

# ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

## AGM 2025 – DISCUSSION FORUM #2

Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Chair:** John Cresswell

**Secretary:** Mike Wilson

**Directors:**

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

### I CALL TO ORDER

John Cresswell called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

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## **MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO THE COACHING PROGRAM**

### MIDDLESEX ELGIN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

#### MOTION

In the stepladder match play finals, a bowler may select a coach of his/her choice. All coaches must be COMPETITIVE COACH CERTIFIED on or before DECEMBER 31 OF THE CURRENT BOWLING SEASON. In all cases, each coach must be a member in good standing with the O5 and be dressed in his or her Zone uniform.

#### REASON

To eliminate the assessment fee for coaches for the singles.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY BRENDA PANKOFF; SECONDED BY KRISTI LAMPMAN.**

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **MOTION #1**

Youth Challenge qualifiers to pick their own coach at the conclusion of the event from a pre-approved list of applicants.

### **REASON**

This past season both coaches were there for their second time so it's the perfect time to make this change and let the kids have some input. The O5PBA board would select the team manager, who would have to be someone of the opposite sex of the coach and would need to be Competitive Coach certified so that they could step in if coach fell ill.

### **MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY TERRY FARRELL; SECONDED BY GEOFF DUNN.**

Bob Beaucage asked would the kids know enough about the coaches. Also, could the same person be chosen year after year? In theory yes.

Winnie Spires stated there could be pressure by the parents to select a specific coach at times. Plus, the distance between the kids geographically could be problematic.

Kevin Berg indicated that the kids all use social media to communicate daily so distance isn't an issue. They want to select their own coach now and the Open is coming soon for them now so why not let them.

Brenda Pankoff likes the current coach rotation idea being used now.

Bob Beaucage asked if the other provinces are sending a Team Manager. Yes, most are.

Paul Sprague asked how much this would cost? Basically, it's the cost of the flight and a few meals.

Bob Beaucage asked if the selection list would be made up of the coaches that were at the Provincials, or open to everyone. Yes, just those at the provincials as it shows they are interested.

### **MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN.**

## **HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **MOTION #2**

Allow the coach for the singles stepladder at the Provincial Open Championships be minimum of Community Coach certified rather than Competitive Coach certified.

### **REASON**

The coach provides much needed moral support to the bowler but not a lot of strategy as would be needed during the team events. The coach does not follow the bowler any further,

should they win and advance to nationals. This could open a few more opportunities for a Community Coach to be involved and perhaps advance their own coaching credentials.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY TERRY FARRELL; SECONDED BY GEOFF DUNN.**

Brenda Pankoff hears what they are saying but we teach this in the Introduction to Competition course so we should stay that way.

Geoff Dunn noted that we already have issues where the bowler might want someone that is not Introduction to Competition certified, so at least being Community or Introduction to Competition it is a trained coach. It needs to be what makes the bowler comfortable up there.

John Cresswell indicated it should read Community Coach Trained, not certified.

**AMENDED MOTION: ALLOW THE COACH FOR THE SINGLES STEPLADDER AT THE PROVINCIAL OPEN BE MINIMUM OF COMMUNITY COACH TRAINED RATHER THAN COMPETITIVE COACH CERTIFIED WAS PUT FORTH BY TERRY FARRELL; SECONDED BY GEOFF DUNN.**

The C5PBA National coach has to be someone Introduction to Competition certified, and the singles competitor must pick a coach to be with them in the stepladder.

The question was called on the amended motion.

**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.**

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## **MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

### **ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

To reduce from 12 Zones to 10 Zones for the start of the 2025-26 season.

#### **REASON**

Multiple Zones are in a position of not being viable for the upcoming season. Metro Toronto has submitted notice that they will cease operations at the end of the 2024-2025 season.

Possible changes:

- Take from west of Highway #41 where it meets the Ottawa Valley boundary and follow Highway #41 south to Ingle. Draw a straight from Highway #41 at Ingle to Stirling, and then a straight line from Stirling west to Warkworth where it connects with the existing southern Kawartha Lakes boundary. All of that area would move into Kawartha Lakes.

- Ottawa Valley will take east of Highway #41, and east of Belleville at Highway #62 down to the lake.
- All of Belleville down to Lake Ontario, to the west would go to Ontario Durham (everything west of Highway 62 and south of the new southern Kawartha Lakes boundary).
- All of Metro Toronto would go to York Simcoe

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BROWN; SECONDED BY KEVIN BERG.**

Winnie Spires indicated that Ottawa Valley would like to amend the boundary lines some as Ottawa was getting too large.

Natalie Laporte asked is the Bay of Quinte viable or have we asked them what they want? Chris Blaschuk indicated that they think they are viable for one more year, with funds in the bank and no outstanding invoices.

Brenda Pankoff felt that some of the topics should have been discussed sooner. It feels like we are being put on the spot to decide this now.

Maria Istvanic asked why all of Metro Toronto would be going to York Simcoe. John Cressell stated that this would be the same as the YBC boundary. Sarah Gorman indicated that a poll was done, and the bowlers wanted to go to York Simcoe.

**AMENDED MOTION: TO REDUCE FROM 12 ZONES TO 11 ZONES FOR THE START OF THE 2025-2026 SEASON AND ALL OF METRO TORONTO 5 PIN GOES TO YORK SIMCOE WAS PUT FORTH BY TERRY FARRELL; SECONDED BY LORI NOTTINGHAM.**

The question was called on the amended motion.

**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.**

**HURONIA 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION #1**

We want to put a motion in to be voted on that will allow absent voting delegates to “proxy” their voting rights to the president or any executive that is in attendance of the AGM (annual general meeting) or SAGM (semi-annual general meeting). More than 80% of our Huronia board is still very much involved in their careers but are using the little free time that they do have to volunteer to better a sport we all love and support.

## **REASON**

As volunteers, the time commitment is the easiest part; asking us to spend \$800-\$1000 and take time off work is the reason for this motion. I applaud the dedication of board members who can do this year after year. As our sport evolves and continues to grow, we need to recognize that this financial commitment is much higher than most volunteers can budget for.

Making this transition will allow all members in all zones to be equally represented at the AGM and SAGM. 100 members for every 1 voting delegate, as stated in the constitution. I am wondering where the 1200 members you as the board represent come from.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY KEVIN SMITH; SECONDED BY CHARLES COOPER.**

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| <b>AMENDED MOTION:</b> | <b>TO NOT ALLOW PROXY VOTING IF IT WAS A VIRTUAL AGM OR SAGM WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL SPRAGUE; SECONDED WINNIE SPIRES.</b> |
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Bob Beaucage wouldn't agree as the option should exist either in person or virtual.

Lori Nottingham stated that if we allow proxy voting we will start to see less and less people attending and more and more proxy votes, meaning less people making the decisions.

Brenda Pankoff noted the in person communication and sharing of ideas is needed.

Winnie Spires commented that some associations work hard to represent their members here. Not being here doesn't give new people the full exposure to the organization and our process and sharing of ideas.

Paul Bauer stated that an association is allowed a number of votes, so if they can't afford to attend, they still should get their votes.

John Cresswell noted that the current By-laws don't support proxy votes so we would have to redo the By-Laws.

Joe Shaw indicated that we could use Zoom votes if can't attend. Susan Burns felt we should have at least one face to face meeting each year.

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| <b>AMENDED MOTION #2:</b> | <b>TO ALLOW ABSENT VOTING DELEGATES TO PROXY THEIR VOTING RIGHT TO THE PRESIDENT OR ANY EXECUTIVE THAT IS IN ATTENDANCE OF THE AGM OR SAGM FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION. NO PROXY VOTES FOR VIRTUAL SAGM.</b> |
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The question was called on the amended motion #2.

**AMENDED MOTION #2 DEFEATED.**

**PAUL SPRAGUE WITHDREW THE AMENDED MOTION.**

The question was called on the original motion.

**ORIGINAL MOTION DEFEATED.**

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**HURONIA 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION #2**

Any future AGM or SAGM should be held via Zoom.

**REASON**

To reduce costs for both zones and to lower assessments.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY KEVIN SMITH; SECONDED BY CHARLES COOPER.**

Terry Farrell stated that she understands the concept but two days on Zoom isn't viable. We should have a face to face every two years due to the Hall of Fame.

The question was called.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

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**MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
PERTAINING TO MISCELLANEOUS**

**SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION #1**

A plan be developed to find a way to keep the pace of play in the desired time frame.

**REASON**

Slow play affects everyone.

- Bowling centres can't turn their lanes over to more profitable groups.
- Bowlers with long delays between games are at a greater chance of injury.

John Cresswell indicated that we would create an ad hoc committee of bowlers from the field and Board of Directors to review. Kevin Berg, Geoff Dunn and Heather Johnson all put their names forward as field representatives.

## **SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **RECOMMENDATION #2**

The O5 put in policy and procedure for their events to prevent (limit) membership bringing outside food and beverage into bowling centres.

### **REASON**

A major reason bowling centres are not surviving is that they are not making enough money. We need to do everything that we can to support them so that our sport can continue to survive.

The consensus from the floor was that everyone agreed and that the O5PBA should do its best to work with the proprietors and communicate this information to the bowlers. The O5PBA can't enforce this we can only encourage. The centre needs to say no.

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## **MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO TOURNAMENTS**

### **ONTARIO OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Zone Finals Rule 9 c, located in the Green Book, be split into two sections.

### **Example:**

Six (6) entries will field three (3) Singles Competitors plus a Men's or Ladies' team.

Seven (7) Entries will field three (3) Singles Competitors, plus a Men's, Ladies and Mixed Team (with no spares on either team)

### **REASON**

This will allow Zones that have lower entries the opportunity to advance a full contingent.

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY BRENDA PANKOFF; SECONDED BY TERRY FARRELL.**

Kevin Berg asked what if you have 7 men and 6 ladies. Mike Kyte indicated that we would deal with this on a case by case, zone by zone basis.

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MIDDLESEX ELGIN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION**

Bowlers/coaches will be eligible to compete in the Open in the Zone of their choice, if they have a rolling average in that Zone, with a minimum of fifty (50) games over three (3) years, as published in the Zone Average Book and on the O5PBA website every year. That average will be based on 50 games over regular league play and/or O5 tournament play within that zone.

**REASON**

Not all bowlers participate in bowling leagues yet still would like the opportunity to compete in the Open.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY BRENDA PANKOFF; SECONDED BY KRISTI LAMPMAN.**

Bob Beaucage indicated that this is a clarification of the original Central Ontario motion that was to include tournament qualification games.

Brenda Pankoff noted that not all bowlers play in leagues anymore.

Joe Shaw asked why the minimum number of games. Bob Beaucage stated that it was put in so there was some sort of commitment to the zone.

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**ONTARIO OPEN/SENIOR OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the following wording be added to the Green Book. When a player is unable to complete a game, and a qualified substitution is not available, the team which the bowler is a member, shall count a zero (0) for each of the frames that the bowler missed.

**REASON**

There needs to be something in writing in the Green Book to cover this situation.

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BROWN; SECONDED BY KEVIN SMITH.**

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**OPEN & SENIOR OPEN AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Singles Provincial qualifying round re-vert back to 10 Games.

**REASON**

It was felt that there is enough time in the schedule to bowl 10 games.

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BROWN; SECONDED BY LARRY PALMBY.**

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**OPEN & SENIOR OPEN AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the top 4 team in all divisions (Men's, Ladies, Mixed and Seniors) advance to the Stepladder Finals

A show of hands indicated that most were in favour of this.

**OPEN & SENIOR OPEN AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Senior Open be held separately at a different time.

**REASON**

Since the Senior Open is considered at separate event, it should be held at a different time on a different weekend. This would eliminate the problems of getting coaches and would allow bowlers the opportunity to bowl in both, therefore potentially increasing the entries.

Charles Cooper asked what costs would be associated with this? Gary Kehoe indicated possibly some but not huge.

Brenda Pankoff noted that Middlesex did a poll of their bowlers, and they were not in favour of this.

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY TERRY FARRELL; SECONDED BY GEOFF DUNN.**

Paul Bauer indicated that by opening it up we would get less entries.

Charles Cooper asked what costs would be associated with this? Terry Farrell noted that fewer people would be needed to run the event, so the impact won't be significant.

The question was called.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

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**OPEN & SENIOR OPEN AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Paige system be used for the Stepladder Finals for all divisions (Men's Ladies, Mixed, Seniors)

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BAUER; SECONDED BY CINDY TOLL.**

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**OPEN & SENIOR OPEN AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The number of games for the round robin consist of no more than 18 games.

**REASON**

It was felt that 22 games were too much.

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY KEVIN BERG; SECONDED BY GEOFF DUNN.**

**AMENDED MOTION: THAT THE NUMBER OF GAMES FOR THE ROUND ROBIN CONSIST OF NO MORE THAN 20 GAMES WAS PUT FORTH BY KEVIN BERG; SECONDED BY GEOFF DUNN.**

The question was called.

**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.**

**MIDDLESEX ELGIN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION**

Bowlers/coaches will be eligible to compete in the Senior Open in the Zone of their choice, if they have a rolling average in that Zone, with a minimum of fifty (50) games over three (3) years, as published in the Zone Average Book and on the O5PBA website every year. That average will be based on 50 games over regular league play and/or O5 tournament play within that zone.

**REASON**

Not all bowlers participate in bowling leagues yet still would like the opportunity to compete in the Senior Open.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY BRENDA PANKOFF; SECONDED BY KRISTI LAMPMAN.**

**AMENDED MOTION: BOWLERS/COACHES WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE SENIOR OPEN IN THE ZONE OF THEIR CHOICE, IF THEY HAVE A ROLLING AVERAGE IN THAT ZONE, WITH A MINIMUM OF THIRTY (30) GAMES OVER THREE (3) YEARS, AS PUBLISHED IN THE ZONE AVERAGE BOOK AND ON THE O5PBA WEBSITE EVERY YEAR. THAT AVERAGE WILL BE BASED ON 30 GAMES OVER REGULAR LEAGUE PLAY AND/OR O5 TOURNAMENT PLAY WITHIN THAT ZONE.**

The question was called.

**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.**

**SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION**

Open Qualifying be reduced to 16 games 8 games per day.

**REASON**

All the major cash tournaments have 8 games. Open Singles Provincials 8 games would help keep costs down. Make holding zone rounds more appealing to proprietors as it would free up time for them to book other events.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY KEVIN BERG; SECONDED BY PAUL BAUER.**

Melissa Llewellyn asked why lower the qualifier to 8 games when we just raised the provincials back to 10 games. Kevin Berg indicated that the provincials have less people, and the reduction to the qualifier will save the bowlers some money.

The question was called.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

## **HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **MOTION**

Change the format of the Open Championships from the current double round robin format to one where there are 2 random pods. The teams play the teams in their pod twice and then play teams in the other pod once.

### **REASON**

This season's double round robin of 22 games, plus the additional 8 games played by the singles competitors was exhausting. The teams spent 3 days in a bowling alley with no time at the end of the day to relax and unwind in any kind of social environment – bowl, eat, sleep. Many found this not conducive to getting some needed rest and socializing, even with their own team. Further, if we reduce the number of games, this will lower the overall cost of the event.

#### Proposed Open Format for 2026

| 2 Divisions |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Group A     | Group B |
| 1           | 2       |
| 2           | 4       |
| 5           | 6       |
| 7           | 8       |
| 9           | 10      |

Play everyone in your own division twice – 8 games

Play everyone in the opposite division once – 5 games

Top team in each division gets a bye to 1 vs 1 First Semi-Final game

2<sup>nd</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team play in page system playoff

2<sup>nd</sup> Group A vs 3<sup>rd</sup> Group B – elimination game

2<sup>nd</sup> Group B vs 3<sup>rd</sup> Group A – elimination game

Page Play-off

1<sup>st</sup> semi-final = 1<sup>st</sup> group A vs 1<sup>st</sup> Group B – winner goes directly to Championship game

Quarterfinal = W of Playoff 1 vs W of playoff 2

Second Semi-final game = loser of 1<sup>st</sup> semi-final vs winner of quarterfinal game

Winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi-final vs winner of first semi-final for championship.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

## **HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **MOTION**

Change the number of qualifying games at the zone round of the Open to be 10 games (from 20).

### **REASON**

1. Rising costs are making the tournament unaffordable. By changing it to 10 games, bowlers will save at least \$70 in lineage.
2. Eliminates people potentially "playing games" by waiting to see who comes out to qualify. All games bowled one day so everyone must show up that day and bowl all 10 games.
3. Bowling centres are hesitant to give up their lanes for an entire day, twice, so will make it easier if only one day.
4. Eliminating a Sunday prior to Christmas can be valuable to many families.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY GEOFF DUNN; SECONDED BY TERRY FARRELL.**

The question was called.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

## **OTTAWA VALLEY 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **MOTION #1**

That all O5 Board members not bowling be available to work this event and not coach with the exception of the singles stepladder.

### **REASON**

In past years (before Dave Post was president) board members did not put their names forward in their zone to coach. We acknowledge that there is a shortage of coaches in some areas and it's a comfort zone in others to have certain individuals' coach. However, we believe it is incumbent on the O5PBA Board to provide the best tournament experience for all of their members and this year that was not the case. This event requires a number of volunteers in addition to the board members and everyone was spread too thin. Also, in the past if a coach has had to withdraw a qualified board member has stepped in for the remainder of the tournament. If that happened at C & D Lanes this could not have been possible as there were only two running the tournament. As it is a requirement for each team to have a coach the worst-case scenario would be that the team would have to forfeit the rest of the tournament. We would hate to see that happen and the fallout would have an adverse effect on the O5.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY WINNIE SPIRES; SECONDED BY JULIA LUTHER.**

Maria Istvanic suggested that if they didn't work the event, they could designate a person to come on their behalf.

John Cresswell indicated that the Board had discussed this, and both will be allowed but it is on that director to find a suitable replacement.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

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**OTTAWA VALLEY 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION #2**

The Senior Open Champions receive an Ontario Shirt (similar to the Team Ontario Open shirts) in recognition of their victory as they too are Provincial Champions.

**REASON**

The Senior Open Champions won money this year which was wonderful and well received. However, in speaking with all of them they really want an Ontario shirt as a memento of their victory that they would wear with pride. They were able to purchase an Ontario jacket if they wished but were not able to purchase an Ontario shirt.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY WINNIE SPIRES; SECONDED BY CINDY TOLL.**

John Cresswell indicated we can add a shirt different from the nationals at a cost, but we would have to do it for all tournaments.

Terry Farrell stated that the shirt is a uniform not a souvenir.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

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**ONTARIO DURHAM 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

To have the players names listed on the sheet, with an additional column for lineup position.

**REASON**

The sheets would be easier and quicker for the coaches to fill out before each game plus they'd be much neater and less confusing for data entry after each game as the names would already be in the same order and format. These new sheets could also simplify things in cases where teammates have the same first or last name. The C5 and Masters use similar sheets for their Nationals as does the 5PL for their pro league.

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BROWN; SECONDED BY SHERRY PHILLIPS.**

Brenda Pankoff noted that as a coach this year she did make a few errors so it would be a great idea.

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**YOUTH CHALLENGE**

**ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Eliminate Field points and revert back to match play points for totals.

**REASON**

Consensus from the Bowlers and Coaches surveys prefer the three (3) points for team totals as opposed to the field points.

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BROWN; SECONDED BY WINNIE SPIRES.**

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Revert back to an "in person" coaches meeting, prior to the start of the tournament.

**REASON**

Every year there are coaches who are unable to attend the "ZOOM" meetings due to prior commitments. This way everyone will be there for the meeting.

Brenda Pankoff was concerned that the coaches would not be present to watch the kids practice. Noted, we would look at timing to have coaches present.

**ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Change the coach selection process for the Youth Challenge to be new coaches each year, selected by the players, and to add a Team Manager who will travel with the team.

## **REASON**

Gives the players on the team the opportunity to select the coach with guidance from the Team Manager. Each coach would be vetted prior to the YC Provincials and a full Bio provided.

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY GEOFF DUNN; SECONDED BY KEVIN BERG.**

The question was called.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

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## **SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **MOTION**

Allow Youth Challenge provincial winners to pick their own coach.

### **REASON**

Prepare them for choosing coach in the adult ranks. All participants to be more comfortable in their choice giving them a better chance to win.

### **MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

## **OTTAWA VALLEY 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that the Youth Challenge and Inter-Provincial Champions be determined using a Stepladder format.

### **REASON**

We believe that the outcome would be more reflective of how all the teams competed during the round robin.

A show of hands was in favour of this, and it will be pushed to the C5 for consideration.

## **HIGH-LOW DOUBLES/INTER PROVINCIAL 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Ontario to send two teams to the 2026 IP Nationals with a manager.

#### **REASON**

This is the only National grassroots event, and we send only one team currently.

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BROWN; SECONDED BY KEVIN BERG.**

Bob Beaucage noted that the prize money would offset some of the cost. John Cresswell indicated that the payout would be adjusted so the overall cost could be close to \$4,000.

Terry Farrell suggested that the cash portion given to the IP people be used towards the national cost.

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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## **TOURNAMENTS - GENERAL**

### **HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION #1**

Reduce the number of players advancing to zone tournaments from their league play for High-Low Doubles.

#### **REASON**

There are few people left in the league to draw from to fill vacant positions (when someone qualifies but is unable to advance). For every additional 2 teams to play, one advances to zone round. This doesn't create a lot of excitement when so many people advance, and then at the zone round there are so many other teams to compete against but only one team moves on to provincials...it is not even. It is also difficult when someone bowls in more than one league and qualifies in both but then has to follow rules in Green Book to determine which team they can advance to zone round with. It can create some hard feelings.

| <b>NOW</b> | Entries | Teams Advance | <b>CHANGE TO:</b> | Entries |
|------------|---------|---------------|-------------------|---------|
|            | 5-8     | 1             |                   | 8-10    |
|            | 9-12    | 2             |                   | 11-16   |
|            | 13-16   | 3             |                   | 17-20   |
|            | 17-20   | 4             |                   | 21-24   |
|            | etc.    |               |                   |         |

Winnie Spires commented that this was originally increased to get more bowlers out to the zone rounds and more funds for the proprietors.

Bob Beaucage asked if there is an issue with fitting into a centre can they adjust things to fit. Mike Kyte indicated no but can be run on multiple shifts.

**A show of hands was against this.**

### **HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION #2**

Reduce the number of players advancing to zone tournaments from their league play for Provincial Triples tournament.

#### **REASON**

There are few people left in the league to draw from to fill vacant positions (when someone qualifies but is unable to advance). For every additional 3 entries (aka 1 team) 1 team advances to the zone round. This doesn't create a lot of excitement when so many people advance. Also, it basically means that if you pay to enter, you will be on a team. Then at the zone round there are so many other teams to compete against but only one team moves on to provincials...it is not even. It is also difficult when someone bowls in more than one league and qualifies in both but then has to follow rules in Green Book to determine which team they can advance to zone round with. It can create some hard feelings.

| <b>NOW</b> | Entries | Teams Advance | <b>CHANGE TO:</b> | Entries |
|------------|---------|---------------|-------------------|---------|
|            | 9       | 1             |                   | 9-11    |
|            | 10-12   | 2             |                   | 12-17   |
|            | 13-15   | 3             |                   | 18-23   |
|            | 16-18   | 4             |                   | 24-29   |
|            | 19-21   | 5             |                   | 30-35   |
|            | 22-24   | 6             |                   | 36-41   |
|            | etc     |               |                   |         |

**A show of hands was against this.**

### **ORLEANS 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION #1**

Put a note in the Tournament Directors Green Book that the order on the Winners Report will be the line-up order at the Provincial Championships.

## **REASON**

Some teams want a certain order to bowl at the Provincial Finals and do not realize they can do it now. This would clarify this situation.

**Everyone agreed.**

## **ORLEANS 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **RECOMMENDATION #2**

In the Secretary Handbook, under League Round Winners Report Form, change the column header from Membership to Membership #.

## **REASON**

Many league secretaries end up entering T or R instead of the membership #. This would be clearer and help to reduce mistakes.

**Everyone agreed.**

## **ORLEANS 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **RECOMMENDATION #3**

When the Lottery for an extra team(s)/player(s) to go on to the Provincials has taken place, announce it somewhere on the website or Facebook page.

## **REASON**

Currently, only the associations that gets an extra spot(s) know that the lottery is complete. This would help teams or players who are on the bubble and waiting to find out sooner that they are not going on and then can make plans for that time. We get many questions from these players asking if we know yet that they are going on.

**Everyone agreed.**

## **ORLEANS 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **RECOMMENDATION #4**

Give Judges of Play/Tournament staff at tournaments the use of the communication system used at the lanes to communicate to the staff behind the lanes. Judges would be able to call for tangles, pin resets, ball jams, etc. The Judge of Play would need to know how the staff defines the pins and use this when discussing pin resets. Going forward, try to standardize this across all bowling centers.

## **REASON**

This would help reduce the time for the bowlers to make these from of fixes or corrections

and would shorten the length of tournaments. Note, it would require some up-front time before the tournament to discuss this with the lanes and communicate this to the Judges of Play.

**Will investigate this to see what can be done.**

### **OTTAWA VALLEY 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **MOTION**

That Ontario follows the same policy as the C5, which would eliminate the need to re-certify every 5 years.

#### **REASON**

In the rest of Canada, Tournament Directors/Judges of Play take the seminar once and never have to re-certify. If the C5 were to change their policy, then we would amend ours, similar to other points if reference.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY WINNIE SPIRES; SECONDED BY JULIA LUTHER.**

Charles Cooper felt it was like a refresher and was good. Geoff Dunn commented that Umpires must re-certify every year.

The question was called.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

Motions and Recommendations not in the book on handout.

## **MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO TOURNAMENTS**

**Please Note: The following motions and recommendations were submitted after the deadline date and therefore will not be in the AGM Book.**

### **TOURNAMENTS - GENERAL**

#### **GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **MOTION**

To adjust the dress code to allow for caps, as long as they are supplied by the zone, matching colours, with zone logo. This would be allowed as an optional dress code accessory.

#### **REASON**

This is a comfort for some bowlers.

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY PAUL BAUER; SECONDED BY KEVIN BERG.**

The question was called.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

To look at the overall policy regarding assistant coaches.

**REASON**

If the current limitations continue to be implemented on assistant coaches, consider changing the description to be a Learning Coach instead. The function of an assistant coach is much different with other sports. With the overall lack of coaches, as well as the current lack of training availability to get Competitive coaching certification, it is imperative that we keep our Community coaches involved at the Competitive level. Allow them more authority within the competition.

Paul Bauer suggested we change the title to Learning Coach instead of assistant coach. In hockey the assistant coach is on the bench with everyone else.

**John Cresswell noted that we will take this under review.**

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

To re-consider the implementation of Player-Coaches.

**REASON**

Simply, due to the overall lack of Competitive Coaches, this is an option to reconsider. With the understanding that if an event proceeds to the National level, a winning team may need to select another coach if they qualify.

Terry Farrell commented that bowlers are bowlers, coaches are coaches and can they really be objective at that point.

**A show of hands was not in favour of this.**

## **ONTARIO OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Singles points used to tabulate the Rookie Award be removed.

#### **REASON**

Presently the Rookies who are bowling Singles have an advantage over the bowlers on the Mixed Team, since they have the opportunity to receive more points. With this change everyone will be on an equal playing field.

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION TO A MOTION WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BROWN; SECONDED BY TERRY FARRELL.**

**AMENDED MOTION: THAT THE SINGLES POINTS USED TO TABULATE THE ROOKIE AWARD BE REMOVED. IF A ROOKIE WINS THE SINGLES, THEY RECEIVE 5 POINTS WAS PUT FORTH BY KEVIN BERG; SECONDED BY RON ROEDER.**

The question on the amended motion was called.

**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.**

### **GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **MOTION**

Remove the \$50 assessment for Assistant Coaches.

#### **REASON**

At this time, assistant coaches have no authority, not allowed on the lanes, and do not receive any awards for winning teams. Why are they charged?

**MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY PAUL BAUER; SECONDED BY LARRY PALMBY.**

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **VIII SECOND CALL FOR ELECTIONS**

Susan Burns asked for the second call for nominations.

Terry Farrell; seconded by Paul Brown put Geoff Dunn's name forward for nomination.

Julia Luther; seconded by Melissa Llewellyn put Winnie Spires's name forward.

With no other nominations John thanked Susan Burns who would make the third and final call for nominations on Saturday.

Motion to adjourn was put forth by Paul Sprague at 11:12 pm.

APPROVED