

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

AGM 2023 - GENERAL MEETING #1

Thursday, June 15th, 2023

President: John Cresswell

Secretary: Mike Wilson

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

Office: Rhonda Gifford (via Zoom) Jackie Henriques (via Zoom)

Guest: Len Isleifson, C5PBA via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm.

I PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Good evening and welcome to the 57th Annual Meeting of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.

We are here once again at Fern Resort in Ramara, Ontario for the O5PBA Annual General Meeting, leading up to Father's Day. For those who may not know me, my name is John Cresswell, and I am the current President of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.

At this time I call on Secretary Mike Wilson to do Roll Call. There were 48 delegates and Board members were present.

We ask that those guests and delegates in attendance please sign the sign-in sheet.

Meeting on an annual basis to hold our Annual General Meeting is critical to the face-to-face interaction we all require to interact with one another. While Zoom works amazingly for many meetings and was our way of communicating during the world shutdown in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. Society is now moving forward and seems to have put that behind us for the most part, but I feel we all learned many new lessons, too numerous to mention here.

I would like to highlight the perseverance of the volunteers of the O5PBA as we all continued to work for the sport of organized 5 Pin bowling, we all truly love. Although we all have our own opinions on what we think is best, during discussions, we all must allow everyone to have their say, sometimes we will get a little more heated than others but, in the end, we will all leave on the same page for the upcoming season, with the best interests of the majority of the members in mind.

During the 2022-2023 season, we completed all our Provincial Championships as face-to-face events. Thank you to all the proprietors who took on our events for the Provincial Championships

as well as the local Zone and DC finals. My heartfelt appreciation and thank you to every volunteer of the O5PBA for your efforts in running your associations throughout this year.

In hindsight, when we review the events of the past season on what could, should or would have been done, we are always critical of the things that went wrong. Making decisions on behalf of all members of the association in the present is not always as easy, but here we are again working together to set the path for the association going into the 2023-2024 season and onward.

Over the next couple of days, we have a very busy schedule planned and many decisions to make, some harder than others, but needed to be made.

Earlier today we completed two meetings, one on Zone Boundaries and other the “Bull session” which was brought back as an open forum for all delegates and registered guests to discuss any part of the association and bring up new ideas that may not have been brought forward already.

I look forward to using the info gathered during these activities as the AGM continues and throughout the upcoming seasons.

Working together through the agenda presented in the book and any additional items that come forward, will be beneficial to everyone. For those who do not recall the processes we use at face-to-face meetings, the chair of the meeting is charged with controlling the discussions and ensuring everyone has an opportunity to raise their point for everyone to hear. Keeping the meeting flowing by limiting discussion when the same thing is being said over and over will be curtailed if required, but rest assured every delegate will have the opportunity to speak if they so choose.

Keeping order to meetings and only having one person talking on a microphone at a time, will ensure everyone can hear what everyone else has to say. We may or may not agree with the opinion of the presenter at that time but we all must allow them the opportunity to say their piece as they will do the same for others when it is their turn.

We have a full evening of items to get covered, so with no further ado, I would like to thank my fellow Board of Directors, Office Staff and all of you the delegates of your local members for your support and understanding as we progressed through this past season together.

Before I ask for a motion to approve the agenda, please make note of the following adjustments to the agenda in the book:

- a) Add a guest speaker during General Meeting #1 on Thursday
- b) Remove the review of the Annual General Meeting book on Saturday, as that was removed last year during the 2022 AGM

**MOTION: TO ADOPT THE AMENDED AGENDA WAS PUT FORTH BY GARY KEHOE;
SECONDED BY PAUL BAUER.**

MOTION CARRIED.

II GUEST SPEAKER

To start, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge a guest with us via Zoom this evening, the President of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Len Isleifson to bring us greetings from the C5PBA.

Len Isleifson welcomed the delegates and guests in attendance, and besides his letter in the Meeting book (page 4), noted that the Federal Heritage Sport funding, which was set to end in 2022, ended in March of 2023. Due to a change in the funding model, 5 Pin is not longer eligible as the new format is geared towards international sport competitions (Olympic events).

In closing, Len wished everyone well and a successful AGM.

John Cresswell thanked Len. We all appreciate your time to not only address our delegates and guests but to also answer any questions raised. Look forward to our delegates attending the C5 AGM meeting in August *{Len left the meeting}*.

At this time, I would like to introduce the Board of Directors and Office staff, and as I have done in years past, I will introduce the newest members first, they will stand, and I ask everyone to please hold their applause until they have all been introduced.

Fundraising & Record Scores - Sarah Gorman
Awards and Incentive - Brenda Fraser
Technical Director, Lane Certification - Neil Anderson
Coaching & LTAD - Meghan Blewitt
Vice President, Constitution & By-Laws, and Recruitment & Development - Susan Burns
Average Book - Kevin Jepson
Membership - Winnie Spires
Audit, Communications, Publicity and Marketing - Brenda Hamilton
Tournament Director - Mike Kyte
Secretary and Bowling School - Mike Wilson
myself President - John Cresswell
and our Treasurer was Charles Cooper, but due to personal reasons, Charles stepped down from the board shortly after the Open and Senior Open Championships. We wish Charles all the best in his endeavors in the future. To fill the void, the Board via appointment, reached out to the past Treasurer Terry Farrell. With the support of her husband Gerry Terry accepted the appointment.

Ladies and Gentlemen, your volunteer board of Directors.

With us, this evening via Zoom are our paid staff who have transitioned to working from home. Please help me in acknowledging Program Coordinator Rhonda Gifford and Financial Coordinator Jackie Henriques. Ladies and Gentlemen, our office staff.

III 2022 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the November 6th, 2022 meeting were reviewed. No amendments were brought forward at this time.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6TH, 2022 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WAS PUT FORTH BY LARRY PALMBY; SECONDED BY LORI BEESACK.

MOTION CARRIED.

IV 2022-2023 FINANCIALS AND 2023-2024 BUDGET

Board appointed interim Treasurer Terry Farrell indicated that the financial report was located on page 14 in the AGM book. Terry stated that there are various items still being finalized in the season's financials, and that the draft 2023-2024 budget is by no means complete. Our OASF funding submission is due by June 30th and will be a two year cycle as opposed to the previous one year.

Brenda Pankoff asked if the voting delegate calculation was correct. John Cresswell indicated that associations receive one vote per 100 calculated members (99 gets one vote; 102 gets two votes). Brenda also noted that the Bowling School appears to be running at a deficit. Terry Farrell and Mike Wilson commented that the deficit is offset by donations which are part of the bottom line of the organization, not specifically the Bowling School.

Lori Beesack noted that the Senior Open assessments would need to be adjusted as several associations which fielded Senior teams do not reflect that in their entries. Terry noted that changes were being considered to correct the way entries are reported.

Bob Beaucage asked if the Open lineage was finalized as the value is currently blank. Terry indicated that it has not yet be finalized as there were discrepancies, but it is being completed.

V APPRECIATION AWARDS

Hamilton – Martin Talbot

{As submitted by the nominator} We would like to nominate a volunteer from our association for an Appreciation Award. He came onto our Board 11 years ago because he wanted to help do some fundraising for the Open bowlers in our Zone. Since then, he has held the position of Records Scores as well as Hall of Fame chairperson. He has come to recognize that although the Open bowlers need some financial help, our Zone is more than just Open bowlers. He took on a task that many others do not want, just because it can be time-consuming for a short period of time and it is hard to get the league Secretaries to submit their record scores, but he has done a good job and our bowlers have been recognized for some of their accomplishments. Most recently, he has also taken on the position of Chair of our Hall of Fame Committee. He had some great ideas for our 2020 ceremony, but unfortunately, COVID got in the way and it was delayed. We finally held our ceremony this past spring and it was a resounding success! Everyone was impressed with the return to a formal dinner and presentations. Martin continues to help in other areas, attends our monthly meetings and is not afraid to put forth his opinion while allowing others to share theirs. Overall, he has been a great addition to our Board, and we are happy to have him.

York Simcoe – Cathy Davidson

{As submitted by the nominator} Our Association would like to nominate this person for an

Appreciation Award Certificate for the following reasons:

This individual moved from Northern Ontario into our Zone in 2012 and quickly started volunteering her time to our association. She became a familiar face in the coaching world of York Simcoe from 2013 to the present.

She became our Coaching chair in 2013 and has held that position to the present time. As a past recipient of the Elite Coach of the Year in 2013 and Grass Roots Coach of the Year in 2020, Cathy Davidson has dedicated countless hours to this sport of ours.

She has organized a Youth Fall Classic at Stellar Lanes from 2009-2023 less than one year due to COVID, has been a participant in the Bowling School from 2002-2023 and was Program Director for 16 years at Stellar Lanes.

As if the credentials are already long enough, she has implemented a “Coach Mentorship” at Stellar Lanes to help coaches develop communication and teaching skills with children with exceptionalities or disabilities (Autism, ADHD, other physical disabilities) in her youth program. Cathy attends our monthly Zone meetings, participates in our Booster program and encouraged her league to purchase tickets as well. She is always offering to assist whenever needed in the zone and participates in our other fundraising as well.

Huronia – Trena Ferrier

{As submitted by the nominator} As Secretary for 2 leagues as well as her Zone duties this volunteer is currently using a walker due to chronic pain in her knees. Despite mobility issues, Trena tracks Memberships, Record Scores and handles the Average Book. She ensures all those with record scores are acknowledged. She also runs the Award Pin process which is enthusiastically received by the members. She currently holds down two full-time jobs but still finds the time to travel to the Bowling Centres, delivering O5 paperwork (Secretary’s Handbooks, Award program deliverables, Membership paperwork, etc.). Trena is a strong supporter of 5 Pin Bowling and has gone over and above the normal duties expected from the positions she holds. Huronia has a current membership of over 400 Bowlers which is one of the largest numbers in O5. We would like to say Thank You for all you do.

Lindsay – Sherry Phillips

{As submitted by the nominator} A hard-working volunteer, who works bingo sessions faithfully, helps run tournaments, is a league executive and helps with all fundraising activities, including being a regular donator. She is ready when needed to fill in for help, represents our association at the Lindsay 5 Pin Charity and is on the Board of Directors, she attends the Semi-Annual and Annual Meetings as a voting delegate and is a tireless worker regardless of the task at hand. We feel Sherry Phillips is more than deserving of an appreciation award.

The O5PBA agrees with the Lindsay 5 Pin Bowlers’ Association and would like to present Sherry Phillips with an Appreciation Award.

VI **SERVICE AWARDS**

5 Year

GORD ST. PIERRE
INA SODTKA
MARIA ISTVANIC
BRENDA HOUSTON
SARAH COOK
KAREN WOOD
LEN MARTIN
SHERRY PHILLIPS
APRIL BERG
CHAR ZIEGLER
ROGER ZIEGLER

PLAYDIUM ASSOCIATION
KINGSWAY ASSOCIATION
CENTRAL ONTARIO ASSOCIATION
BLUE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION
BLUE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION
BAY OF QUINTE ASSOCIATION
BAY OF QUINTE ASSOCIATION
LINDSAY ASSOCIATION
SUNSET ASSOCIATION
VICTORIA ASSOCIATION
VICTORIA ASSOCIATION

10 Year

ANTHONY PAGLIA
CATHY DAVIDSON
FRED LIGHT
KEN MCGEE
CHRISTINA CAREY
JOSH ELDRIDGE
BARBARA SPANO
DARLENE GILSON

PLAYDIUM ASSOCIATION
YORK SIMCOE ASSOCIATION
GARRISON ASSOCIATION
HASTINGS ASSOCIATION
METRO TORONTO ASSOC.
GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION
ORLEANS ASSOCIATION
ORLEANS ASSOCIATION

15 Year

KEVIN SMITH

HURONIA ASSOCIATION

20 Year

CAROL HOOPER
JOE SHAW

WESTERN ONTARIO ASSOCIATION
MIKE'S ASSOCIATION

Saturday evening, a total of 11 people will be recognized for years of service in the 2022-23 seasons. 4 for 25-year, 1 for 30-year, 4 for 35-year, 1 for 40-year and 1 for 45-year.

Due to other commitments, one of our 35-year service award recipients will not be in attendance on Saturday but is with us now, and I ask Mike Wilson O5PBA Secretary to assist with presenting a 35-year service award to Paul Brown of the Lindsay 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. Congratulations Paul on your volunteer efforts.

VII FIRST CALL FOR ELECTIONS

Now it is time for the first call for nominations to the Board of Directors. Again this year, nominees who let their name stand will be requested to do a short speech up to 2-minute in length, to allow the delegates and guests the opportunity to get to know the nominees a little better.

With up to five directors being elected this year, we will all get a bit more of a background on our nominees. This year we will be electing five people; four for 3-year terms and one person for a two year term to fill the vacated position.

With that being said, I call upon Susan Burns, O5PBA Vice President and Constitution and By-laws Chair to come forward to do the first call of nominations. Susan.

Susan stated that Board incumbents John Cresswell, Brenda Hamilton, Neil Anderson and Sarah Gorman all will let their name stand for election this year. No additional nominations were put forward from the floor at this time.

John thanked Susan who would be called on again Friday afternoon for the 2nd call for nominations and then the final call and speeches on Saturday.

A motion was put forth by Melissa Llewellyn to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm.