

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

AGM 2023 – DISCUSSION FORUM #1

Friday, June 16th, 2023

Chair: John Cresswell

Secretary: Mike Wilson

Directors:

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

I CALL TO ORDER

John Cresswell called the meeting to order at 9:29 am.

II OPENING REMARKS

Good morning everyone, hopefully, everyone had a good rest last night and enjoyed the hospitality of Fern Resort this morning for your breakfast. Last night we worked through General Meeting #1, now continuing the progress we created last evening, we will work together on the reports and get to the motions and recommendations submitted to the office, both those submitted by the deadline date to be included in the book, as well as those motions submitted after the AGM book went to print and included in your Delegate and Guest packages you received during registration.

During discussion forums, everyone can contribute to not only the discussion but the voting as well. As we have always done discussion forums are reviewed during General Meeting #2, and it is there where only the delegates will vote on any motions and recommendations brought back to the floor, or adopting the minutes as presented.

This morning we will start the review of the reports about our organization, please allow the presenter the opportunity to complete their report and then feel free to bring up any questions or comments at the end of the report. If time permits, we will continue through some of the reports from the afternoon agenda.

III COMMITTEE REPORTS

Government Grants: (page 15) The funding we receive from the Ontario government is scrutinized every year through reports we are required to submit regularly. With Terry Farrell accepting the appointment as the Provincial Treasurer, she takes the chair position of the committee tasked with submitting the current 2023-2025 Ontario Amateur Sport Fund application. With June 26, 2023, as the deadline to complete the submission, it leaves the financial committee (Terry, Mike, Susan, and myself) and Jackie Henriques a little less than 2 weeks to complete the submission to the government's satisfaction.

Lori Beesack asked if the loss of the C5PBA funding would affect the Youth Challenge for us and/or them. John Cresswell indicated that the C5 has enough funds for the YC this coming season, but at this time after that point is unknown.

Liaison Committee: (page15) Communications between the three organizations Master Bowlers of Ontario, Bowl Ontario 5 Pin and the O5PBA, continue to take place mostly via email during the bowling season. The 5 Pin bowling calendar of events includes events from all three organizations and this committee attempts to ensure that our respective Provincial events do not conflict. As well, coaching continues to be a vital component of all events leading to the National Championships.

Hall of Fame: (page 16) Brenda Pankoff addressed those present as chair of the Hall of Fame committee. The Hall of Fame Committee has been assisting the O5PBA with submissions to the C5PBA Hall of Fame. Currently we have as builders Dave Post, Ernie Roggie and Al Hong and bowlers Fraser Hambly and Connie Ward as part of the C5PBA Hall of Fame and will submit further names for consideration.

Awards: (page 17) Brenda Fraser reviewed her printed report with those present and there were no questions.

Incentive: (page 17) Brenda Fraser presented her report and there were no questions.

Membership: (page 20) Winnie Spires spoke to her report. Brenda Pankoff asked why associations were required to send in the Excel files each year (data entry from the membership forms), and why the file is sent out blank each year when things like the bowler's year end games and pinfall collection file is sent out mostly populated. Winnie indicated that the membership collection files are used for statistic purposes if we are asked for information by the Ministry. As a suggestion, the membership chairs could use last years submission as a starting point and edit and or add any new members to create this season file.

Maria Istvanic asked why the association Board member registrations are needed if those individuals are also bowlers and complete the forms in their league. Winnie explained that this new process was added to ensure that the individuals that were working on behalf of their local members were registered as members of the O5PBA.

John Cresswell stated that our legal counsel informed us that the membership application would need to be signed each year to be legally binding, thus negating any possibility of someone saying “I didn’t see that, or I was unaware”.

Lets Go 5 Pin Bowling: (page 22) Kevin Jepson asked if there were any questions related to this report. Brenda Pankoff asked for a status update on the funds associations submitted for video advertising creation. Kevin indicated that some was used to create the two videos we are using on Facebook, and there are still funds remaining. It is our hope to use the funds to produce new videos to promote and educate people on our sport.

Average Book: (page 23) Kevin Jepson reviewed his report and asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the program. As a thought, Lori Beesack suggested a possible link between Average Book and Record Scores, where extra columns could be added to the year end collection file. The bowlers high single and high series could be entered here. This might help in getting more information submitted.

Paul Sprague asked if the 2023-2024 season will be the last of the four year rolling average calculation, returning us to the three year. Correct.

Record Scores: (page 26) Sarah Gorman presented her report. In addition to the report, Sarah indicated that two three person team records were set for both five and ten game blocks this season. Congratulations to Spencer Murray, Julien Nadeau and Matt Wallace.

Fundraising: (page 27) Sarah Gorman presented her report. No questions were brought forward at this time.

Constitution: (page 28) Susan Burns presented her report. No questions were brought forward at this time.

Recruitment & Development: (page 28) Susan Burns asked if there were any questions on her report. No questions were brought forward at this time.

Technology: (page 29) Mike Wilson asked if there were any questions regarding this report. No questions were brought forward at this time.

Bowling School: (page 30) Mike Wilson announced that the School was full with 60 students, and we have 15+ on the wait list. We will be returning to Echo Bowl in Brantford, as well as McMaster University for our accommodations.

Paul Sprague asked if we could consider doing two Bowling Schools, hosted in different regions to allow more students from each area to attend. Mike indicated it takes a lot to plan and complete one, but it is something that the committee can review.

Brenda Pankoff asked if we could look at a more streamlined application received acknowledgment and general details process. Mike agreed with Brenda and stated that this is something he is looking into.

Technical Report: (page 31) Neil Anderson presented his report. No questions were brought forward at this time.

Lane Certification: (page 32) Neil Anderson asked if there were any questions on his report.

Lori Beesack asked for clarification purposes, that moving forward after the 2023-2024 season, wooden lanes would only need to be certified every two years, and synthetic lanes every three years. Correct.

Joe Shaw commented that this was concerning because it could lead to a degradation to our game, with facilities not being checked as often.

Lori Beesack suggested that we could use a red, yellow, green system similar to the Board of Health. Red check again within 6 months; yellow a year; green on cycle.

Lori Beesack recommended we develop a score-card for lane certification.

Pass: Certification is good for 2-3 years, dependant on lane type.

Conditional Pass: Certification is good for 1 year - List of items to be resolved.

Fail: Lanes are not certified and remediation plan with Proprietor

Paul Sprague asked if the certifications could be spread out to not create a huge demand all at once.

Norm Macdonald & Lori Beesack asked if the decals would be adjusted (currently say one year). Neil indicated that at this time we are unsure but will bring this up at the C5PBA AGM in August.

Coaching: (page 36) Meghan Blewitt presented her report. As a reminder, individuals that took an Introduction to Competition course in 2018 or prior have until June 30, 2023 to be evaluated for free, if they have not already. After that date they can be evaluated but at an additional cost to them.

An Introduction to Competition course is being run on July 7th to 9th at NEBs Fun World in Oshawa. We currently have 10 confirmed/paid registrations, and another eight individuals that have expressed interest, so the course will be taking place.

There has been a lot of social media discussion about the online Community Coach course. There was one course run as a beta and a second done by the Master Bowlers' Association of Alberta. In order to run an online course, the Learning Facilitator (LF)

must be trained and acknowledged by the C5PBA for online delivery. In Ontario, we have two LFs who are qualified by C5, however, upon speaking with both of them, neither feel they received enough training and are not comfortable in online delivery.

Meghan has asked the C5 when they plan to run additional online delivery trainings, and there are no dates set. She is working on a work around that might allow someone else to run the online flow while an LF does the delivery. While she works on the online delivery, we are still running in person courses. If your association wants to run a course please let Meghan know.

Joe Shaw asked if we could use someone from another province to deliver the course, and Meghan indicated that there is only one other person in Canada trained in delivery at this time and no idea on what they would charge us.

Steph Facca indicated that she is willing to help facilitate and deliver trainings as this is her line of business.

Long Term Participant Development (LTPD): (page 37) Meghan Blewitt noted that Long Term Athlete Development was actually renamed LTPD, so we are working to update our documents. The program is also being redeveloped to a version that allows everyone to participate in quality sport and physical literacy experiences. This means our materials will have to be updated, including the coaching courses.

Tournament Sanctioning: (page 38) This year we sanctioned 23 tournaments, which includes all the Master's tournaments and a couple of individual tournaments. For any Association wishing to sanction a tournament, details can be found on the O5 website. Click on "Forms". The Tournament Sanctioning Procedures and Application Form will be listed under the "Tournament Sanctioning" heading.

Just a reminder that you must submit your request 60 days prior to your event.

Lori Beesack stated that at the 2022 AGM it was agreed that we would post a list of sanctioned tournaments on the website. This was not done. John Cresswell apologized for not completing this and it will be corrected.

The Green Book – Tournaments: (page 40) On page 40 you will find the Green Book report and a list of all the National and Provincial tournaments that were held.

As you know, the Youth Challenge Provincials underwent a structural change moving from the 13 zones to 8 regions. The format also changed to a single round robin against all teams, with the addition of field points to determine our winners. Overall, I think the tournament was a success and everyone had a good time. However, since this was something new to all of us, there were bound to be some growing pains. These growing pains will be addressed, and changes will be made for next year.

The Ontario Winter Games for 2024 are scheduled for Thunder Bay on the weekend

of either Friday February 16 to Sunday February 18 or Friday February 23 to Sunday February 25. Once we find out we will let you know.

Pages 41 to 43 have the list of all our Certified Tournament Directors. I'm pleased to say that only two registered Tournament Directors need to get re-certified, for the upcoming season, but there are sixteen who are listed, as "also certified" that need to get their re-certification done as soon as possible, if they want to keep their Tournament Director status. Please contact the office and Rhonda will send out the necessary information.

If any of those sixteen names with a 2022-2023 expiry year are no longer involved with your Association, let me know and we will take them off the list. If you have anyone who wants to get certified, or your Association appoints a new Tournament Director we will make every effort to run a virtual course in the new bowling season. We attempted to run a course in February, but it was cancelled due to the small number of registrations.

For those that did make arrangements to take the course, I'm sorry. Going forward we will only run a course with a minimum of six participants. Again, let Rhonda know so we can put you on our list.

Page 44 and 45 has the tournament participation summary for all of the tournaments from last year. This shows how many entries there were in each tournament compared to the number of eligible league bowlers from each Zone and D.C. For the Open and Senior Open, there seems to be some confusion when it comes to reporting bowlers who enter in both. Any bowler who enters both sides, should be reported as bowling in both. Next year, we will have a separate column for entering bowlers who bowl in both the Open and Senior Open. Please make sure that you enter those numbers on your tournament entries form that you submit to the office. Also, just a reminder that your Open and Senior Open entry forms have to be submitted to the office at the completion of the tournament.

Pages 44 to 47 have the list of all our Provincial tournament winners for this season.

After we go through the motions and recommendations, the Green Book will be updated and distributed in mid-September, in time for the start of the tournament season. As well, a copy will be made available on the website for downloading.

I have one final observation from talking with Rhonda during the course of the year. Some of the Tournament Directors are not getting their winners reports and paperwork into the office by the deadline. This means that Rhonda has to chase down some of you to get it so she can finalize her paperwork and lane draws in time for the Provincials. Please make sure you get your information in to her on time. It will save us a lot of headaches.

In closing I would like to take a moment to thank some of the local Executives who

assisted us this year at our Provincial tournaments, over and above the Board members. Some are here this weekend. They are Karen Wall from Kingsway, Gord Burns, Terry Farrell from Hamilton, Gary Kehoe and Doreen Kyte from York Simcoe, Paul Brown from Kawartha, Ron Roeder, Paul Bauer and Stephanie Facca from Grand River, Carol Armstrong, Frank Ladoucer and Mike Connerty from Ottawa Valley, Shawn O'Connor and Gary Skene from Merivale, and Paul Sprague and Steve Patterson from Orleans. Our thanks to each and every one of you. If I have missed someone I truly apologize.

I would also like to thank the committee, which consists of, Winnie as my co-chair, fellow directors John, Neil and Kevin and our three field reps, Terry Farrell from Hamilton. Kevin Smith from Huronia and Kristi Lampman from Middlesex Elgin for their assistance. I would especially like to thank Rhonda for all the hard work she does all year for preparing all the tournaments.

As agreed to a couple of years ago, all extra tournament spots will be offered to any association to fill the event to the maximum capacity. If the demand is higher than the supply, a lottery will be held to determine who gets those spots.

We would like to thank Lori Beesack for her input in developing a Powerpoint presentation to help with the tournament motions and recommendations.

Paul Sprague asked for an explanation of what UCC stands for. Mike Kyte outlined what the acronym stands for and why the C5PBA required the form. Lori Beesack questioned what does the "X" under the UCC Accepted heading on the Certified Tournament Directors chart (page 41) stand for. Mike Kyte clarified that the X means you have signed the UCC form.

Marketing: (page 50) Brenda Hamilton presented her report and apologized for inadvertently leaving Heather Cresswell's name off her report as Co-Chair. Heather reported all of our current sponsors. No questions were brought forth at this time.

Communications & Publicity: (page 52) Brenda Hamilton gave her report. Lori Beesack suggested listing the sanctioned tournaments on our Facebook page.

Audit: (page 53) Brenda Hamilton thanked her committee and especially our field representative Shirlee Kennedy.

With the time remaining, the results of the Bull Session were reviewed with the assistance of Lori Beesack. The three main areas that were selected were Communications, Tournaments and Advertising. Attendees of this meeting were divided into the three groups, and they were instructed to come back with their top talking points, which were reviewed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Bob Beaucage at 12:01 pm.