

Oakmont Lawn Bowling Club

Annual Member Meeting minutes

November 10, 2025

Meeting called to order by Janet Johnson at 12:03 pm.

Attending: Board (Janet Johnson, Pam Dempsey, Steve Pickell, Jim Brewer, Gerry Macintosh, and Mary Blake) and 22 members.

1. Welcome – Janet Johnson

We hold this meeting once a year. Thanks for joining us today.

2. Committee Reports

a. Tournaments – Gerry Macintosh

- Our first few tournaments were canceled due to weather.
- We have one tournament left: Thanksgiving. Sign-up has been posted on the shed and Mary will send set up an on-line sign-up. The game will be yardstick.
- Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all participants. Awards will be given at the Awards Gala and Holiday Party.

b. Socials – Pam Dempsey

- Thanks to all who came to the socials.
- There's just one left – the Awards Gala and Holiday Party
- The current social committee is retiring and looking for replacements. Contact our new president if you'd like to help. The current members will help you learn the ropes!
- Invitations for the Holiday Party are in the Bowls Room. You have until November 21 to RSVP.
- There are still a lot of children who's name tags haven't been chosen. Don't forget to pick up a name (follow instructions carefully!). And feel free to pick up more than one if you'd like to.
- Christmas tree in the Berger Plaza. We'll use the decorations we created last year. If anyone knows where the lights went, let her know. We'll decorate on December 2 and turn on the lights on December 3.

c. Training – Mary Blake

We've had very few new trainees this year and several of the new ones haven't returned. Remember to be nice to our new members. This is where Mary should have thanked those who stepped in and did the training this year! Thanks to Gerry and Pam and Janet!!!

d. Communications – Mary Blake

Communications includes the e-blasts, website, Oakmont News articles and maintaining the bulletin board. The bulletin board will get updated as soon as we have the 2026 calendar.

e. Treasurer’s Report – Janet Johnson

- In January we'll provide the full breakdown of our finances for the last year. We currently have about \$2,658 in our account. It'll go down because we buy more things this time of year – mainly food.
- We have 70 dues paying members.
- And thanks to Tony Lachowicz. Tony has been our Treasurer for 15 years.
- From Tony: He and Connie moved here from Rhode Island in 2010. Wally Schillp took them under his wing and introduced them to lawn bowling. When Tony started, women were required to wear skirts for tournaments. (We've come a long way!) The club has continued to be a good club, holding onto its traditions like our socials and gifts for kids.

3. Election - Mary

- We had 15 on-line votes and 26 paper votes. That's an amazing voter turnout for our club.
- Results were:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
President:	Jim Brewer	40
	Wilma Rolland	1
	Gerry Macintosh	1
Vice-President:	Michelle Macintosh	41
Treasurer:	Pam Dempsey	41
Director 2-year:	Richard Goodwin	38
	"Macintosh"	1
Director 1-year:	Barbara Serafin	38

- Jim Brewer replaces Janet Johnson as president.
- Michelle Macintosh replaces Pam Dempsey as vice president.
- Pam Dempsey replaces Tony Lachowicz as Treasurer.
- Richard Goodwin replaces Gerry Macintosh as Director.
- Barbara Serafin will complete Jim Brewer's term as Director.
- Mary Blake (secretary) and Steve Pickell (director) maintain their positions.
- Janet Johnson becomes President Emeritus, replacing Jerry Garland.

4. Question and Answer

- David Aiken: Could we change when we move to afternoons from October 1 to November 1? This will be a good topic for our new board.
- David Aiken: Have we considered a 50/50 fundraiser? Interesting thought. We don't currently need money, we tend to finish each year with at least

\$2,000 in our account. If we did need money, we could also raise membership dues.

- Cynthia Goodwin: Do our funds pay for what we need? Tony replied that in the last 15 years we've never run out of cash.
- Bonnie Johnston: Bonnie's been sending get well cards to our members for the last several years, but her job no longer gives her the time she needs to do this. She has cards and would be happy to share them with anyone willing to take on this job.
- Janet Johnson: This August's evening game was a huge success. We'll consider doing more next year.

5. Adjourned by Janet Johnson at 12:35.