

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

AGM 2025 – DISCUSSION FORUM #1

Friday, June 20th, 2025

Chair: John Cresswell

Secretary: Mike Wilson

Directors: Dave Post Gary Kehoe
Mike Kyte Brenda Hamilton
Susan Burns Meghan Blewitt
Sarah Gorman Lori Beesack
Mike Connerty Danny Vogler

I CALL TO ORDER

John Cresswell called the meeting to order at 2:37 pm.

II OPENING REMARKS

Earlier, we completed General Meeting #1. Now, we will engage in Discussion Forum #1 and continue after dinner with Discussion Forum #2. Dinner is scheduled to start at 6:00 pm, so we will take a break at approximately 5:30pm to allow everyone time to have dinner, and then we will reconvene at 8:00 pm for Discussion Forum #2.

We will work together on the reports and get the motions and recommendations submitted to the office by the deadline to be included in the book and others submitted after the deadline.

During discussion forums, everyone can contribute to the discussion and voting. As we have always done, discussion forums are reviewed during General Meeting #2. It is there that only the delegates will vote on any motions or recommendations brought back to the floor or on adopting the minutes as presented.

This afternoon, we will start the review of the committee reports. Please allow the presenter to complete their report and then feel free to bring up any questions or comments at the end. If time permits, we will continue with some of the reports from this evening's agenda.

III COMMITTEE REPORTS

Government Grants: (page 15) The funding we receive from the Ontario government is scrutinized annually through reports that we are required to submit regularly. Our long-time consultant, Faye Blackwood, retired at the end of 2024, and we wish her all the best in her retirement. We have been advised by the Ontario government that funding for the 2025-2026

season will remain consistent with last season, and that a new funding cycle application is being developed, with an announcement expected later in 2025. Thank you to Terry Farrell for working with the board members and office staff to prepare our yearly report, which is due by July 1, 2025.

Liaison Committee: (page 15) The three organizations of bowling, the Master Bowlers Association of Ontario, Bowl Ontario 5 Pin, and the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association continue to communicate via email during the bowling season. The 5 Pin Bowling Calendar of events aims to ensure that the Provincial events of all three organizations do not conflict, allowing every member to participate in the events they choose. Additionally, coaching remains a vital component of all events leading up to the National Championships.

Recruitment and Development: (page 16) Unfortunately membership numbers will not increase on their own, so if we are to grow our sport everyone will need to put boots to ground and do what they can to help 5 pin bowling improve and grow.

Planning: (page 17) The results of today's seminar will be reviewed over the next few weeks and will help to develop a new strategic and operational plan to grow the organization.

Hall of Fame: (page 18) Brenda Pankoff addressed those present as chair of the Hall of Fame committee. Our 43rd Awards Dinner was hosted this past November. Brenda Walters has joined the committee fulltime, and Linda MacLean along with Jim Head have come on as new observers. In May the C5PBA inducted Brenda Walters as a player, with Doug Miller and Oskar Kinzler as Builders.

Average Book: (page 19) Sarah Gorman outlined the new Provincial tournament rolling average that would be coming out this season. The league and zone rounds would still use the rolling average provided to the associations at the beginning of this season, but the Provincial round events will use the new Tournament Average which is updated throughout the season as each tournament's pinfall is submitted.

Bob Beaucage asked for clarification of how this would work. John Cresswell indicated that league and DC or Zone rounds will use the static rolling average that is published in the Average Book from the beginning of the season.

Paul Bauer asked why we are doing this. It seems like a lot of work for not much of a change. Sarah indicated that we have been asked by multiple members to investigate this and for some there was quite a big difference.

Paul Sprague asked if we are going to change the way new bowlers' averages are calculated, since the wording is in the Green Book. Sarah indicated yes it will be revised.

Membership: (page 21) Sarah reviewed the report as printed in the book with no questions.

Lifetime Achievement/ Life Membership: (page 23) Sarah acknowledged the five Life members that were present at the meeting and reviewed the report as printed in the book with no questions.

Technical Report: (page 25) Mike Connerty stated there have been no changes to the C5 rule book and their annual meeting will be at the end of August.

Kevin Berg indicated that another bowling organization (Bowl Canada) is putting out another rule book and asked are we going to do anything with it. Mike indicated that we follow the C5 rules.

Lane Certification: (page 26) Paul Bauer asked if a centre is certified with conditions, who does the follow-up to see if the conditions have been corrected. Mike Connerty said if noted he would follow-up.

Communication & Publicity: (page 29) Brenda Hamilton reviewed the report as printed in the book with no questions.

Audit: (page 30) Brenda Hamilton reviewed the report as printed in the book with no questions.

Awards: (page 31) Meghan Blewitt reviewed the report in the book. Paul Sprague asked if we approached the C5 to get some lower value pins. John Cresswell indicated yes but there was not enough demand for it so they wouldn't be offering it.

Paul also indicated that at the SAGM we stated that the pin cost would be increasing, but that increase was not reflected on orders this year. John Cresswell commented that we had stock on hand, but when we have to replenish the cost will go up.

Record Scores: (page 31) Meghan Blewitt acknowledged Nicholas Kelloway's perfect game which was bowled in September of 2024 at NEBs Fun World.

Coaching: (page 32) Meghan Blewitt reviewed the report as printed in the book. Paul Bauer asked about the new Hybrid course and will it be one weekend still. Meghan and Dave Post noted that had not been decided yet.

Charles Cooper asked what the expense was in account #5940 (\$2600). Meghan indicated this was for Learning Facilitator materials (books, course costs, meals, travel, etc.).

In April 2026 the MED portion of the course will be removed and will need to be completed directly from the Locker (CAC online) at a cost of \$80.

Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD): (page 33) Meghan noted that LTAD 3.0 is being worked on. Dave Post commented that it has been approved, details to come.

Information Technology: (page 34) Mike Wilson reviewed the report in the book. Maria Istvanic asked if there are still plans to make the website more user friendly. Information is scattered and hard to find. John Cresswell asked Maria to resubmit examples via email and Mike would get back to her.

Bowling School: (page 35) Mike Wilson reviewed the report in the book with no questions.

Marketing: (page 36) Danny reviewed the report in the book. Bob Beaucage asked if the sponsor's logos could be cycled in the corner of the live streams or between games. Yes that

can be investigated.

Charles Cooper asked if the local associations could participate with this streaming and utilize the platform. Charles and Danny can discuss this more offline.

Paul Sprague suggested that if there was more than one local association, they could be rotated between them. John Cresswell reminded everyone that the more we try to do with technology the more it costs.

Paul Sprague suggested that maybe another package is created for advertising your local association.

Charles Cooper suggested maybe consider a usage chargeback mechanism.

Kevin Berg asked if we could use the streaming service as a revenue generator (sell our service).

Let's Go 5 Pin Bowling: (page 42) Danny Vogler reviewed the report as printed in the book with no questions. Danny noted that this committee would be transitioned into a different centralized system at a future time.

Incentive: (page 43) Lori Beesack presented on screen the upcoming new incentive program.

New this year will be a new email address specifically for tournament pinfall submissions (pinfall@o5pba.ca).

Fundraising: (page 46) Lori reviewed the report in the book. John Cresswell reported that the merchandise supplier which was used for O5PBA merchandise will be ceasing operations with the O5 July 31st, 2025. If this transition will affect the local associations is unknown at this time.

Bob Beaucage indicated that Central Ontario has an alternate supplier to recommend.

Constitution and By-Laws: (page 47) Susan Burns reviewed the report as printed in the book with no questions.

Tournament Sanctioning: (page 48) Mike Kyte reviewed the report as printed in the book with no questions.

Green Book: (page 50) Mike Kyte reviewed the report as printed in the book. In September 2025 a virtual Tournament Director course will be scheduled.

The meeting was halted at 4:31 pm for a break. The meeting was called to order at 4:43 pm.

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MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO FINANCE

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION

Include a line item for streaming costs for all Provincial Events.

REASON

Promoting our sport whenever possible.

MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BAUER; SECONDED BY BRENDA FRASER.

MOTION CARRIED.

HURONIA 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION

To make available to the Zones & DC's the income statement (breakdown of expenses) from all Provincial tournaments.

REASON

With the loss of more zones, we need to reduce the amount passed on to Zones/DC's in the form of assessments (tournament expenses).

Gary Kehoe asked to have this taken to the Finance Committee for review. A show of hands proved the majority were not in favour of this, but Gary will take it to the committee to discuss.

Sarah Cook asked if there was a way to standardize the day for issuing invoices so the Treasurer wasn't receiving invoices sporadically. Write a cheque and the next day a new invoice arrives.

ORLEANS 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION

Have a document that shows for all standard invoices and Credit notes the date they are expected to be created and sent out and the actual date. The expected date should for all items should be set at the beginning of the season and the actual date filled in as it occurs. An example of the form:

Item Description	Expected Date	Actual Creation Date
Registration	2024-10-08	2024-10-08
SAGM Delegate Fee	2024-10-08	2024-10-08
Hall of Fame	2024-10-08	2024-10-08
Prov Triples Assmt	2025-01-24	2025-01-24
Prov Triples Extra Team	2025-04-14	

REASON

Currently, there have been issues of distribution of invoices & credits and by having this the treasurers could check for themselves on the website. This would streamline the process and not leave the associations in arrears for things they have not received. Should be a simple form that would help on the financial side.

Paul Sprague withdrew this recommendation.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

To adjust the membership fee timeline to two installments in a year with a detailed breakdown of the membership fees provided.

REASON

To support zones experiencing lower membership numbers, it is recommended that zones be given the option to pay 50% of their fees upfront, based on the previous season's membership numbers. The remaining 50% would be due in January 2026, calculated and adjusted based on the actual membership numbers for the 2025/26 season, subtracting the amounts paid in the first installment.

MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY SARAH COOK; SECONDED BY ANDREA PRIESTLEY.

The question was called.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO HALL OF FAME

MERIVALE 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION

Hall of Fame Inductees

Year	Builders	Players	Legends	Dual
2015	3	4	1	2
2017	3	4	1	2
2019	3	4	2	1
2022	3	4	2	1
2024	2	4	2	1
Total	14	20	8	7

We'd like to preface this by saying this is not a criticism of any individual(s) or the Hall of Fame Committee. We'd like to express our thanks to all those involved in this process. We've attended many Hall of Fame Awards Presentation Dinners and appreciate the time, effort and dedication it has taken to do this process justice.

However, we would like to recommend a few suggestions to the selection process for your consideration.

It takes a village to cultivate, support and provide a forum for all of our outstanding Players to succeed, yet we aren't seeing the Builders being as well recognized. We would like to propose moving forward that there are always equal numbers of Bowlers and Players recognized at each event (example Three (3) Players / Three (3) Builders).

If for instance one year there were only two (2) Players selected, then there would be only two (2) Builders. We would not want to see the extra spot designated to another division in such a case.

Also, in the past we have not known and/or heard of many of the Legends honored, however, it would be awesome to have an opportunity to meet them and hear their stories. We recommend that this division be restricted to Living Legends so that would be possible.

Attaining Dual status takes away from another honouree sharing the spotlight. These individuals have already been duly recognized for their efforts and accomplishments promoting our sport. We recommend that this division be eliminated.

REASON

By making these changes the Builders would be equally recognized, it would reduce the number being recognized to seven (7) or eight (8) and there may be some cost savings.

Brenda Pankoff noted that the committee understands the recommendation but there are a lot more bowlers on the list vs builders. The field needs to put more names for consideration.

Bob Beaucage asked if the Legend category criteria is still pre the automatic pinsetter machine. Brenda Pankoff indicated that as the game has moved along it's more now someone that has been out of the game for ten years or more now.

A show of hands proved the majority was against this recommendation.

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MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO MEMBERSHIP

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION

Rename the Zone and DC level Life Membership programs to Lifetime Achievement Awards.

REASON

At the Provincial level, we updated to the Lifetime Achievement designation, matching the C5PBA program. This is a housekeeping item to transition the Zone/DC Life membership designation to Lifetime Achievement Awards.

MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BROWN; SECONDED BY MARIA ISTVANIC.

The question was called.

MOTION CARRIED.

CENTRAL ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION #1

The membership application form will be revised to a "read-over and sign" document, effective for a three-year term, aligning with the typical three-year cycle of the average book. New bowlers must fill out the membership application form. An example can be seen below.

Name	Address	Phone Number	Email	Birthday	Initial and Date if correct
Jane Doe	123 Main Street	(905) 999 9999	idontknow@gmail.com	Jan 1, 1965	JD May 15 2025
If correction needed					
Jane Doe	123 Main Street	(905) 999 9999	idontknow@gmail.com New email@gmail.com	Jan 1, 1965	JD May 15 2025

REASON

If a member's address or personal information changes significantly, a new membership form must be submitted, otherwise only the changed information is updated in the membership spreadsheet that the membership chair is required to compile.

This change will:

Reduce redundancy by eliminating the need for members to fill out the form every season.

Prevent duplicate submissions for members participating in multiple leagues within the same zone.

Relieve the membership chair from having to store all completed forms and chase down missing forms when no updates are needed from the previous year.

MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY MARIA ISTVANIC; SECONDED BY MELISSA LLEWELLYN.

The motion was changed to a recommendation for the Ontario 5 Pin legal representative to review.

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CENTRAL ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION #2

Update the membership application form to omit the COVID 19 section as there is no longer a pandemic.

REASON

The COVID 19 pandemic has ended and it is now considered to be like the common cold; something that can be caught when among people, but it doesn't warrant its own section on the form.

If there is to be a health section on the form, then the disclaimer should include all transmittable infections/diseases or none at all, as this section did not exist before the pandemic.

MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY MARIA ISTVANIC; SECONDED BY MELISSA LLEWELLYN.

The motion was changed to a recommendation for the Ontario 5 Pin legal representative to review.

A motion was put forth by Garnet Dobsky to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm.