

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

AGM 2026 - GENERAL MEETING #1

Friday, June 19th, 2026

President: John Cresswell

Secretary: Mike Wilson

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

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

Guest: Tim Wiseman, C5PBA President {via Zoom}
Mike Connerty {via Zoom}

The meeting was called to order at 1:46 pm.

I PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Good afternoon and welcome to Fern Resort in Ramara, Ontario and the 60th Annual Meeting of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. For those who may not know me, my name is John Cresswell, and I am the President of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.

I call upon Mike Wilson to do Roll Call. Mike Wilson completed the roll and there were 43 delegates present in the room.

Our Annual General Meeting gives us a valuable chance to connect in person each year. At the same time, the Board continues to use Zoom for most meetings, helping save both time and costs.

A heartfelt thank you to all O5PBA volunteers for your dedication and continued support of the organized 5 Pin bowling community we all care so much about.

While we may have different views, everyone must have the opportunity to be heard. Our discussions may be passionate, but they are important as we work together to move forward in the best interests of our members.

During the 2025-2026 season, we completed all our Provincial Championships as face-to-face events. Thank you to all proprietors who hosted our Provincial Championships as well as those which hosted the local Zone and DC finals.

I just want to take a moment and mention the centres we have used this past season:

- Hopedale Bowl, Oakville for the High-Low Doubles,
- Waterdown Lanes, Waterdown for the Executive Championships
- Echo Bowl, Brantford for the Youth Challenge, Ontario Open and Senior Open

Championships, and the upcoming Bowling School

- C&D Lanes, Woodstock for the Open Championships
- Mike's Lanes, Stratford for the Senior Open Championships
- Centre Bowl, Mississauga for the Booster Club Championships
- NEB's Fun World, Oshawa for the Holiday Classic and Senior Citizen Championships
- Lakeview Bowl, Peterborough for the Provincial Triples

When we review the events of the past season regarding what could, should, or would have been done, we are often critical of the things that went wrong. Making decisions on behalf of all members of the association in the present is not as straightforward as it seems in hindsight. Right now, we will be working together to set the course for the association as we move into the 2026-2027 season and beyond.

Over the next few days, we have a full agenda ahead of us and several important decisions to make. Some may be more challenging than others, but each one is necessary as we work together to move the Association forward.

As a reminder, the meeting chair will guide discussions and ensure everyone has the opportunity to speak. To keep the meeting moving, repeated points may be limited, but all delegates will have a chance to share their views. Please speak one at a time into the microphone so everyone can hear clearly and allow others the same respect when it is their turn.

We have a full afternoon and evening ahead, so I'll simply thank my fellow Board members, office staff, and all delegates for your support and understanding throughout the past season.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE 2026 AGM AGENDA WAS PUT FORTH BY MARIA ISTVANIC; SECONDED BY DANNY WILLIAMS.

MOTION CARRIED.

I would now like to introduce the Board of Directors and office staff. Together, our current Board has contributed 289 years of volunteer service to organized 5-Pin bowling, including 137 years as elected Provincial Board members. I will introduce the newest members first and ask that you hold your applause until all introductions are complete.

Starting with our Rookie Board member:

Sponsorship & Information Technology - Geoff Dunn (1) – (24)

Fundraising & Incentive - Lori Beesack (2) – (15)

Marketing & Communications & Publicity - Dan Vogler (2) – (4)

Treasurer – Gary Kehoe (3) – (30)

Vice President, Membership, Assistant Tournament Director & Average Book– Sarah Gorman (5) – (11)

Awards, Record Scores, Coaching & LTAD - Meghan Blewitt (8) – (10)

Constitution & By-Laws, Audit & Human Resources – Susan Burns (12) – (21)

Planning, Recruitment & Development – Dave Post (17) – (35)

Tournament Director – Mike Kyte (25) – (47)

Secretary & Bowling School – Mike Wilson (30) – (40)

President – John Cresswell (30) – (40)

Our last Board member is unable to physically be with us here face to face due to a workplace accident, however he is attending via Zoom as guest. Lane Certification & Technical Director -

Mike Connerty (2) – (12). We wish Mike a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him soon. Ladies and Gentlemen, your elected volunteer Board of Directors.

Our paid staff continue to work from their home offices and join us via Zoom today. Please join me in recognizing Program Coordinator, Rhonda Gifford, and Financial Coordinator, Jackie Henriques. Ladies and Gentlemen, our office staff.

II GUEST SPEAKER

Joining us via Zoom from Alberta, I am pleased to introduce Tim Wiseman, the President of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, who will bring us greetings from the C5PBA. I am sure Tim will be happy to address any questions from the O5PBA delegates at the end of his speech.

Tim Wiseman read from his letter printed in the AGM book (page 4) and concluded by indicating that the C5 will be working on the following items for discussion at the August AGM:

1. 2027 IP Nationals Survey
2. 2027 Youth Challenge Nationals Survey (Playoff Format)
3. Foreign Substance Rule
4. Elite Coach of the Year Scorecard Committee
5. Making Ethical Decisions – Update to the Community & Competitive Coaching Courses
6. Legends Category in the C5PBA Hall of Fame

Thank you, Tim. We sincerely appreciate the time you have taken to address our delegates and guests, and to respond to their questions. We look forward to our delegates participating in the C5PBA Annual General Meeting in August.

III 2025 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the November 2nd, 2025, meeting were reviewed.

Page 3, Guest Speakers, 3rd paragraph, third line should read "since August 2025"

Page 12, last line, bottom of the page, should read "At 10:30 am, a five minute break was taken."

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2nd, 2025, SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WAS PUT FORTH BY LARRY PALMBY; SECONDED BY ANDREA PRIESTLEY.

MOTION CARRIED.

IV 2025-2026 FINANCIALS AND 2026-2027 BUDGET

Gary Kehoe presented an update on the finances.

Brenda Pankoff asked what the current level of reserve funds were. Gary indicated that we are sitting with just over \$300K in reserve.

Gary Kehoe acknowledged that Charles Cooper and Terry Farrell both indicated that the detail sheets for the budget were incorrect. Gary and John will review and update the spreadsheet to correct the error and provide an update on Saturday.

V **2027 AGM VENUE COMPARISON SUMMARY**

Sarah Cook asked Gary to review the numbers because it appeared that the Fern numbers were for two people for two nights, where the Best Western was for one person for one night. The Holiday Inn was significantly more. Brenda Pankoff commented that the numbers were very close, which doesn't seem possible.

Paul Bauer asked for clarification as to what the room rate numbers shown in the document were listing. John Creswell indicated that the room rates are for two nights, and the value is listed per person.

Christina Carey mentioned that a potential option to explore could be to use a place like Durham College, where we could use the dormitory rooms and classrooms.

VI **APPRECIATION AND YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS**

With the success last year of doing the Appreciation and Years of Service Awards during the Incentive Awards on Saturday night, we will do the same process this year. Saturday evening in the Bergwen's Room starting at 7:30 pm. However, one gentleman present right now will not be here on Saturday. At this time, John presented Ron Roeder with his 55 Years of Service award.

VII **FIRST CALL FOR ELECTIONS**

Now it is time for the first call for nominations to the Board of Directors; again this year, nominees who let their name stand will be requested to do a short speech of up to 2-minute in length to allow the delegates and guests the opportunity to get to know the nominees, a little better.

This year, we will elect four people, for three-year terms.

That said, I call upon O5PBA Director Dave Post to come forward to make the first nominations call.

Kevin Berg asked if the person being nominated must be present for their speech or can it be done via Zoom. Dave Post indicated someone present can read the speech on their behalf.

Paul Sprague; seconded by Paul Brown, put Cindy Toll's name forward for nomination.

With no other nominations brought forward, John thanked Dave Post who would be called on again later today, for the 2nd call for nominations.

A motion was put forth by Melissa Llewellyn to adjourn the meeting at 2:46 pm.