

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENTS MEETING via Zoom

Wednesday, July 27th, 2022

President: John Cresswell

Secretary: Mike Wilson

Directors:

Susan Burns	Charles Cooper
Mike Kyte	Brenda Hamilton
Winnie Spires	Kevin Jepson
Meghan Blewitt	Neil Anderson
Brenda Fraser	Sarah Gorman

Office: None

Guest: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm.

Vice-President Susan Burns chaired the meeting for President John Cresswell who was under the weather.

I 2022-2023 YOUTH CHALLENGE PROVINCIAL REGIONS

Provincial Tournament Director Mike Kyte referenced the email sent to the field on June 27th, 2022, which outlined the 8 regions which were discussed and agreed upon during the 2022 June AGM (**Option #1**). Those regions being:

1. Western
2. Middlesex
3. Grand River
4. Hamilton & Niagara
5. Central Ontario & Huronia
6. York Simcoe & Metro Toronto
7. Ontario Durham, Kawartha Lakes & Bay of Quinte
8. Ottawa Valley

A second suggestion (**Option #2**) by the ad-hoc committee was put forward following the AGM suggesting the following groups be in the following regions (all others remaining the same):

5. Central Ontario, Metro Toronto & York Simcoe
6. Huronia

Mike Kyte indicated he was not in attendance at this meeting and asked if someone from Central or Huronia would speak to why this change. Bob Beaucage indicated that they felt that the distance between Central and Huronia was quite a lot, even though at their top end they do share a border. Central's most northern bowling centre is in Brampton so there is a lot of empty space between there and Huronia. This suggestion they felt would at least be a little more geographically closer.

Meghan Blewitt spoke on behalf of Metro Toronto as no other representative was able to attend. The original suggestion of combining Metro Toronto with York Simcoe was that they are already combined for the purposes of the YBC, so they would already be accustomed to the distance in respect to travel. Being with Central Ontario could be seen as an issue as the eastern end of Metro not wanting to travel to possibly the western end of Central.

Bob Beaucage noted the same issue is likely going to be found if Central was to have to travel to Huronia, example being kids from Hopedale having to travel to Barrie. Kevin Smith indicated it would likely be Midland, who is further since Barrie is not an affiliated house.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE CONCEPT OF GOING TO AN EIGHT REGION FORMAT FOR THE YOUTH CHALLENGE WAS PUT FORTH BY MIKE CONNERTY; SECONDED BY CAROL ARMSTRONG.

Kevin Smith asked what the original reasoning was for going to an eight region format concept for the qualifications. Susan Burns stated that we had an ad-hoc committee formed to review and discuss the way things were running. The committee came to the conclusion that the Youth Challenge would be a great starting point to change it to regions since currently some associations are not able to field the full teams. As a pilot project, by doing the eight regions rather than changing boundaries for this event, we will be able to see if this works. This will also allow us to have as many YBC and youth participants as we can in this event, as some areas are not able to run it presently.

With no more discussion the question was called.

MOTION CARRIED.

John Cresswell created a voting poll within Zoom to allow those on the call to vote for which region option they desired. Option #1 would be the original regions as shown above; while Option #2 would be with region #5 being comprised of Central Ontario, Metro Toronto & York Simcoe; region #6 being Huronia, and all other regions would remain the same as in Option #1.

Norm Macdonald indicated that he would be interested in hearing from the associations that would be most affected by this change. Kevin Smith commented that in Huronia they felt that they would lose entries if their bowlers had to travel down to Brampton to

participate. Brenda Pankoff asked Bob if he felt that his bowlers would have an issue traveling to York Simcoe's most northern centre. Bob indicated that the trip to Bradford would be under an hour most likely.

The poll results were as follows:

Option #1 38%

Option #2 62%

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE REGIONS BASED ON OPTION #2 WAS PUT FORTH BY BOB BEAUCAGE; SECONDED BY GARY KEHOE.

MOTION CARRIED.

II **2022-2023 YOUTH CHALLENGE PROVINCIAL FORMAT**

Mike Kyte noted that for national qualification, a participant must bowl a minimum of five games.

If we kept the same structure as used currently (**Option #1**), the eight regional winners would be divided into two groups of four, bowling a double round robin (six games) with the top two teams in each division advancing to the championship round, playing an additional two games. This means that four teams will play six games in total and four teams will play eight games in total, during the event.

Because this is a pilot project and the region concept is new, we could use a format (**Option #2**) where all teams would play each other once (7 games). Points would be calculated based on the head to head match play results (player vs. player), plus the team points based on a team pinfall vs the field point system (team total pinfall ranked against the other seven teams for that game).

Example

Team A vs. Team B:

Team A wins all five matches against Team B receiving 5 points, plus their team pinfall was the highest of all eight teams playing that game, so they receive an additional seven team total points, equalling 12 points for game one, which is the highest total points possible in a single game.

Team B, though they did not win any matches, had the third highest team pinfall in game one, so they would receive five team points for game one.

This format would be used for all seven games of the single round robin. At the end of the seven games, the top team would be declared our Provincial Champions. If it is a Winter Games year, the top four teams from the single round robin would all advance to the Winter

Games event.

As per the Winter Games committee, the 2023 and 2024 events are both Winter Games years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Discussion amongst those on the call ensued debating the pros and cons of each of the formats being proposed.

Kevin Smith suggested a possible third option (**Option #3**) which would use the points structure of Option #2 (match play points plus team vs field on total pinfall), but the eight regions would be divided into two groups of four like in Option #1, making the maximum pinfall points 3 for a grand total of only 8 points per game maximum. This option would still use the double round robin and playoff format.

Kristi Lampman suggested a fourth option (**Option #4**) which was a modified option #2, where the top four teams after the seven games go into a one game playoff format where fourth plays third for Bronze and two plays one for Gold. The point structure for the playoff round will be 1 point per match play (total of 5 points), plus 3 points for team total (maximum of 8 points overall).

Norm Macdonald suggested that we first determine whether we want to do this as one group or two, and then decide what to do with what was selected.

The first poll questions will be: **One group of eight or Two groups of four**

The poll results were 53% for one group of eight; 47% for two groups of four, so there will be one group of eight for this pilot.

The second poll question will be: **Seven games of match play with team vs field points no playoff or Seven games of match play with team vs field points, and a one game playoff round (1 vs 2; 3 vs 4) to determine the medals**

The poll results were 58% for seven games of match play with team vs field points and a one game playoff, 1 vs 2; 3 vs 4.

III **OPEN AGM SURVEY**

As shown by the results summary that was sent to the field, Mike Kyte indicated that we had 182 responses and of those responses the following was determined:

For the Singles format, they wanted to leave it as it is (top three ladies and men from the zone round will advance to the Provincial round where they will bowl ten games with the option to withdraw after five). At the completion of that round the top five ladies and men will advance to the stepladder finals. 57% were in favour of this.

For the structure, 67% were in favour of bowling more games during the team play. With our current 13 zone structure, that would mean 24 games. If and or when we got down to 12 zones, that would mean 22 games.

57% are in favour of leaving it on the Easter weekend, so with more team games and leaving the Singles format left the same it is hard going to be hard to complete the games required between the Wednesday evening and Saturday. Mike Kyte opened the floor up for discussion.

Bob Beaucage indicated that the play everyone twice was part of Central's proposal, but it was bundled together with the Singles on the Sunday with the regionals for the Singles and the stepladder finals on the Sunday, leaving the Wednesday available for teams.

The other part was doing ten regions, even if they were not the same as the current zones like we have done with the Youth Challenge, so that would only mean 18 games (9 home 9 away). The Open Seniors would play three games each day for a total of 9 games.

Paul Bauer noted that Grand River had the thought to play each team twice and eliminate the playoffs. Total points win. In that it would leave Saturday available for another eight games like the Masters nationals.

Gary Kehoe noted that we roughly have over 300 bowlers attend the Provincials and we only had 182 replies, which is a little over half responded. We seem to be spending a lot of time discussing the Open. We never seem to talk about growing any other tournaments or the leagues, just the open. Why don't we leave the Open as it is until someone comes forth with a proper plan and a response from the bowlers that participate to do something?

Paul Bauer agrees with Gary 100% which is why one of the other motions we were talking about was to have a meeting for the Open players to participate in. This would allow them to put in their own motions and make their ideas known, and we simply ratify things officially at the AGM. If the majority don't want any changes, then simply nothing changes.

Bob Beaucage agrees with what Paul and Gary are saying but from what the surveys are saying despite all of the discussion, a lot of people like it mostly the way it is. Another suggestion to give us more time for the team games is to have the ten game Single qualifier normally held on the Wednesday night on another weekend prior to the Provincials, advancing the top five qualifiers to the Singles stepladder on the Saturday of Easter weekend. That would free up the Wednesday for the additional team games.

To Paul Bauer's comments on the discussion forum, Mike Kyte pointed out from the surveys, to participate in a discussion forum during the Open weekend was 36%, and to do that after the Open weekend was only 30%. To Bob Beaucage's suggestion of holding the Singles qualifier on a different weekend, there are very few weekends free leading up to the Open.

Mike Kyte indicated that we could do an Open Discussion Forum via Zoom at least one month prior to the championships to get the bowler's input. John Cresswell stated that those suggestions could then be taken to the Open Provincials in the form of a survey to get the players feedback from those that were at the Provincials.

IV **AVERAGE BOOK**

Kevin Jepson gave a quick update to the average book and several items that have been hampering the progress. This year we have had a large number of members that needed to be added as new members or duplicates after the deadline of May 1st. We need to ensure that we are checking that all members are accounted for before the deadline. This means checking with the leagues to see if there are additional members to be added, since the initial membership submission. This will allow us to send out a complete list of members for when we complete the league season ending games and pinfall submission.

Currently, we still have two associations that have not submitted league averages for the 2021-2022 bowling season. Kevin has been in contact with them, and we need information ASAP. We are ready to update the rolling average information but are waiting for this information.

Lastly, we still have two associations that have not yet submitted information for up to three of the zone tournaments. Kevin has been in contact with the Tournament Directors and Presidents of these associations. Again, the rolling average update cannot be completed without this information.

To that end, we need to insure we are keeping in contact with our leagues to make sure that we have all recent member additions before and up to the deadline.

V **FUNDING UPDATE**

Charles Cooper gave an update to the questions that were brought forward from the June AGM in respects to the Club Funding being supplied by the government. Charles has spoken with our consultant Faye Blackwood.

From that discussion the following can be understood:

- a) The Ministry is not expecting the money to come back if a house no longer exists. Those funds can be used towards other houses.
- b) The Ministry is not expecting the money to come back if a league no longer exists, but there is an expectation that we will try to get that league back at least. If unsuccessful, those funds can be used towards other leagues in the association.
- c) The same can be said if a league has less returning membership than what was expected. The surplus of funds can be used towards other leagues in order to obtain more members.

For the video production and creativity funding, we have received some information and

contacts from the field, and we hope to be in contact with these people to get a sense of their background and experience. As to the funding column on each association's sheet, it was our hope that these monies would make their way back to the O5PBA level, so that we could fund the video production work, along with the costs in obtaining a contract resource to assist in the assembling of all the video production work, and the personalizing of the videos to each of the associations. We have not got the plans in place yet but that is the intent.

Brenda Pankoff asked if the video pillar funds was solely for videos or was it also for marketing and promotion. Charles indicated that the way it was presented to the Ministry was, building on what we had done with our success in the Back to Bowling. Yes, we talked about marketing and promotion, but it was largely in the context of the video work we had done in the past. Charles noted that there is large amount in that budget, so there could be some flexibility to allow the associations to keep some of the funds for other items, but until we come up with a budget at the O5 level Charles does not have a definitive answer at this time.

Kevin Jepson commented that since the AGM he has come to realize that we need to explore other social media platforms such as Tik Tok, Instagram, etc. and other demographics.

With no further discussion Susan Burns thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and the feedback everyone provided.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Kevin Smith at 9:24 pm.