

# **ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **AGM 2026 – DISCUSSION FORUM #1**

**Friday, June 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**Chair:** John Cresswell

**Secretary:** Mike Wilson

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

**Guest:** Mike Connerty {via Zoom}

### **I CALL TO ORDER**

John Cresswell called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

### **II OPENING REMARKS**

With General Meeting #1 now completed, 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 5:30 pm to allow everyone time to have dinner, and then we will reconvene at 8:00 pm for Discussion #2.

We will review the reports together, followed by the motions and recommendations submitted to the office by the deadline, as well as any received afterward.

During discussion forums, everyone may participate in the discussion. Voting on motions, recommendations, and minutes will take place during General Meeting #2 by delegates only. This afternoon, we will begin reviewing the organizational reports.

Please allow each presenter time to finish before asking questions or making comments. If time permits, we will continue with additional reports from the 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. Thank you to Terry Farrell for working with all the board members and office staff to prepare our yearly report, which is due July 1, 2026.

As shared at the Presidents Meeting in May, the Ontario government funding is currently paused until the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association receives Sport Canada funding. While this is a challenge, it may also open the door to new opportunities worth exploring.

**Liaison Committee:** (page 15) The Master Bowlers Association of Ontario, Bowl Ontario 5 Pin, and the O5PBA continue to work together throughout the season to coordinate the 5 Pin Bowling Calendar and avoid Provincial event conflicts. This ongoing collaboration helps create more opportunities for members to participate in the events they choose. Coaching also remains a valued and important part of events leading to the National Championships.

**Recruitment and Development:** (page 16) Dave Post presented his report and no questions were raised.

**Planning:** (page 17) Dave Post presented his report and no questions were raised.

**Hall of Fame:** (page 18) Brenda Pankoff addressed those present as chair of the Hall of Fame committee. Our 44<sup>th</sup> Awards Dinner will be held November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in Hamilton at the Sheraton hotel. Brenda reminded the local associations to submit individuals over the age of 50 for consideration as either a Builder, Player or Legends.

Andrea Priestley asked when the committee meets. Brenda indicated that during the two years they meet virtually, but the selection vote is held in person.

Dave Post stated that on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, a meeting was held at NEBs Fun World with Tom England, Walter Heeney, Claudina Sula, Brenda Hamilton, Gary Kehoe and himself. Tom is looking at building a museum covering 100 years of bowling in Oshawa, and we have been graciously asked by Tom if we would be interested in being part of this. By making the space we would be provided the permanent home for our Hall of Fame plaque and other appropriate items. The initial cost would be around \$5000. A show of hands indicated that the majority wished for us to proceed with project at this time.

**Average Book:** (page 19) Sarah Gorman presented her report. Paul Sprague asked if non sanctioned leagues should be included in the information submitted. Sarah indicated if the bowlers are not registered with us, then no. If the bowlers are registered with us, then their information should be submitted.

**Membership:** (page 21) Sarah Gorman presented her report and no questions were raised.

**Technical Report:** (page 25) John Cresswell presented the report for Mike Connerty and no questions were raised.

**Lane Certification:** (page 26) John Cresswell presented the report for Mike Connerty. Joe Shaw asked if record scores were valid if the games were played in centres that didn't have working foul lights. John Cresswell clarified that if the centre had working foul lights or room for a foul line judge the scores are permitted.

Chris Blaschuk noted that Presqu'ile Lanes in Brighton are now synthetic, not wood as shown on the report.

**Communication & Publicity:** (page 30) Danny Vogler presented his report. Cindy Toll mentioned that a Hallmark movie (Wonder Lanes) was filmed at Orleans this year and would be aired in November 2026.

**Awards:** (page 31) Meghan Blewitt presented her report and no questions were raised.

**Record Scores:** (page 31) Meghan Blewitt presented her report and acknowledged Matt Wallace's perfect game which was bowled in September of 2025 at Gratton Lanes in Smith Falls.

**Coaching:** (page 32) Meghan Blewitt presented her report. Terry Farrell asked if it was possible to get an updated coach list sent to the field. Meghan noted that the information comes from the Coaching Association of Canada's system and requires extensive manipulation to arrange coaches into our associations as it is only sorted by city not zone. Brenda Pankoff commented that she was available and willing to assist if needed.

**Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD):** (page 33) Meghan Blewitt presented her report and no questions were raised.

**Information Technology:** (page 34) Geoff Dunn presented his report and no questions were raised.

**Sponsorship:** (page 35) Geoff Dunn presented his report and no questions were raised, but Geoff did note that Brenda Fraser has already indicated that she will be increasing her support to \$250 in 2026-2027.

**Bowling School:** (page 37) Mike Wilson presented his report and no questions were raised, but Mike stated that as of this meeting the school is full (60 students) with 3 or 4 on the waiting list.

**Marketing:** (page 38) Danny Vogler presented his report. Andrea Priestley noted that Georgian Bowl will be highlighted in music video, which is in post-production at this time.

Kevin Berg asked if we could investigate the live streaming and the lane draw, particularly for bye games, so the stream is showing active games instead of no one bowling due to a bye.

**Incentive:** (page 40) Lori Beesack presented her report and no questions were raised. Lori did mention that she was experimenting with using Microsoft Forms which would improve the submitting of information and speed up the backend processing somewhat.

**Fundraising:** (page 43) Lori Beesack presented her report. Brenda Pankoff asked for what the gift card fundraiser entails. John Cresswell explained that we use Visa points to purchase \$25 gift cards when they are on sale, and in turn sell them for a discounted price of \$20.

**Constitution and By-Laws:** (page 44) Susan Burns presented her report. Kevin Berg indicated that the last version posted to the website was in 2018. Susan acknowledged that the updated versions were not loaded to the website, but she would take the summer to update things and have them posted.

Kevin further commented that we should possibly consider updating our by-laws to accommodate virtual voting and investigate the charging to delegates for attending an annual general meeting.

**Audit:** (page 45) Susan Burns presented her report and no questions were raised.

**Tournament Sanctioning:** (page 46) Mike Kyte presented his report and no questions were raised.

**Green Book:** (page 48) Mike Kyte presented his report and no questions were raised.

The meeting was halted at 3:56 pm for a break. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm.

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## **MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO FINANCE**

### **MERIVALE 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It would be beneficial to the Zones and DCs if all types of membership fees and assessments have the HST included in the budgeted number. This would make everything a wash; revenue that comes in on behalf of the O5, is the same as what is paid out to the O5.

That is not to say we just increase the number to add in the HST. I think that with some thought we can find a way to do that without increasing membership fees and tournament fees. Maybe it's a case of reducing the tournament payouts.

Terry Farrell indicated that if you collect HST you are obligated to submit it. Stating that HST is included at the association level would obligate them to submit HST payments.

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

#### **MOTION**

If a Zone or DC pays to advance additional teams or players to a provincial event, and that person/team withdraws more than seven (7) days before the event takes place, there should be no administrative fee assessed to the Zone/DC.

#### **REASON**

Our Zone is being assessed a 20% administrative fee for one of our teams withdrawing from the Holiday Classic, 15 days before the Provincial event. We don't believe this should happen, as it is not in any rule or policy that we are aware of. Further, a team was found to replace the team that withdrew, from another Zone. Finally, buy-in teams are assessed lineage and some travel equalization, which isn't paid out until after the event. There is no out of pocket money to assess an administrative fee.

Terry Farrell withdrew the motion.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

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**MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
PERTAINING TO HALL OF FAME**

**MERIVALE 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Change the venue of the Hall of Fame Induction ceremony to be part of the Provincial Open / Senior Open Reception. The inductees will have more of their friends and comrades at this event. It would be similar to the way the C5 and Masters currently induct their members.

Pros:

- Savings in travel, meal & hotel expenses for board members (Provincial/Zone/DC)
- Dinner and event venue not necessary, more savings
- Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will have a new look and feel just as special
- More widely attended by family and comrades, most are already part of the event
- SAGM can be virtual while leaving AGM in person

Cons:

- Schedule for HOF committee selections will require some modification
- Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will have a new look and feel
- Addition to the Open/Senior Open Reception is significant.
- Board that coach/bowl need to help with setting up/taking down at the reception
- No in person SAGM every other year

Note: Due to the planning to bring this about, this would not apply to the 2026 Hall of Fame Induction ceremony.

We believe the Pros out way the Cons and it would be financially responsible for the O5 and benefit all the Zones and DC's.

Christina Carey commented that there is the possibility that costs could increase due to a larger number of attendees and having to utilize a larger space.

Charles Cooper suggested that we could consider hosting the event every three or four years instead to save money.

Brenda Pankoff agreed that this could save money, but we would need to induct more individuals. As well, the Hall of Fame is not just about the Open.

Sarah Cook asked if anything has been considered from the discussion of combining the Hall of Fame with the AGM. John Cresswell stated it is still a possibility.

A show of hands gave no clear decision (split).

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## **MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO MEMBERSHIP**

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

#### **MOTION**

For Association Executives that are not bowling a league to be able to get a membership at the Senior Member rate.

#### **REASON**

For people who are volunteering to help with associations putting their time and effort into, paying the senior amount would be appropriate.

Paul Sprague; seconded by Winnie Spires put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Winnie Spires suggested that we create a new category "V" for Volunteers. Terry Farrell clarified that Winnie is attempting to reduce the cost to the volunteers, not the association.

Bob Beaucage asked what we were charged by the C5 per member. That fee is approximately \$5 per member.

Christina Carey commented that Metro Toronto had the same issue and they simply paid it for the volunteer.

Charles Cooper noted that in the constitution it states "a paid member" so this motion can't go through.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

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

#### **MOTION**

Remove the membership price from the Secretary's Handbook.

#### **REASON**

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Different Zones have included different fees to their membership price, and showing a different number in the Handbook only causes confusion and frustration. Let each zone advertise their membership cost accordingly.

Paul Bauer; seconded by Ron Roeder put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Sarah Gorman suggested that we change the wording in the Secretary Handbook to read "Membership into the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association is \$X, as well as any additional local association applicable fees, should they exist".

Brenda Pankoff indicated that its confusing because they charge less than the fee listed.

Sarah Cook suggested that this page be removed from the book and become a loose page instead.

Christina Carey suggested that we remove the amount and just use the phrase "a fee" which allows for more or less to be charged.

Kevin Berg asked if the page could be a fillable PDF and the local association could print their own loose pages.

Bob Beaucage suggested the wording could be changed to "Membership fees set by the local association".

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

#### **MOTION**

Create a new volunteer membership category for an association executive not bowling. The charge will be the same as the Senior/Special Olympic category.

The question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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## **MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO THE RECORD SCORES PROGRAM**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Change the wording for establishing an average for record scores from:

Averages to be used for individual records shall be the league average of the previous year or after twenty-one (21) games for new bowlers

To:

Averages to be used for individual records shall be the league average of the previous year. For new bowlers the league average after twenty-one (21) games when bowling 3 games or fourteen (14) games when bowling 2 games per session.

### **REASON**

Some Special Olympics leagues only 2 games per session so this change would better reflect that. It would then take 7 weeks in either case to establish an average.

Meghan Blewitt indicated that the record scores committee will take back and look at over the summer.

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

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

#### **MOTION**

Be it resolved that the Executive shall include the offices of President-Elect, President, and Past President, which shall constitute a continuous leadership sequence. An individual elected as President-Elect shall serve a two (2) year term in that office, automatically succeed to a two (2) year term as President, and thereafter serve a two (2) year term as Past President.

#### **REASON**

No individual shall serve more than one full leadership cycle (six (6) consecutive years) in these offices. In the event of resignation, removal or vacancy during the leadership cycle, succession and appointment shall be carried out in accordance with the organization's by-laws.

Bob Beaucage; seconded by Melissa Llewellyn put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Paul Bauer asked if this motion was applicable to the provincial level only. Yes.

Susan Burns noted that this would require a constitutional amendment because we elect for a term, not a term position.

Mike Kyte commented that the way this motion was written it could be perceived as slight against anyone that has been a long-term serving volunteer.

Christina Carey noted that yes Mike's comments could be true, but from a succession planning standpoint, this is a good idea.

Rex Dorkings indicated that in the early years voting was for some positions.

Terry Farrell indicated that we don't have an abundance of volunteers right now, so where are the replacement people coming from. Winnie Spires suggested just taking the 2 years off.

Bob Beaucage noted that the main reasoning for this motion was to ensure that if a key member of the Executive was unable to fulfill their term, that there would be someone to fill that role moving forward.

John Cresswell indicated that this association already has a succession plan in place, though it has not been documented. However, this is a task for the Planning Committee to complete.

The question was called.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

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

#### **MOTION**

A complete review and update to the existing constitution be conducted. If corrected, the date stamp on the current one is 2018 and I am finding no addendums attached to reflect the last time it was reviewed/updated.

#### **REASON**

The constitution needs to reflect the ongoing changes to the game. It is also being used as a tool against the very bowlers it is to represent/protect. Depending on the mood of O5, a decision is based on the aged constitution, used as against bowlers who want to make a change - "needs to be addressed at AGM" but yet O5 does not follow this standard when they want to make a change that benefits the board or just simply makes it easier for the board to justify a decision.

**Motion changed to a recommendation.**

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

#### **MOTION**

AGM Voting - In this day and age, an evaluation of current methods of voting needs to be conducted. At the very least, any board positions must be voted on by all members, not just delegates.

## **REASON**

In many cases, the delegation who attend the AGM do not understand the changes in the game and in some cases, a zone cannot afford to send a delegate thus that zone's voice is lost. Today, municipal, provincial and federal elections are managed in some cases virtually, I'm certain a much smaller organization, like O5, can determine a way to engage all members.

**Motion changed to a recommendation.**

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## **MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

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

#### **MOTION**

Incentives to be removed.

#### **REASON**

Current plan does not recognize individual contributions, only the executive committee as a whole. Feels outdated, not engaging. May consider a rating system for the roles rather than points for the committee as a whole. Better ensures everyone pulls their weight.

Paul Bauer; seconded by Bob Beaucage put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Charles Cooper asked what the participation rate was in the program. Lori indicated that everyone participates thought not everyone gets their stuff submitted on time, or in the time we need it by.

Ron Roeder felt the program has become outdated and needs updating. Terry Farrell commented that the program itself does nothing to motivate her to get things done. The program feels outdated and needs to be revamped to serve a better purpose.

Sarah Cook asked if there was a cost savings. Lori indicated that if done diligently it would be 20 hours a month to track. The cost of the program is roughly \$800 for gift cards and three plaques, valued around \$400 (\$1200 in total), not including manpower.

**Motion was changed to a recommendation.**

**A motion was put forth by Terry Farrell to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm.**