rangers, Foxes, Spirits, Silver Knights and Highlanders.

John's last topic was the question, "**How cold is too cold?**" October mornings and evenings can be chilly and a guideline is needed. Discussion produced the following formula: if the temperature is less than 50 degrees when it's time to leave the house to come to the bowling green, then it's generally too cold to play.

Finally, Jim reminded us that the October HTLBA meeting is traditionally the **time to elect new officers**. He went on to say that he believes the members want the current officers to repeat for 2007. He made a motion to affect this and it was seconded and carried. The officers for 2007, pending assent from Secretary Pat Cubberley, will be

President: John Thomas  
Vice-President: Ron Eget  
Secretary: Pat Cubberley  
Treasurer: George Zaharchuk  
Games Chairman: Jim Kenney  
Equipment Committee Chairman: Roy Newman

Jim next discussed **payment for expenses incurred** (photocopying, etc.,) and recognition for the job done by the current officers.

Treasurer George Zaharchuk gave a brief **report on association finances**. He detailed the bank account statement and balances, praised Roy Newman's efforts at collecting money at our weekly 50-50s, and told us we have to date reserved 20 seats at the Luncheon coming up next Monday. John mentioned that of the township guests invited to dine with us, only the Mayor will be coming, and he will not have time to stay and eat.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 8:05, the doors locked, and all departed.