

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

AGM 2026 – DISCUSSION FORUM #2

Friday, June 19th, 2026

Chair: John Cresswell

Secretary: Mike Wilson

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

I CALL TO ORDER

John Cresswell called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

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MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO TOURNAMENTS

ONTARIO SENIOR CITIZENS (Senior and Junior-Senior Divisions) SINGLES AND DOUBLES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ORLEANS 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION

For the Senior Citizens tournament, recognize the achievement of those members that are 80+ in some form when they were the best across the province. The recognition could be just a certificate of that fact or a small monetary amount. Would require a place to be added to the winner's report for this information to be included.

REASON

A bowler suggested they have a category for 90+, an age group he had just got to. But, creating another group would split the senior age category even more and make it untenable. Maybe just recognition of being best across the province in a more senior age group 80+ at the Zone/DC would be nice and may get more participation.

Paul Sprague indicated that it would be nice to recognize the older players with a certificate.

Mike Kyte stated that this could be a fill in certificate handled at the local level. Christina Carey agreed that this could be handled at the local level and not put back on to the provincial level to send down to the local. If someone creates it share it to the O5 as well.

SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Why have a zone qualifying round? Open this up to any senior, who can find another senior member in their respective zone, to attend the provincial round should they like to participate.

REASON

This tournament could have increased participation than what it does today. Limiting participation doesn't make sense when you still have to pay at the provincial round.

Kevin Berg; seconded by Paul Bauer put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Kevin Berg mentioned that this could increase participation. Mike Kyte indicated that this can already be done now.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

HOLIDAY CLASSIC 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Change Holiday Classic 5 Pin Championships to the Provincial Team 5 Pin Championships.

REASON

The Holiday Classic is confusing when asking bowlers to enter. You end up telling them you are entering to qualify for a team from your league. It would also be more consistent with the Hi-Low Doubles and the Triples. As there are no Holidays being offered to winning teams, the name seems redundant.

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

Paul Bauer noted that with no trips anymore it can be confusing to some members when entering. Andrea Priestley suggested calling the event the Provincial Classic.

Brenda Pankoff noted that we have a Doubles event, a Triples event, and a Team event.

The question was called.

MOTION CARRIED.

ONTARIO OPEN AND SENIOR OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION

If a bowler has attempted qualifying in both the Senior Open and Open at the Zone level, but finishes in the alternate position for the Open, that they be allowed to be considered the alternate for the Open, if needed. This would only not be allowed if it would leave the Senior Open team without a player in that spot.

REASON

Bowlers pay a fee to enter both the Open and the Senior Open. If an alternate has to be utilized in the Open, the bowler should be allowed to play on that team. It has the possibility of advancing to Nationals. It is a separate event. Then the alternate for the Senior team would be moved up to play on the Senior team. If there is no alternate man available for the Senior team, then the bowler would remain on the Senior team and the next available alternate for the Open would be called up.

SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Open Nationals - For Open Nats, ZERO O5 representatives are "sent" to act as team managers. A representative can be "on call", via conference/video call, should any issue arise in which a team coach requires assistance. IF an O5 representative is required, only one (1) is assigned and their responsibilities fully outlined.

REASON

The teams already have coaches who are more than capable of dealing with issues should they arise. As well, the assumption is the two O5 reps are going with all expenses paid (flight, accommodation, food) whereas the actual bowlers competing are paying approx. \$1200 just at the national level, not including food. Note: this cost doesn't include their zone or provincial costs. IF a representative is needed.

Kevin Berg; seconded by Paul Bauer put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Kevin Berg stated that since we are now in a cash crunch this would potentially save the organization roughly \$3600.

Terry Farrell commented that zero isn't the correct answer. Dave Post noted that in the majority of cases we are using more than one centre and one person cannot handle that alone. This motion ties our hands.

Bob Beaucage asked if the Team Manager has to be an O5PBA representative. It is not a requirement, but it has historically been that way. A representative of the Provincial board.

Norm Macdonald; seconded by Terry Farrell, amended the motion to read:

AMENDED MOTION

For Open Nationals – if we are playing the event in a single centre only one Team Manager be sent. If we are playing the event in multiple centres two Team Managers will be sent.

The question was called on the Amended motion.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.

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SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Open Nationals - Give each bowler and coach an allotment of money to book their own hotel rooms and flights.

REASON

Based on this year's experience it has become very clear the inability to organize and communicate effectively the basic requirements for each bowler/coach. As well, we are adults and do not want to share hotel rooms (we want our own). Lastly this removes the burden from O5 and potentially saves O5 money.

Kevin Berg; seconded by Paul Bauer put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Gary Kehoe noted that change would mean the host committee would be dealing with multiple people creating logistical issues.

Christina Carey stated that the Coach role needs to be more than what they are doing on the lane. They should deal more with the team gathering what information is needed and they deal with the O5.

Bob Beaucage indicated that the YBC gives cash and it is on the individual to do all the rest and get there on time.

Brenda Pankoff thinks we should go back to an agent again, but book flights sooner, and communicate better with the teams.

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION DEFEATED.

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GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Remove the automatic suspension rule for early withdrawal of bowlers.

REASON

This rule does very little, other than upset bowlers who already had to withdraw due to circumstances beyond their control. When they withdraw, they already must send in a form stating why they could not continue. It should be obvious at that time if there is cause for suspension or not, which can be determined and enforced by the tournament committee or O5 Executive. All that the automatic suspension does is cause bad feelings for bowlers who have just been injured, sick, bereaved, or stuck at work. They then must write a request for reinstatement letter that is typically a carbon copy of the withdrawal letter. Simply administrative overkill.

Paul Bauer; seconded by Garnet Dobsky put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Winnie Spires supported this motion as they have had similar issues in the past.

Christina Carey stated that the O5 should deal with this on a case by case basis. There are times when more should be asked.

Bob Beaucage suggested leaving it to the local association to determine if more is needed or not.

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Change Open qualifying number of games to 16.

REASON

Less expensive for lineage. Also, proprietors may find it more acceptable to hold an 8 game session instead of 10 on the weekend.

Paul Bauer; seconded by Garnet Dobsky put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Mike Kyte noted that the survey question results were 75% wanted to play 20 games.

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION DEFEATED.

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Senior Open – Change qualifying number of games to 8 games.

REASON

Less expensive for lineage, and would synchronize with Open qualifying.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Allow hats as part of Open uniforms.

REASON

Some bowlers feel more comfortable with a hat on and have mentioned they focus on their insecurities or overall discomfort rather than their bowling. At the Open Provincials we should be encouraging bowlers to be bowling at the best of their abilities, and that should mean being comfortable in uniforms, hats included if they prefer.

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

Christina Carey asked what about the other O5 Provincial tournaments. The Ontario Open is considered the elite so there should be a higher standard.

Kevin Berg agrees that hats should be allowed at all events, but the wearing of bike shorts is not holding to a higher standard sadly.

Brenda Pankoff felt that hats are taking our game down, just like the bike shorts.

Paul Bauer; seconded by Ron Roeder amended the motion.

AMENDED MOTION

Allow baseball caps in the zone colours as part of Open uniforms.

Joe Shaw indicated that the bowlers should be allowed to wear what makes them comfortable and be at their best.

Christina Carey it could become a circus on how the cap is worn. Danny Vogler mentioned that the PBA does not allow the wearing of hats.

The question was called on the amended motion.

AMENDED MOTION DEFEATED.

The question was called on the original motion.

ORIGINAL MOTION DEFEATED.

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GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Allow alcohol sponsors at Open.

REASON

The Open Qualifying and Championships is a 19+ event. As such, we should be able to have alcohol sponsors for these events to help reduce costs to bowlers. During our qualifying round we did have interest but due to this rule were not able to. At a national level we understand that would not be acceptable as each province and territory have different rules.

Paul Bauer changed the motion to a recommendation.

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION

Revert Provincial Singles Championships to 8 games qualifying.

REASON

8 games has tended to be the current norm of qualifying events. Shorter time period required on the first day of the open, and less games for these bowlers, once team games are added.

Mike Kyte indicated that the survey results were 62% for 10 games.

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YOUTH CHALLENGE

HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

In the tenth (10th) frame of any game each person on the HOME team has the option of delivering the first ball or having his/her opponent deliver the first ball and alternate ball for ball after that.

REASON

The Youth Challenge is the precursor to the Open Championships and as such, the bowlers need to get familiar with this rule as it is what is in place in the Open.

Terry Farrell; seconded by Norm Macdonald put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Terry stated that the Youth Challenge is the precursor to the Open so we should get them starting to think about this sooner.

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Revise the Assistant Coach rule for consistency.

REASON

Currently, Regions with multiple zones are allowed to have multiple coaches in the playing area, while Regions consisting of a single zone are not. The explanation for this is that the youth bowlers may be unfamiliar with a coach from another zone, and would be more comfortable with the presence of someone they know. This is the same scenario with large zones, where there are two or more hours of drive time between centres. The motion would be to make this rule consistent between all zones; either allow assistant coaches in the playing area, or don't.

Mike Kyte clarified that this only happened the first year. Now only one coach and an assistant coach if they wanted one.

Paul Bauer changed the motion to a recommendation.

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Youth Challenge/Winter Game Qualifiers.

REASON

This year the top 2 teams from each division were to advance to the Winter Games, with the next highest men and ladies to fill wild card teams for each division. Before the tournament began, these rules were stated to the bowlers. Due to a tie in the Mix division all 3 teams advanced, thus eliminating the 3rd wildcard team. Bowlers who had been expecting to make the wildcard team were left disappointed and discouraged by how it was handled. As such, we are proposing that top 3 teams in each division should advance and remove the wildcard team, **OR**, stick to the wildcard team and rulings for a tiebreaker.

Paul Bauer changed the motion to a recommendation.

Paul Bauer asked to try and follow the published rules when possible.

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TOURNAMENTS - GENERAL

SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Bowlers be permitted to wear hats while competing.

- Hats must be approved by the zone and O5 and in zone colours
- Must be identified with the zone name or logo
- All Team members DO NOT have to wear a hat

REASON

1. Hats are an extension of what people wear, they are allowed during qualifying so should be allowed here.
2. Some bowlers wear hats for medical reasons and may feel singled out by choosing to wear a hat under the current rules this change would eliminate that.
3. Alberta 5PBA had this same motion brought forward and PASSED in 2025 for their 2026 Open with zero issues.
4. This could be and additional fundraiser for zones.

Kevin Berg; seconded by Paul Bauer amended the motion to read Baseball Caps.

AMENDED MOTION

Bowlers be permitted to wear baseball caps while competing.

- Caps must be approved by the zone and O5 and in zone colours
- Must be identified with the zone name or logo
- All Team members DO NOT have to wear a cap

The question was called on the amended motion.

AMENDED MOTION DEFEATED.

The question was called on the original motion.

ORIGINAL MOTION DEFEATED.

GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Reinstate the trips for Provincial tournaments.

REASON

Trips were removed during COVID due to difficulties and uncertainties with traveling, so it was switched to cash. Now that the pandemic is over, it would be great to see them back.

Paul Bauer; seconded by Shirley Kennedy put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Christina Carey noted that in the past a block of trips was purchased so a good rate was obtained, however not everyone is going to be available to take the trip when the winners

were going. Also, the monetary value of the trips she felt were not equitable.

The question on the motion was called.

MOTION DEFEATED.

Bright Green Loose Handout.

ONTARIO OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN AND SENIOR OPEN AD-HOC COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

Revert back to a Stepladder Final, with the top four (4) teams in each division, after the round robin, advancing to the finals.

REASON

The survey results showed that the majority wanted to go back to a Stepladder Final, with the first place team needing to be beaten twice.

Terry Farrell; seconded by Winnie Spires made the recommendation a motion.

Mike Kyte displayed the survey results on the screen.

The question on the motion was called.

MOTION CARRIED.

ONTARIO SENIOR OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN AND SENIOR OPEN AD-HOC COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

Revert back to a Stepladder Final, with the top four (4) teams, after the round robin, advancing to the finals.

REASON

The survey results showed that the majority wanted to go back to a Stepladder Final, with the first place team needing to be beaten twice.

Paul Bauer; seconded by Larry Palmby made the recommendation a motion.

Mike Kyte displayed the survey results on the screen.

The question on the motion was called.

MOTION CARRIED.

Goldenrod Loose Handout.

ONTARIO OPEN AND SENIOR OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

CENTRAL ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

That the Ontario Open Championships and the Ontario Senior Championships be held on separate weekends, effective with the next competition season.

REASON

- The same number of volunteers are required to run each championship, whether they are held together or separately.
- Holding the events on separate weekends allows each championship to receive full operational and organizational focus.
- Feedback indicates that Senior bowlers did not attend the awards ceremony on Saturday night (aside from the winners), demonstrating engagement irrespective of being paired with the Ontario Open.
- Combining the two championships **does not increase overall participation** nor does it meaningfully enhance the **social or fellowship aspect** of either event
- The O5 can pull a percentage for the banquet tickets.
- To save costs and improve participation, have the Hall of Fame ceremony in conjunction with the Senior Open Provincials. The inductees may be participating in the event or are more well known to the participants since they are in a similar age bracket. This would highlight the weekend even more.

Bob Beaucage; seconded by Maria Istvanic put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Brenda Pankoff and Winnie Spires both indicated that their associations preferred the same weekend. Natalie Laporte asked if we knew how many Senior Open participants attended the awards ceremony. Christina Carey agreed that this data would help in determining a position. Sarah Gorman indicated that in 2025 55 participants purchased tickets, and in 2026 57 purchased tickets.

Gary Kehoe indicated that if we remove the Senior Open we will have less participants to cover the cost of the ballroom. Not a significant cost but worth mentioning.

The question on the motion was called.

MOTION DEFEATED.

CENTRAL ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION

Due to the long days of the Open, time permitting, after a certain block of games, to have a block of time for a lunch break.

REASON

- Not all teams have byes in which they have time to eat
- Finding time to eat while playing can be challenging

Mike Kyte indicated that we will try to take this into consideration as long as scheduling permits.

CENTRAL ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

The Paige system was implemented for the team portion of the Open stepladder this year 2026, but not for Singles. It is recommended that there should be one format that is consistent for the entire tournament in both teams and singles.

REASON

- There should be consistency throughout – having various rules for different aspects of the tournament seems illogical
- If it remains two different formats, have a clearly outlined rationale why it is structured in this way

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO MISCELLANEOUS

CENTRAL ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

MOTION

Where a motion is presented to an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting and is defeated or withdrawn, the same motion, or a motion substantially similar in intent, shall not be brought forward again at any Annual or Special General Meeting for a period of two (2) years from the date of the original meeting.

For the purposes of this provision, the determination of whether a motion is substantially similar shall be made by the Chair, subject to appeal by the membership.

This restriction may be waived by the adoption of a special resolution of the membership.

Bob Beaucage; seconded by Maria Istvanic put the motion on the floor for discussion.

Paul Bauer questioned if there was not a constitutional requirement for this. John Cresswell pointed out that we really shouldn't limit what individuals wish to discuss.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

VIII SECOND CALL FOR ELECTIONS

John Cresswell called on Dave Post to make the second call for nominations for the Board of Directors.

Paul Brown; seconded by Sherry Phillips put Christina Carey's name forward for nomination.

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

Motion to adjourn was put forth by Paul Brown at 10:02 pm.