



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

Semi Annual General Meeting

Sunday November 6th, 2022
Sheraton Hotel, Hamilton

President: John Cresswell

Secretary: Mike Wilson

Directors: Susan Burns
Mike Kyte
Winnie Spires
Meghan Blewitt
Brenda Fraser

Charles Cooper
Brenda Hamilton
Kevin Jepson
Neil Anderson
Sarah Gorman

Absent: None

Staff: None

Guests: Jim Sandiford, Kreston GTA
Dave Johnson, MBAO

President John Cresswell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mike Wilson took roll call and there were 49 delegates and Board present.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

Good morning. My name is John Cresswell, President of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association and it gives me great pleasure too welcome you to the 2022 SAGM.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE 2022 SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS PUT FORTH BY DOUG PLUMMER; SECONDED BY JACKY PIPERSBERG.

MOTION CARRIED.

To those new to this meeting or those who may not know us, I would like to introduce the elected Board of Directors. I ask you to hold your applause until they are all introduced:

Starting off with:

Susan Burns	Vice President, Constitution & By-laws, Recruitment and Development, and Human Resources
Charles Cooper	Treasurer, Planning
Mike Wilson	Secretary, Bowling School, & Information Technology
Kevin Jepson	Average Book, and Back to Bowling
Mike Kyte	Tournament Director
Winnie Spires	Membership, and Asst. Tournament Director
Brenda Hamilton	Audit, Communication, Publicity & Marketing and Sponsorship
Meghan Blewitt	Coaching, Long Term Athlete Development
Neil Anderson	Lane Certification, and Technical Director
Brenda Fraser	Awards, and Incentive
Sarah Gorman	Fundraising, and Record Scores

And myself, President John Cresswell. Ladies and Gentlemen, your elected Board of Directors.

Delegates and guests, your Board of Directors are here working for you the members, to do what needs to be done to ensure the organized sport of 5 pin bowling continues to flourish into the future.

The O5PBA office staff, continues to do everything required for all programs within this organization. They are two very efficient, knowledgeable, and organized employees working on our behalf behind the scenes. They are not with us today, but they are:

Rhonda Gifford	Program Coordinator
Jackie Henriques	Financial Coordinator.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the office staff.

With all the introductions done, let's get on with the meeting and remember, once again, the Board of Directors and office staff are here to administer and run the programs of the O5PBA that paid members can participate in. Without your feedback, both positive and constructive criticism, we can only assume what we are doing is heading in the right direction.

REVIEW OF DRAFT 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING #2

A review of the June 11th, 2022 General Meeting Number Two minutes was completed.

Neil Anderson indicated that on page one, in the first paragraph it should read "what our **options** are moving forward".

No further amendments were brought forward at this time.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11TH, 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NUMBER TWO WAS PUT FORTH BY AL HAWLEY; SECONDED BY GERRY FARRELL.

MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW OF DRAFT 2022 JULY 2022 PRESIDENTS MEETING

No amendments were brought forward at this time.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 27TH, 2022 PRESIDENTS MEETING WAS PUT FORTH BY KEVIN SMITH; SECONDED BY SALLY BARIL.

MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT

Treasurer Charles Cooper and auditor Jim Sandiford presented the results of the July 31st, 2022 ending review engagement.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE JULY 31ST, 2022 ENDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, WHICH HAD A REVIEW ENGAGEMENT COMPLETED BY KRESTON GTA, WAS PUT FORTH BY LORI BEESACK; SECONDED BY AIMEE BEDELL.

MOTION CARRIED.

Jim Sandiford left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

MOTION: TO APPROVE KRESTON GTA CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AS OUR AUDITORS FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON WAS PUT FORTH BY TERRY FARRELL; SECONDED BY JACKEY PIPERSBERG.

MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET – CHARLES COOPER

Charles discussed the two budgets, which were sent to the field (Trips or Cash) and responded to questions from the delegates.

Paul Bauer commented that the trips are missed, but a cash payout is always nice to receive as well.

Rob Macdonald asked what the delta was between the two options. Charles indicated that it was roughly \$2,000. Rob commented that the cash prize was the preferred choice from Middlesex.

Lori Beesack indicated that it looked like we were discounting the Open, which she thought we were not going to do. Charles will investigate.

Crystal Eberhardt-Gwynne asked what if someone wins and does not want to take a trip, what do they get? Charles commented that we would have to look at it, but they would get something most definitely.

Terry Farrell noted that Hamilton participants are always thrilled for the trips, and since the delta is only \$2,000 there isn't much of a difference.

Bob Beaucage asked what the difference is in having trips versus cash. John Cresswell commented that we get one free trip for every 11 trips booked. The cash prize would not be the retail budgeted price after taxes.

The budget discussion was tabled until later in the meeting under New Business to allow for more discussion by the delegates.

Charles Cooper reminded the Associations that the Club Funding they received should be kept at the Association level to pay for the assessments on Membership for the returning leagues. Do not give it to the leagues to get them back. If the centre runs the league, work with the centre to achieve this goal.

Lori Beesack suggested the Associations give the leagues a credit note that the league could use towards costs from the Association.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dave Johnson, MBAO President address the delegates and Board (see appendices attached).

O5PBA Vice-President Susan Burns read a letter from **Len Isleifson, C5PBA President** (see appendices attached).

O5PBA Vice-President Susan Burns read a letter from **Ministry Sports Consultant Faye Blackwood** (see appendices attached).

Bob Beaucage asked for an update on the BFC now that the Ten Pin was not moving forward at this time. John Cresswell gave a brief history on the BFC and the merger situation.

Gary Kehoe asked if the situation would affect the funding stream. John indicated that National funding would stop this year.

COACHING and LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT – MEGHAN BLEWITT

Earlier this year we were able to resume in person coaching courses.

I am happy to say that since the start of 2022 we have run three community coach courses and two intro to competition course. We have 37 new community coaches and 14 new trained intro to comp coaches and 6 certified intro to comp coaches.

Any intro to comp coaches who were trained prior to July 1, 2020, have until June 30, 2023, to complete their evaluation. After that date, it will cost \$50 for their evaluation. I will be sending a list of coaches that need to complete their evaluations to the local coaching coordinators.

Any newly trained intro to comp coaches have three years to complete their evaluations.

All coaches are also required to take the Making Headway course offered for free through The Locker. There is also a Safe Sport training module that is required for all new coaches, this replaces the Respect in Sport course previously required. We suggest everyone take the Safe Sport module as a refresher; it is also offered free through The Locker.

The C5 is in the process of putting together a course for existing Community Coach Learning Facilitators to be trained in online delivery. Once we have more information, it will be communicated.

If your Association is interested in running a coaching course, please reach out to me with possibly dates and I will help you coordinate a Learning Facilitator.

The deadline for the submitting nominations for the Grass Roots & Elite Coach of the year was October 31st. Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations. I will be tabulating the points in the coming weeks. As a reminder, the Grass Roots nominations remain on file for three years, the Elite Coach of the Year must be submitted annually.

Bob Beaucage asked when we would be holding Learning Facilitator courses, and Meghan indicated that she would be working with the C5 to get more. Bob also asked how someone would get a refresher course if they had already completed the LF training but have never delivered a course. Meghan will discuss this also with the C5.

TOURNAMENTS – MIKE KYTE

Good morning. Yesterday we certified four new Tournament Directors and had another one re-certify. I would ask that, wherever possible, the zones with the new Tournament Directors utilize their services at your tournaments this year to help them get their full certification. Just to give you a heads up, there are two Zone

Tournament Directors and 17 others who are also certified, who will need to get re-certified by the end of this season to maintain their status. Please check with the AGM Book from June for the names in your Association and see if they are still interested in keeping their Tournament Director status.

We will be planning a virtual course for those who could not attend this weekend, sometime in the January/February timeline.

Again, this year I am going to ask for assistance at our Provincial tournaments for local Tournament Directors to assist as judges of play. If anyone is interested, please let me know and I will make schedule you in.

As you know, the Youth Challenge tournament was changed to a regional format, as discussed, and agreed upon at the AGM in June and finalized at the Presidents meeting in July. All necessary paperwork will be sent out this week. By now you should have set up your roll-off site and provided your YBC Program Directors with the cost, time, and location as to where the roll-offs will be. For those regions that have combined zones, please make sure that once you receive your entries, you send them to the Tournament Director who is hosting the roll-offs. The Entry Deadline is November 13th. Please submit your results to the office as soon as possible, once you have completed your regional round. Just to let you know, the coaches meeting will be held by Zoom, the week prior to the Provincial Finals. Once we get all the information from the regions, we will set up a time and date. Coaches' notes will be sent out prior to the meeting for everyone to familiarize themselves with. This meeting process will also be done for the Open/Senior Open coaches' meetings as well.

When we removed the Declaration Rule for the Open and Senior Open, we failed to make all the necessary changes in the Green Book. The Green Book states the need to bowl in a sanctioned or affiliated league as a requirement to play in an association other than your own. This information was overlooked in error and is no longer a requirement, as per the new Declaration Rule. If you purchase a membership card in the association that you wish to bowl in and meet the Average Book requirements, you may bowl where you choose.

One other issue that I want to clear up is for coaches who don't bowl. If you want to be put on a list to coach, in an Association other than your principle residence, and have purchased a membership card by the October 31 deadline, does not mean that you cannot put your name down on your own Association's coaching list. You will be listed on both coach's lists, but it is expected that once you accept a coaching position in one Association you cannot change your mind, if asked by the other Association.

And finally, I have been asked to remind all Tournament Directors that you verify your bowlers' membership status before you allow them to bowl in a Zone or DC tournament. Last year there were several bowlers who bowled in a Zone or DC tournament that were not registered at the time of the roll-off.

In closing, I would like to introduce our committee this year. From the Board we have John, Kevin, Neil, and Winnie, who is also the assistant Tournament Director, Rhonda from the office and our three field reps Terry Farrell from Hamilton, Kristi Lampman from Middlesex Elgin and Kevin Smith from Huronia.

Bob Beaucage asked what gender was being selected this year for the National Youth Challenge coach selection. This year it will be a new female coach being selected but all are encourage to apply.

Ian Gawel stated that COBA will be running a HDCP event and wondered if we had a central location or ability to do an email blast. John Cresswell indicated that it can be advertised in the newsletter, but the email blast will need to be investigated further.

Terry Farrell asked if an assistant coach would be allowed in the playing area at the Youth Challenge Provincials due to the mix in the combined associations regions.

Rob Macdonald asked why we weren't using all seven games at the Youth Challenge Provincials. Should we be using the maximum games to get the best to the next level of the event? Mike Kyte indicated that games six and seven would be used to break possible ties, and that the Board felt that five games was sufficient. It will be a long day, travel distance for some areas regardless. This is a new structure so there will be growing pains. Mike Kyte indicated that changes can be brought forward to the June 2023 AGM. Andrea Priestley also commented that the bowling centre could have scheduling issues if the event was to run longer than the booking time.

A five-minute break was taken at 10:51 a.m. The meeting was brought to order at 10:59 a.m.

AVERAGE BOOK – KEVIN JEPSON

The rolling average spreadsheets were distributed to Zones on August 24th containing the four year rolling averages for members of the O5PBA during the last four bowling seasons. The four year rolling average will be in place until the shortened seasons of 2019-20 and 2020-21 will not affect the calculation of averages. Once three full seasons of leagues are complete, we will return to using 3 year rolling averages.

Rhonda Gifford sent Average Book packages to the Zone Average Book Chairs on August 25th.

Incentive Points for declaring the location of each Zone's average book MUST be submitted by Monday, November 7th using the appropriate form previously sent to the Zones or alternatively available on the O5PBA.ca website under the FORMS tab.

Zone and DC Tournament Directors are once again asked to submit Zone Results recap spreadsheets for the purpose of collecting the average book statistics from

the various Zone finals of the O5PBA events. These spreadsheets will be available this week online on the O5PBA.ca website under the FORMS tab.

Incentive points are awarded to Tournament Directors who submit their results spreadsheets NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS after the completion of their Zone round.

O5PBA members can gain viewing access to the statistics that comprise their rolling averages by registering online at the O5PBA.ca website in the bottom left corner of the Average Book search page. Similarly, Tournament Directors and Average Book Chairs, who register online as instructed above, can request access to their Zone members' data by emailing yours truly and requesting that privilege.

A couple of minor glitches were overcome lately and were caused by editing data for league members who were not registered prior to the May 1st membership registration deadline. Please ensure all league members are registered throughout the bowling season as they join your league so when the membership lists are turned into Average Book input spreadsheets they are complete with all league members' names and information for the entire season.

MEMBERSHIP – WINNIE SPIRES

Membership has started to trickle in, and it is our hope that the grant we received will help everyone and our numbers increase from last year. We truly appreciate everyone's time and talents in this endeavour.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of checking membership lists to ensure all the League membership has been processed. It is an important step because the Average Book is based on the current season's membership submitted. We had a few problems last season, which delayed the Average Book being updated and published for this season. Please ensure all your members are registered.

For clarification, the Executive Listing and the Board of Directors Membership list are two separate things and each vitally important.

The Executive Listing identifies the names and contact information (role, address, email, telephone) that is shared amongst the O5 office and Board of Directors as a point of contact when necessary.

The Board of Directors Membership list registers each director within your organization, and they must complete a membership application form, have it scanned and sent accompanying each Associations' Board of Directors membership list. This ensures all Directors are registered as part of the O5 and working on behalf of their members and Associations. This should be the first membership list forwarded to the office each season after the association's AGM and the incoming board of directors has been put into place. If this list is not updated before the end of October, each Association will in the future forfeit their voting rights at the SAGM. It was noted that the updating of this list is at no cost to the Association.

Also, for clarification, each Board of Director does not receive free membership as each member should show up in another listing (example: a League, Life Member and/or Miscellaneous), otherwise a fee will be due by the Association for said members.

MARKETING, SPONSORSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS – **BRENDA HAMILTON**

The marketing sponsorship program was the brainchild of Heather Cresswell as you all were made aware of at her induction last night. Heather's thought was instead of looking for that ever elusive "big" sponsor why don't we create a sponsorship program that most individuals could participate in with levels of sponsorship. This has proved very successful since its inception in 2007 in raising sponsorship money for our Association.

We lost a couple of Gold Sponsors this year in Rosemary Davidson and Lori Beesack, and we would like to recognize them for their past contributions. However, we have been able to raise \$9,000 in sponsorship money this year, which is a small increase over last year. The York Simcoe Association raised their sponsorship level from Gold to the \$1,000 Platinum level and Kingsway 5 Pin raised their sponsorship level from Silver to the \$500 Gold level and this was very much appreciated. We also had a new Bronze sponsor come on board, Linda & Peter Vandenberg.

We very much appreciate the support of our sponsors and would now like to recognize them today.

We all know that communication to the general public is key to the success of any business or organization. Companies spend millions of dollars in advertising to consumers by way of television, magazines and radio.

In today's business world, corporations are utilizing social media more and more to reach consumers 12 and up at a much lower cost than TV or magazine advertising.

It is great to see so many of our Zones and DCs with their own Facebook pages. It is a great way to reach your bowlers to let them know what is happening in your Zone or DC and to attract new bowlers. For those Zones or DCs that don't have a Facebook page, it should be one of your objectives for this upcoming season to set one up. If no one on your Board knows how to do this, reach out to the younger people in your Zone for help – I am sure they will be more than willing to help you set up a Facebook page for your Association.

Snapd Magazines are now utilizing Facebook as a way of communicating events to the public in specified cities. Just Google Snapd Magazine in whatever city you would like to post your event. O5 Provincial tournament event press releases have been posted to the Snapd Facebook pages in the cities where they are taking place.

Snapd seems to no longer be printing their local magazines, but using the Facebook platform now instead.

BACK TO BOWLING – KEVIN JEPSON

The committee will be holding a meeting later in November to set objectives going forward. Lori Beesack suggested we should consider adding YouTube and Twitter to the platforms used. Kevin noted these suggestions.

Lori Beesack suggested we use the Membership Application information (email addresses) to send out information/publicity information. John Cresswell indicated that the spreadsheets containing member information submitted from the field would drive this, and there is a cost associated with creating and maintaining this type of system.

FUNDRAISING – SARAH GORMAN

Sarah announced that the Open Elimination tickets have been printed and will be available to the local Associations soon.

LANE CERTIFICATION – NEIL ANDERSON

As of this past Friday we were missing three Associations and now we are down to one. Doug Plummer asked what could be done in the case where two centres that were certified have not yet paid their bill. Neil indicated that the certification certificate or decal should not be given to the centre until everything has been completed.

Rob Macdonald asked why we were still using paper reports and not something electronic. Neil indicated that this is being worked on, so agents will have a choice.

OLD BUSINESS

John Cresswell announced several years of service awards that were missed during the 2022 AGM. Susan Burns presented the awards to those in attendance.

Mike Kyte addressed the six motions which were tabled until this meeting from the June 2022 Annual General Meeting.

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION #1

Ontario Open Singles to be a completely separate event.

Paul Bauer tabled this motion until the 2023 June AGM.

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION #2

Change the Open Team Format to include multiple matches against each opponent zone/team.

Paul Bauer tabled this motion until the 2023 June AGM.

CENTRAL ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION #2

Change Open team scheduling to allow for double round-robin tournament to qualify for stepladder finals.

Lori Beesack tabled this motion until the 2023 June AGM.

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION #3

Change the step ladder playoff format at the Ontario open to the page playoff format.

Paul Bauer tabled this motion until the 2023 June AGM.

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION #4

All future changes in regards to the Ontario open (both provincials and qualifying formats) are to be voted on at an event specific general meeting, held during open provincial weekend. Any active participant involved (coaches, players, or O5 member spectators at the provincial event) can attend and provide a vote on open specific motions.

Paul Bauer tabled this motion until the 2023 June AGM. Paul asked if the Tournament Committee had discussed this motion yet. Mike Kyte stated it would be discussed during the March Zoom meeting.

CENTRAL ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION #1

Change Open Singles to an East/West qualifying with a match play championship day on the Sunday of Open weekend.

Lori Beesack tabled this motion until the 2023 June AGM. Bob Beaucage and Lori Beesack will spearhead a survey to their Open registrations using an iPad and will tabulate their results.

As this was the first time regional teams were being formed for the Youth Challenge Provincials, everyone agreed that if space allows for it, Assistant Coaches will be allowed in the playing area.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Charles Cooper opened the floor for discussions concerning which Budget to use for this coming season (Trips or Cash for the winners).

Bob Beaucage asked if inflation might affect the trip budget. John Cresswell stated that the current pricing is looking like the 2019 prices, so not at this time.

Crystal Eberhardt-Gwynne mentioned that trips right now might not be a good selling feature, where cash might be better received. Nancy Fleming also indicated that cash might be more beneficial as people are hesitant to travel and taking time off in November could be problematic. Maybe we should give them the option on what they want at that time. John Cresswell indicated we could consider a hybrid solution to maximize participation.

Paul Bauer asked if we were to vote for trips will the hybrid solution be available as an option. John indicated if that is the option everyone agrees upon.

Doug Plummer asked how the cash value would be determined. Charles Cooper pointed out that the most flexibility would be to use the trip budget. Lori Beesack pointed out trips might be more flexible, but it adds more administration.

MOTION: TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CASH VALUE BUDGET WAS PUT FORTH BY LORI BEESACK; SECONDED BY ROB MACDONALD.

27 delegates for, 10 against. 12 Board members not voting as it pertained to financial impact on the organization.

MOTION CARRIED.

At this time Charles Cooper announced that at the end of the June 2023 AGM, he would be resigning as Treasurer due to personal time constraints. John Cresswell thanked Charles for all of the work and efforts he has put forth to the organization while on the Board.

John Cresswell stated that we are in receipt of our grant funding for this season, and there were no amendments.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 12.19 PM WAS PUT FORTH BY MELISSA LLEWELLYN.

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED