

## HTLBA Monthly Meetings Report of Meeting of June 25, 2007

The meeting was held at Hamilton Township's Ray Dwier Center, in Groveville. It began on time at 7:00 P.M., and was led by HTLBA President, John G. Thomas. In attendance were John, Ron Eget, George Zaharchuk, Carmine Tirone, Jennie Rogers, Hazel O'Hara, Sandra Green, Joe Geraci, Fred Hegelman, and Finita Varchetto.

John began the meeting by introducing the main topic of **our treasury**. He noted that there have been several inquiries from our members into the procedures associated with spending the money, and on what it might be spent. He read the articles of the by-laws dealing with the duties of the club officers. Treasurer, George Zaharchuk, gave a report of the balance, which is in excess of \$900, and added that he would rather the money be saved and accumulated than spent frivolously. John asked what things the money is normally used for and George and others listed: club dues to the American Lawn Bowling Association, incidental expenses for copying, and a new set of bowls procured from the DuPont LBC. George told of a visit from a British group a few years ago, during which the visitors were treated to meals; and there was a time when the mayor would come to our annual luncheon as a guest of the club.

It was agreed that as needs arise, a procedure should be in place whereby we can spend the money, and here is the gist of that agreement: a new, five-member Needs Steering Committee shall be formed. The committee shall

- gather needs suggestions from the membership,
- consider and evaluate each suggestion,
- divide the suggestions into those that are feasible and those that are not,
- and finally prepare a ballot to use for the membership to decide on whether to spend or not to spend on the feasible issues.

John called for volunteers for the committee, and the following shall serve (term unspecified!): George Zaharchuk, Hazel O'Hara, Joe Geraci, Ron Eget and Sandra Green.

The subject of **equipment management** was next discussed. John mentioned that a key was available. Fred Hegelman volunteered to take it. It was suggested that all the teams be responsible for getting the equipment out and putting it back, on a rotating basis. John said he would speak to the head of the Equipment Committee, Roy Newman, about setting up a schedule to affect this.

John next described **cutthroat scoring** as a means to enliven practice play on Tuesday mornings and on Wednesday evenings after the regular season ends. In a game with cutthroat scoring, any feasible number

can play; players contend individually; the player with the bowl nearest the jack gets three points for the end, next closest is worth two points, and third closest is worth one point.

John mentioned that he learned of this style of scoring while visiting the DuPont LBC earlier in June. He also reiterated **our open invitation to the DuPont Country Club**, near Wilmington, Delaware, for play against or with that group at their lovely bowling green. Several of those in attendance at the meeting expressed willingness to make such a trip.

The final topic was membership, as it seemed to John that **our attendance numbers are dropping** as we proceed into the warmer part of the season. John asked that skippers call those members of their teams who do not come or call to excuse themselves, and try to discover if there is any problem or change in their availability. He called for suggestions to reverse the trend. He decided that he would himself call each of the substitute players and remind and invite them to come on game nights. Jennie said she will invite her grandson, Jake, to come and substitute. Sandra mentioned that another relative of hers from Massachusetts will likely be subbing this coming Wednesday. All present agreed to keep in mind their friends, neighbors and relatives as potential new members.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 8:15, the doors were left unlocked as there was another group meeting in the center, and all departed.