



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

Semi Annual General Meeting

Sunday November 3rd, 2024
Sheraton Hotel, Hamilton

President: John Cresswell

Secretary: Mike Wilson

Directors: Dave Post
Mike Kyte
Brenda Hamilton
Sarah Gorman
Mike Connerty

Gary Kehoe
Susan Burns
Meghan Blewitt
Lori Beesack
Danny Vogler

Absent: None

Staff: Rhonda Gifford {via Zoom}
Jackie Henriques {via Zoom}

Guests: Len Isleifson {via Zoom}

President John Cresswell called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

Good morning, and welcome to the O5PBA Semi-Annual Meeting, which is being held at the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton.

I hope everyone enjoyed the extra hour of sleep last night. My name is John Cresswell, President of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, and it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to our Semi-Annual Meeting. With the bowling season off to a great start, leagues are running, membership is flowing in, and the tournament season is about to begin. Last evening we inducted eight individuals and one dual inductee to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowling Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to the two new legends Bill Williams and Ralph Pittaro; the four new Players Gail Matis, Linda MacLean, Rob McGregor and Elizabeth Nicoll; our Dual Inductee to the Builders division Claudina Sula, and the two new Builders, Denis St-Onge and myself, John Cresswell.

While last evening was extremely exciting, there are many things to discuss today. There will be some new announcements and updates on previously announced

items, and we will need to make some decisions about moving forward with our sport of 5-pin bowling in Ontario.

With the election of four new directors to the O5PBA Board at our most recent AGM, I would like to take a moment to once again thank Winnie Spires for all her years of service to the Board and wish her all the best in the future. To Brenda Fraser, thank you for your years of volunteering for the O5PBA Board of Directors and for all the work you do locally in the Niagara Association. To Terry Farrell, who stepped back in as the appointed Treasurer while Gary was brought up to speed, Thank you for all your assistance and your ongoing work with the Ontario Host Committee for the C5 National Open.

As I mentioned earlier, the work the Board of Directors has been doing on behalf of the members since the AGM has produced numerous announcements and updates. Instead of me telling you, I think it would be better for each of them to tell you themselves.

Mike Wilson took roll call and there were 42 delegates including the Board of Directors present.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE 2024 SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS PUT FORTH BY MELISSA LLEWELLYN ; SECONDED BY CHRISTINA CAREY.

MOTION CARRIED.

I have said this multiple times before, but I must repeat it, the Board of Directors and office staff are here working with and updating the programs developed over the years for those who are registered members yearly and are eligible to participate in our programs. Please remember no comment or question is unwelcome as everyone is entitled to their opinion. I ask that we all respect everyone and listen to what each speaker has to say. If it looks like the same thing is being said repeatedly, the meeting chair may ask you to sit down to ensure everyone can speak and say their piece.

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:

Danny Vogler	Marketing, Back to Bowling
Lori Beesack	Fundraising, Incentive
Mike Connerty	Lane Certification, Technical Director
Sarah Gorman	Average Book, Membership, and Assistant Tournament Director
Meghan Blewitt	Coaching, Long Term Athlete Development, Record Scores, Awards
Susan Burns	Constitution & By-laws, Human Resources
Brenda Hamilton	Audit, Communication and Publicity, Sponsorship
Mike Kyte	Tournament Director

Gary Kehoe	Treasurer
Mike Wilson	Secretary, Bowling School and Information Technology
Dave Post	Vice President, Planning, Recruitment and Development
John Cresswell	President

Ladies and Gentlemen, your elected Board of Directors.

The next two individuals I want to introduce is our office staff. Working from their home offices and joining the meeting today via Zoom, they continue administering the programs within the O5PBA. In my opinion they are two of the most efficient, organized staff any organization could have. I would like to introduce:

Rhonda Gifford	Program Coordinator
Jackie Henriques	Financial Coordinator

Ladies and Gentlemen, our office staff.

Delegates and guests, the O5PBA Board of Directors is made up of volunteers who do things to the best of their ability, and in what they feel is the organization's best interest. The current board of elected directors are here to work for you, the members, and to ensure that the organized sport of 5-pin bowling continues to flourish.

With that being said, we are not perfect and can make mistakes, as can each one of us here today. I look forward to hearing from all the association volunteers in the room today.

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, so without your feedback, both positive and constructive criticism, we can only assume what we are doing is heading in the right direction.

GUEST SPEAKERS

C5PBA President Len Isleifson {via Zoom}

Len addressed those present at today's meeting with greetings from the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. Two notable items mentioned were two initiatives that the C5PBA were presently working on, FlipGive and Capstone.

Ministry Sports Consultant Faye Blackwood {read by Gary Kehoe}

Thank you for the invitation to attend O5PBA's 2024 Semi-Annual General Meeting, this Sunday morning. I am truly sorry that I am not able to attend your event this year in person.

That being said, I am sure that everyone had a wonderful time at the 43rd Awards Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony last evening.

Working at the Ministry of Sport, as the Ministry is now known, is knowing that sport is making a difference in lives of men, women, boys and girls, both physically and mentally. Our mental health goes hand in hand and is just as important as our physical health. Knowing that you are participating in a sport with like-minded people, always make that sport, so much more fun. Even working out at the gym. If you are doing it with a friend, the workout seems much easier, than when you are working out on your own.

I know that this year's O5PBA's Semi-Annual General Meeting is important, reflecting on what has taken place but also can set the tone for what will/can take place in the future, which is always exciting. And talk about exciting and being a person who loves sport. I was glued to my TV watching the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, as I am sure we all were.

Whether participating at the Olympic Games or at a local event, the feeling is the same. Wanting to be the best you can be, participating in the sport that you love, so please take this opportunity to celebrate you and your accomplishments from the past year and be proud of them.

Safe Sport and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion or EDI are still important to this government and will be for many years to come. So, stay tuned!

Finally, as I always like to say ... "Sport is a way of life, for life".

Take care and be well.

Cheers, Faye

Bowl Ontario 5 Pin President Shawn McNamara {read by Gary Kehoe}

President John Cresswell, Board of Directors, members and guests I bring greetings from the Bowl Ontario Board of Directors and our 50 proprietor member centres.

Last season we lost 2 long time member centres in Jeff's Bowl-O-Rama in Welland, and Playdium Lanes in Windsor. Both centres were long time supporters of all bowling associations and are a big loss to the bowling community.

In our current economy with the out of control rising costs that bowling centres are facing, public bowling, birthday parties, corporate parties and the income they bring has become a necessity for survival of bowling centres.

For proprietors, the biggest earning months for public bowling are December through March. This, coupled with the continued loss of centres and 3 organizations trying to find centres for events in this time period, we decided to move three of our Provincial events to the weekend of May 31 and June 1. This should lighten our calendar of events during those busy months. We proposed this to our proprietors at our AGM in June and it was very well received.

Last season we hired a new Executive Director in Mike Galbraith to run our day-to-day association. Mike brings decades of experience and knowledge from the bowling community in all avenues of the industry to our association and is always available and willing to correspond.

I wish everyone a successful meeting today.

Shawn McNamara. President & Executive Director.

At this time, President John Cresswell invited Walter Heeney to the podium to address the delegates and guests briefly on his book covering 50 years of bowling and last evening's Hall of Fame ceremonies.

REVIEW OF DRAFT 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING #2

A review of the June 15th, 2024, Draft General Meeting Number Two Minutes was completed:

Page 1, last paragraph, should read "Bay of Quinte".

Page 2, 2nd paragraph, second line should read "defeated, then Bay of Quinte".

Page 4, section IV, 2024 AGM Discussion Forum Number Two, 6th paragraph, second sentence should read "Christina went on to say that it would be more".

Page 7, end of first paragraph, should be the word "year", not years. Also in paragraph 9, the sentence is missing the period following "the photographer will be."

Page 9, sentence following RECOMMENDATION #1 should read "After discussion Paul Bauer, seconded by".

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15TH, 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NUMBER TWO WAS PUT FORTH BY LARRY PALMBY; SECONDED BY HEATHER HAWLEY.

MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT

Auditor Jim Sandiford from Kreston GTA spoke about the results of our Review Engagement. With no questions from the floor President John Cresswell asked for a motion to accept the financial report as presented.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE JULY 31ST, 2024 ENDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, WHICH HAD A REVIEW ENGAGEMENT COMPLETED BY KRESTON GTA, WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BAUER; SECONDED BY BRENDA FRASER.

MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET – GARY KEHOE

- A) Youth Challenge – we started with a \$12,000 budget for expenses, but sent a revised document to the field later, but following an October 2024 meeting with the C5PBA and all Provincial Presidents, Ontario found out we would be looking at a deficit budget expense. As a Board we agreed to go into our reserves to help offset some of this deficit. A document listing four scenarios was sent to the field (contribution of \$5k, \$10k, \$15k, and \$20k) and how each scenario would affect the assessments to the zones.

Charles Cooper asked for confirmation that we are looking at a shortfall of \$5,300 and taking that from the reserve. Gary confirmed that as yes.

Charles then asked why we were looking at other options other than covering the shortfall and changing assessment values. John Cresswell stated that the idea of offering several scenarios was not only to cover the shortfall but to try to lower the cost of participation to the youth players who are participating as well.

Geoff Dunn commended the Board for attempting to lower the cost of participation at the grass roots level. Winnie Spires also commended the action.

Brenda Pankoff asked if either of the two projects which Len Isleifson mentioned would affect this. Gary indicated no, those projects would affect next year.

Christina Carey asked if the Board was looking into any longer range planning on where the Youth Challenge Nationals would be in the next few years as to not keep tapping into the reserve funds. Gary Kehoe commented that our using the reserve funds this year is short term and long term we would need to develop fundraising efforts to offset.

Maria Istvanic stated that hopefully using the reserved funds isn't an ongoing solution. Gary Kehoe noted that using the reserve is not our default solution. It has been some time since we used the reserve.

Chistina Carey asked if we had a specific fundraising plan put in place for Youth Challenge and the Nationals? Gary Kehoe indicated that this is not something we had discussed specifically, but it is something we can do.

John Cresswell noted that it wasn't until October that we were made aware of the cost and that the location would be Calgary this year. We had two choices, participate or don't participate but we still would have a fee to pay. The difference between participating and not participating is about twelve to fifteen thousand dollars. Going forward we will need to find a way to communicate that anyone going to Nationals will have either an assessment or a fundraising requirement, and how to best set this up.

MOTION: TO USE \$5,000 WAS PUT FORTH BY BRENDA PANKOFF; SECONDED BY KEVIN SMITH.

Gary Kehoe noted that using roughly \$5,500 from the reserves it would change the assessment to be \$98.62 (HST included).

AMENDED MOTION: TO USE UP TO \$15,000 WAS PUT FORTH BY WINNIE SPIRES; SECONDED BY TERRY FARRELL.

In doing so, the assessment would then change to be \$48.18 (HST included).

Terry Farrell, Christina Carey, and Paul Bauer all reiterated the need to try to keep costs as low as possible for the Youth Challenge because combined entry and lineage costs over \$100.00 puts the event out of reach for a lot of young players.

Dave Post stated that Alberta 5 Pin, and Calgary 5 Pin are looking into grants. At this time, they aren't approved, nor do we know if they will be, but hopefully they are successful as all provinces would benefit.

Bob Beaucage asked what are the chances that we find a corporate sponsor. John Cresswell agreed it would be great, but those programs are hard to get and harder to keep.

With no more discussion the amended motion was called.

Seventeen for, nine against.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.

- B) Overall Budget – Since the last version of the budget was sent to the field there have been a few updates. As of this meeting we are sitting at a loss of \$17,000.

Charles Cooper asked about the Open lineage as it doesn't appear broken out. Gary Kehoe indicated that there was a formatting error that was discovered last week. The actual number for the Open lineage is

\$19,463.00. Charles asked if the assessments would change, and Gary indicated yes. Once updated a revised document will be sent to the field.

Charles Cooper indicated that two years ago at the AGM Huronia had an approved motion to have the Open lineage assessed separately. John Cresswell indicated that this would be looked into.

Christina Carey asked why Open uniforms were over budget. John Cresswell indicated that there are several numbers in that category that still need to be cleared up yet. Terry Farrell noted that the expense line includes extra shirts ordered by the participants, but there is income to offset that.

At this time Gary Kehoe asked for a motion to accept the 2024-2025 Budget.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE 2024-2025 BUDGET WAS PUT FORTH BY WINNIE SPIRES; VIRGINIA LABENSKI.

MOTION CARRIED.

John Cresswell stated that the Huronia motion Charles spoke of was approved at the 2023 AGM (For Open and Senior Open have the lineage separated from the assessment). We will fix the budget to reflect this.

COACHING and LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT – MEGHAN BLEWITT

There haven't been any major changes to LTAD since the AGM.

It has been a busy start to the year for coaching. We have booked an Online Community Coach course for Nov. 9th, which I'm happy to say is fully booked with 18 people.

We are in the process of coordinating another Online Community Coach course for Dec. 14th, the details for that will be released in the coming weeks.

With the success of the online Community Coach courses, it's brought up the question, why can't Intro to Comp be done online? The reason that Intro to Comp can't be done exclusively online is because there is an on lane portion that must take place on the lanes. However, I am happy to say that a blended learning course is being developed, which will consist of 2 days online and 1 day in person. We are hoping that this will be ready and approved early next year and that a pilot can be run in the Spring.

We know that we need more coaches for our sport, but we also need more Learning Facilitators. The process to become a Learning Facilitator involves multi-steps.

1. CORE Training
2. Sport Specific Training
3. Co-Delivery
4. Evaluation

I have been working closely with the Coaching Association of Ontario to set up a private CORE Learning Facilitators online training, which I'm happy to say has been booked for January 25th, 9am-4pm. This is only available to Ontario residents. We need a minimum of 6 people to run the course, which I have confirmed, however, we can accept up to 12, which will bring the cost down. So please take this information back to your associations and see if there is anyone interested in becoming a Learning Facilitator.

Each year, we ask for nominations for the Dave Post Elite Coach of the Year and the Ernie Roggie Grass Roots Coach of the Year.

The Dave Post Elite Coach of the Year is awarded to someone who has shown success in coaching the previous season. This year's recipient has been coaching for almost 15 years, and has been a Competitive Coach for 7 years.

Not only do they coach, but you will find them competing on the lanes, and on the baseball diamonds in the summer. They have coached at multiple levels, including youth & adults. Last year, they coached the Middlesex Elgin ladies team to victory at the Ontario Open, and to a 6th place finish at Nationals.

Congratulations to Tracey Miller of the Middlesex Elgin 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, this year's Dave Post Elite Coach of the Year.

The Ernie Roggie Grass Roots Coach of the Year is awarded to individuals who are dedicated to their programs, identified by their youth bowlers', and bring a positive experience to the coaching process. This year's recipient has been coaching for over 40 years working at all levels, including YBC, Youth Challenge and the Open. They have coached 15 years at Youth Challenge, 20 years at the Open, which includes a Provincial Championship, taking a men's team to Nationals in Newfoundland. They have coached in their local YBC program for 30 years and taken many teams to provincials. In addition to coaching, they have competed in the Open 15 times, with their best finish being a tie for 5th place in the singles stepladder.

Congratulations to Adele Cousineau of the Kawartha Lakes 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, this year's Ernie Roggie Grass Roots Coach of the Year.

Paul Bauer asked if there was any prerequisite to taking the LF training? Meghan indicated that there are two LF training courses. Community Coach and Introduction to Competition. Participants in the training must be a certified coach (NCCP), but to take the Introduction to Competition training you need to be Intro to Comp certified.

Paul Sprague indicated that the YBC eliminated the need for coaching certification. Paul asked if there is any way we could recommend that they still utilize certified coaches? Meghan indicated that we could recommend it to them but there is no real way to enforce it.

A ten minute break was taken at 10:31 am. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am.

Mike Wilson took roll call and there were 42 delegates including the Board of Directors present.

TOURNAMENTS – MIKE KYTE

Yesterday the Tournament Directors Certification course was cancelled because we did not have enough registrations. Our apologies to Scott McIntyre from Huronia. He showed up to take the course, but we hadn't had him as registered and didn't know the course had been cancelled. In order to accommodate anyone who would like to get certified this year, we will be planning to run a virtual course sometime in the new year, around January or February. More information will be made available later.

Just to give you a heads up, there are three (3) Tournament Directors and seven (7) others who are also certified, that will need to get re-certified by the end of this season to maintain their status. All zones have been notified but, I will still send out reminders to the individuals who need to get recertified this year and will copy the Zone and DC Presidents.

Again, this year I am going to ask for assistance at our Provincial tournaments for local Tournament Directors to assist as Judges of Plays. As you know, the Open & Senior Open will again be held in Brantford, Woodstock and Stratford. Since we are using three (3) centres again, we will require extra help. If anyone is interested, please send me an email and let me know. I will schedule you in wherever possible.

I just want to remind all Tournament Directors that if you have qualified for a Zone or DC round tournament you have to get another Tournament Director to run the tournament, you can't bowl in the tournament and be Judge of Play at the same time. It's a conflict of interest.

I'm sure you know by now of all the changes that were made to the Open and Senior Open tournament, so I won't waste your time in mentioning them. The schedule of events and lane draw for these tournaments will be posted to the O5 website after the completion of all the zone qualifying rounds.

After a number of emails regarding the Open Rule 2b) ii, where it states that bowlers and coaches who compete in regular league play as registered members of an O5PBA sanctioned or affiliated league in a zone other than their principal residence, will be eligible to compete in the Open in the Zone of their choice, if they have a rolling average with a minimum of fifty games over three years, as published

in the Zone Average Book and on the O5PBA website every year. The fifty games must be bowled in league play. Games bowled in tournaments do not count in the totals. The bowler must also be playing in a registered league this season, in the same zone.

There are several changes to this year's Youth Challenge tournament. As passed at the AGM in June, the Western Ontario zone dissolved and was taken over by Middlesex Elgin. This means that there are now six Regions for the Youth Challenge. Region #2 Middlesex Elgin, Region #3 Grand River, Region #4 Niagara/Hamilton, Region #5 Central Ontario/York Simcoe/Metro Toronto/Huron, Region #6 Ontario Durham/Bay of Quinte/Kawartha Lakes and Region #7 Ottawa Valley. Regions #2 & #5 will be sending two teams in each division (Men's, Ladies and Mixed).

The delegates also voted to remove the Championship Finals match and the winners, which are now the top three (3) teams in each division, will be declared at the completion of the single round robin, which is still seven (7) games.

All games bowled during the round will still be used to determine the bowlers, top three (3) Men and Ladies that will form Team Ontario that will advance to the National Championships. The Nationals will be held in person this year from March 26 to 29 in Calgary, Alberta. (as posted on the C5PBA website). These dates are different from the ones that have been published in the Green Book and Calendar (Mar 20-23).

The coaches' meetings for both the Youth Challenge and Open/Senior Open will be held again by Zoom. The Youth Challenge coaches meeting will be on Monday January 6th and the Open & Senior Open coaches' meetings are scheduled for either Sunday April 6th or Monday April 7th. Coach's notes for both meetings will be sent out prior to the dates.

Once again, we have scheduled an Open and Senior Open bowler's information session on Wednesday April 30th to discuss the changes that were made to this year's Open and Senior Open. This will also give all Open & Senior Open bowlers the chance to voice their concerns, prior to the AGM in June. This meeting will be held by Zoom and will be open to any current O5 member who is in good standing with the O5PBA. Details will be sent out at a later date. You will be asked to register prior to the event.

Pages 9-9 and 9-10 in the Secretary's Handbook, lists the names of both the Open and Membership Suspensions, with the city and zones. Due to the zone boundaries changes, there are a number of changes made to the zones. Please review these changes and if there are any mistakes, please send me an email with the corrections.

You will hear later during the meeting that we will be offering O5 merchandise and apparel for sale. Please note that this apparel does not conform to the dress code that you must wear at our Provincial tournaments as a bowler. You still have to bowl in your zone-identified shirt.

As indicated in the Technical Report in the 2024 AGM Book, there are a number of additions to the Rule Book that are not listed in the new printed Rule Book regarding the use of mechanical aid. Section B Rule 4-Legally Delivered Ball; add Rule 4(g). When using a mechanical aid, you must release the ball before the foul line. Section B Rule 13-Fouls; add Rule 13(d) A foul is committed if the ball is not delivered before the foul line when using a mechanical device.

Section B Rule 26-Bowling Cue; add Rule 26(c) For all approved devices, please see the C5PBA Standards and Specifications manual. No modifications are allowed unless otherwise approved by the C5PBA. This rule is being implemented to bring back the integrity of the original intent of the use of this mechanical aid. It is now sold only as the cup that holds the ball.

One other addition to the Rule Book is Section B Rule 10-Dead Ball; add Rule 10(d) Any foul committed when the ball has been declared dead will not be counted.

Finally, remember in case of any dispute, or interpretation of any rule, the decision of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee shall be final". If a Tournament Director encounters a dispute or needs an interpretation of a rule in any event, they can contact the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167 any time during the event and you will be connected to a Provincial Tournament Committee member. Phones are monitored on Sundays. If a local Tournament Director is unable to reach the Provincial Office immediately, the benefit of the doubt must be given to the bowler. The bowler must be permitted to compete, and the subsequent results are to be held "unofficial" until the problem or question has been referred to the Provincial Office.

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

Brenda Pankoff asked for clarification to the 50 game rule in the Open / Senior Open qualifier, must be bowled in a league. Mike Kyte stated yes. To Brenda this is a change to the rules. Bob Beaucage indicated that Central Ontario brought forward this motion, and the spirit of the motion was to include those qualifying games in the 50 games. In the motion there was no mention of in league play only.

Upon review of the 2022 AGM Minutes, it was determined that the motion did not include those details, but they were listed in the supporting notes following the motion, so they were taken into consideration. As Central Ontario's intent was for the qualifying games to count towards the 50 games a clarification will be published to correct the oversight.

AVERAGE BOOK – SARAH GORMAN

A new tournament submission spreadsheet has been developed for starting this season. Instructions are included on the first tab of the Excel file. A demo of the file was displayed to those present.

MEMBERSHIP – SARAH GORMAN

As of this meeting, we have processed 2550 members with more arriving daily from the field.

MARKETING – DANNY VOGLER

Thank you to everyone for all the amazing work that is being done in the field to promote our sport and engage our bowlers. New websites are being built now and then, which is great because it's not Facebook. Facebook is a great place to communicate but it's hard to find things on that platform at times.

Social media, this year we increased our reach by 161,000 which is a 128% growth. We have increased our followers by 520 net gain which is a 78% increase. Liking and sharing on Facebook will help to increase our reach.

SPONSORSHIP – BRENDA HAMILTON

Once again, thank you to all those Zones and DC's who continue to produce newsletters and utilize social media to keep their bowlers informed.

A reminder, the O5PBA newsletter Pinboard is published monthly around the 20th of the month. If you would like to have an article included in our newsletter regarding events and special occasions happening in your zone or DC for inclusion in our newsletter, please send to my inbox by the 10th of the month at brendahamilton@o5pba.ca. Incentive points will be awarded to your zone or DC for information sent to us and published. So far this year we have raised \$7,050.

AUDIT – BRENDA HAMILTON

The O5PBA conducted three internal audits during the 2023/24 bowling season.

The final audit for the past season was conducted on October 6TH, 2024.

The main areas reviewed included accounts receivable, accounts payable, comparison of trial balance to balance sheet and income statement, Board of Directors expenses and credit card expenses and all areas appeared reasonable.

The banks are reconciled monthly and prepared with the Quickbooks reconciliation program. The reconciliations were reviewed, and all appear to be accurate and reasonable.

The 1st audit of the new season will take place in December reviewing the first 4 months of the 2024/25 bowling season – August, September, October and November.

FUNDRAISING – LORI BEESACK

Over the past few months, the board has been actively looking into fundraisers to support our organization. Earlier this month, O5 announced the launch of our branded clothing including a limited-edition T shirt. Items include hoodies, shirts, hats and towels. To save on shipping charges, orders may be available at all O5 tournaments. The association will receive a share of the proceeds to support our members.

In the 2024 / 2025 season, we have partnered with Woodward Meats located in Oakville. This fundraiser will run throughout the bowling season from November 1 – May 26. A variety of restaurant quality meat is available for delivery or pick up. They have chicken wings and fingers to wagu steak, and everything in between. I personally am looking forward to getting the tailgating box of ribs, wings and chicken fingers. Be sure to share the link with your friends and family, we are all able to take advantage of their great products and pricing.

We have also partnered with FlipGive. This partnership supports all the online shoppers. When people take advantage of the offers or shop through the FlipGive website or app, a percentage of all sales are shared with O5. The frequently share time limited sales with added cashback to the organization, but you ultimately save money on the deals. As you can see on the slide, many of our favorites are available.

We also looked at Fundscrip which is a gift card fundraiser. However, upon review it may be better at the local association level. One zone has started using it to supplement their awards program and have already earned \$85 with their first order. Take a look at it for your local zone.

OLD BUSINESS

Susan Burns indicated that the boundary changes (By-Law appendix A) which were discussed at the 2024 AGM have been accepted by all of the associations affected, so Susan will move forward to have the By-Laws updated (housekeeping).

Christina Carey asked if we had any updates on potential AGM locations if and when we don't return to Fern Resort. Lori Beesack indicated that we created an ad-hoc committee to investigate alternative venues (hotels, colleges, etc.). Once we mapped out the pricing, Fern's pricing was similar. Because we had a tight confirmation deadline with Fern we did confirm with them for this coming year, but it will now be the week following Father's Day weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

Meghan Blewitt indicated that this year the C5PBA advised us that some of their pin awards stock is getting low. There are currently 5 different pins that we can purchase.

200 & 225 single
600 & 650 triple
Centre Collector Pins

We have purchased these pins in the past, however, the cost for C5PBA to replenish their stock is increasing and as a result our purchase cost will be increasing.

We need to decide if this is something we feel there is value in continuing with, at the higher rates, or if this program should be phased out and a new option explored.

Winnie Spires noted that their seniors' leagues enjoy the pins. Charles Cooper also stated that Huronia finds value in the pins.

Meghan concluded that the consensus given was to continue with the program.

The 2025 AGM dates will be June 19th to 22nd, with all meetings being held in the Huronia room, which is in the basement of the Hearthsides Inn building. Bergwen's will be used on Saturday night for the incentive awards presentation and dance.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 12:01 PM WAS PUT FORTH BY VIRGINIA LABENSKI.

MOTION CARRIED.