ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

AGM 2026 - GENERAL MEETING #2

Saturday, June 20th, 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: None

Guest: Mike Connerty {via Zoom}

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

Mike Wilson completed the roll call and there were 44 delegates including Board Members present.

I 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NUMBER ONE

Page 2, Fifth paragraph, second line, remove the hyphen in “5-pin bowling”.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AMENDED DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE 2026 JUNE 19th, GENERAL MEETING NUMBER ONE WAS PUT FORTH BY MELISSA LLEWELLYN; SECONDED BY SHIRLEY KENNEDY.

MOTION CARRIED.

II 2026 AGM DISCUSSION FORUM NUMBER ONE

Page 2, Hall of Fame, line two, correct the spelling of Hamilton.
Page 3, Constitution and By-Laws, first line, remove the word “the” from Susan Burns presented her report.
Page 4, Audit, first line, remove the word "the", Susan Burns presented her report.
Page 8, bottom of the page, correct the spelling of “Llewellyn”.

DRAFT

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AMENDED DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE 2026 JUNE 19th, DISCUSSION FORUM NUMBER ONE WAS PUT FORTH BY WINNIE SPIRES; SECONDED BY DANNY WILLIAMS.

MOTION CARRIED.

III **2026 AGM DISCUSSION FORUM NUMBER TWO**

Page 2, bottom of the page, correct the spelling of "trips".
Page 6, middle of the page, should read "is considered the elite so there should be a higher standard".
Page 11, top of the page, should read "Goldenrod loose handout."

Page 11, Bob Beaucage seconded by Maria Istvanic brought the defeated Central Ontario motion back on the floor for discussion and the distributed white sheet (attached as appendix A) should be used as additional information.

MOTION

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

Mike Kyte outlined the current May calendar when considering this. As a suggestion, John Cresswell gave the idea of approaching NEB's Fun World and starting the event immediately following the Ontario Senior Citizen tournament we host at NEB's. Bob Beaucage said the location is flexible depending on the location and price.

Joe Shaw from Mike's Lanes is very much in support of moving things around to help each other out. Christina Carey suggested that we consider using the Youth Challenge regions and move the event to a different region each year to showcase the Seniors event. Bob Beaucage noted that we could possibly be looking at increased participation by considering a change like this.

Shirley Kennedy commented that the age to qualify should be looked at. If the event is now held on a separate weekend the event will be open to more "Open" bowler's vs Senior bowlers. John agreed that a discussion could take place, considering a grandfathering aspect etc.

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AMENDED DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE 2026 JUNE 19th, DISCUSSION FORUM NUMBER TWO WAS PUT FORTH BY KEVIN SMITH; SECONDED BY AL HAWLEY.

MOTION CARRIED.

IV **2027 AGM LOCATION**

John Cresswell displayed the proposed AGM location details being considered so everyone in the room was viewing the same information. Brenda Pankoff recommended that we go back to the hotel and renegotiate and remove food items where not needed.

Christina Carey recommends that we keep the group events like the President's Banquet as they promote a sense of community. Sarah Cook noted that it could be chaotic getting everyone back on time for meetings if they were to leave the facility to eat elsewhere.

Joe Shaw suggested we consider NEB's Fun World and their large back room. Brenda Pankoff asked if we use a hotel setting, can we bring in outside food. Lori Beesack indicated no, the beverage charge listed covers that. Paul Sprague commented that using Brantford is a little difficult for Ottawa and the location should be more central. John indicated we would do what is best for everyone. Paul Bauer mentioned that anything in the GTA is going to be more expensive.

Paul Bauer recommended that we bring in food to keep the meetings going (working lunch) and remove the Friday night dinner. Carol Armstrong suggested that we provide a list of all the local area restaurants for people to consider if they wish to go out and contact the closest establishments to make them aware they could have an influx of business, and hopefully this might reduce possible long wait times (adequate staff).

Paul Bauer commented that the important aspect is getting more people to attend the meetings. Carol Armstrong asked if we could consider a more East of Toronto option.

John Cresswell noted that both Fern and Best Western Brantford have a cutoff deadline for this coming Monday. John indicated that the discussion thus far from the room was to move away from Fern Resort.

Andrea Priestley suggested that we use the Best Western Hotel Brantford next year, and maybe the following year it's somewhere more east.

Brenda Pankoff recommended that we do working lunches on Friday and Saturday and dinner only on Saturday night.

MOTION: TO MOVE THE 2027 AGM TO THE BEST WESTERN HOTEL IN BRANTFORD, WITH WORKING LUNCHES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AND A GROUP DINNER ON THE SATURDAY NIGHT WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BROWN; SECONDED BY PAUL BAUER.

Andrea Priestley reminded everyone that we started at 1:30 pm on Friday, so if we were to start earlier there may be no need for a later meeting on Friday night.

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

V **2026-2027 BUDGET**

Gary Kehoe reviewed the content of the revised two "green" sheets which were distributed to the delegates present. Under Revenues, the first change to note is for the 2026-2027 Bowling School revenue. A calculation error was discovered, and the value now reads as $39,700. The second is for Membership.

The 2026-2027 value now reads as $61,280. Overall, that makes the deficit now $90,010, of which $60k is from the grants. The two changes which Gary noted did not change any of the other pages previously distributed.

The second "green" page is the Association Costs page, which displays each association 2026-2027 costs by event. The AGM column will now change due to the venue change we just passed.

Gary also noted that in the Expense section, the Directors' Expenses the 2025-2026 actual value still holds the recent National charges which were placed on the credit card which need to be reallocated once the bills and receipts are finalized.

Terry Farrell asked why the 2025-2026 C5 Membership expense is so low and not closer to the budgeted amount being shown. Gary stated he meant to ask Jackie that earlier and will but thanked Terry for pointing it out.

Paul Sprague asked why the 2026-2027 budgeted membership value was so much lower than in the 2025-2026 season. Gary Kehoe stated that the 2026-2027 value was lowered to be a more realistic figure based off the 2025-2026 actuals. Additionally, Paul asked why the Insurance budget for 2026-2027 was so much lower than in 2025-2026. Gary indicated that our insurance was up for renewal and we were quoted a lower value for the same coverage previously provided.

Paul Sprague asked why the Open was showing a $1500 difference where you would expect the event to be a wash (almost equal). John Cresswell commented that the formula on the Trial Balance was taking the C5 Operational Support fee out twice which has created

the difference. That will be corrected.

Carol Armstrong asked what we were storing that would cost $6500 a year. Gary noted the organization items (awards, banners, trophies, Hall of Fame plaque, etc.). John Cresswell noted that it could also include the post office mailbox as well. Gary will check with Jackie to get a full breakdown of what is included in that figure.

Christina Carey asked about payroll expenses. What retirement succession planning has been done for when they retire or we downsize. Gary noted that during this past season succession planning has been discussed more to prepare for that eventuality. Christina asked how the other provinces are doing it, and what is the division of labour compared to ours.

Brenda Pankoff indicated that downsizing is needed. Brenda indicated that she doesn't know how to do that but somehow, we need to something as that expense is the largest number on the page. Gary commented that the payroll figure is the total for two fulltime paid employees, which basically denotes a liveable wage.

Carol Armstrong commented that many times already this weekend the phrase "I will check with Rhonda for that" or "I will check with Jackie on that". Presently, our two employees seem to be the glue keeping us together. Winnie Spires mentioned that when we downsized the Executive Director the Board took on most of those duties, so taking on any more is too much to expect for a volunteer on our behalf.

Bob Beaucage asked if we knew what other provinces were charging for membership compared to ours. Gary noted that some provinces have Federations, so they are still receiving funding. Plus, in most provinces the costs are downloaded to the bowlers to pay their own way to the events, where we are paying most of those type of expenses to advance our participants.

Bob Beaucage asked Gary could explain how the assessment calculation was done for example the High Low Doubles / IP Tournament. Gary indicated that it was the total of the entry fee divided by the number of entries, which should represent the assessment to make the event a break even. The value is lower in 2026-2027 because the IP is being held in Ottawa so there are no flight costs. Ontario will be driving to the event.

John Cresswell stated that we had a consultation with an HR specialist, who is willing to assist us, but we would be expecting to pay upwards of $10,000 for the financial paperwork that will be needed, as well as up to two times the employee's salary given their years of service, ages, employability afterwards, plus benefits. Following that, when they are no longer there, who will do the work? Overall, we must be extremely careful how we handle or even consider all this. Dave Post stated that it has been 14 years since our staff have had a raise. We talk about declines, but Ontario runs more tournaments than the other provinces so we can't really compare workloads.

Carol Armstrong asked why we aren't trying to create new ways to generate money versus cutting things. Paul Bauer indicated that a membership increases to cover the loss is not possible, but maybe we can consider a $5 increase with a lot of communication to our members as to why. We may have to use some of our reserve funds a bit, but we won't be tethered to the government anymore that could open new sponsorship opportunities or avenues previously unavailable to us. Winnie Spires indicated that four years ago was the last time we increased membership. Maria Istvanic stated that a $5 increase over 30 weeks is only $0.15 per week, so it is all about how we frame it to the members.

At 10:40 am a 10-minute break was taken. The meeting was called to order again at 10:50 am.

Those in attendance broke into groups to discuss options on how the organization could combat the loss of grant funding by cutting expenses and increasing revenue streams moving forward. The group session ended at 11:25 am. Lori Beesack will generate a list of discussion items from the individual group conversations, for review later in the meeting.

Mike Wilson completed the roll call and there were 44 delegates including Board Members present.

Maria Istvanic asked if we could do away with the membership application form now that we are not receiving government funding. Reason being that the information was collected and submitted to the government. If no funding, this information is not needed. New members are registered to leagues, so they are accounted for there.

John Cresswell indicated that the form was also being used as the members formal acceptance of their rights and privileges and our legal counsel indicated that the members signature was needed on a yearly basis. It was asked that this be left with the Board so that legal counsel can be consulted before anything is done.

Paul Bauer asked if we could reduce the number of forms a member needed to complete at least, if they participate in several leagues or levels of the organization. He himself completed at least four forms this past season. John Cresswell noted that this would be included in the discussion with legal counsel.

Geoff Dunn presented an alternate way to calculate the Provincial Tournament average which he and Mike Connerty worked on (see attached appendices).

As a recommendation, it would be a change to the current Tournament Average format, to a 50% Rolling Average and 50% Sanctioned Tournament Average.

Example: Rolling Average 140, Tournament Average 240
140 at 50% = 70
240 at 50% = 120
Total Average = 190

This would be the new Tournament Average, also the Zone POA tournaments will use the New Tournament Average. This would be a more accurate view of the bowler's true potential.

Paul Bauer disagrees with this recommendation as it seems harsh. Bob Beaucage agreed with Paul Bauer that it seems harsh and maybe we should be using something more proportionate when it comes to the number of games to be used.

Charles Cooper indicated that it might have a negative effect on people entering other tournaments after the first time.

Christina Carey asked what the average would look like if more tournament games were used over league games. Geoff noted that this was the beginning stages for this and getting your feedback is great. Winnie Spires suggested having a minimum number of games before this would kick in. Andrea Priestley asked as a Tournament Director, who is going to calculate what average is to be used for people going to a provincial. John Cresswell indicated that between himself and mostly Sarah they did the updates from last season which updated the Tournament Average. In most cases it resulted in only a few differences, and those were only a few pins at best. Brenda Pankoff commented that this concept seems like a lot of effort the catch so few.

Geoff Dunn indicated that this concept would not be something that would go into effect for this coming season and that this was only a fact finding for now. We hope to take your comments back and have something more concrete to review at the SAGM in November.

Lori Beesack briefly discussed the results of the group discussions that were held earlier this morning (see attached appendices). This would be discussed in more detail following the lunch break.

MOTION:	**THAT ANY MOTION PRESENTED TO AND APPROVED AT AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OR SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (SGM) SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF APPROVAL. DURING THIS TWO-YEAR PERIOD, THE MOTION MAY NOT BE REPEALED, RESCINDED, OR MATERIALLY AMENDED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. MINOR OR ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS MAY BE PERMITTED, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CHANGES DO NOT ALTER THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE, INTENT, OR SPIRIT OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR BY BOB BEAUCAGE; SECONDED BY MARIA ISTVANIC.**

Paul Sprague asked if in doing this would it then change the Paige system changes pertaining to the Open (going back to the stepladder format). Natalie Laporte spoke to the back and forth that seems to happen and we need to give changes a chance to evolve

instead of knee jerk reactions based on comments, be they good or bad. Paul Bauer agreed, we need to give things a chance.

Sarah Cook asked if this motion would stop people from bringing motions to the floor moving forward. John Cresswell indicated that if this motion was to pass anything that has already been agreed to would remain for the two years as indicated.

Christina Carey noted that we are never going to make everyone happy, and we know that but this motion calls to help develop that consistency for potentially for the next two years which is a good thing. Bob Beaucage commented that maybe the "**UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES"** in the second sentence is too strict and should be loosened some. A bad motion could potentially be passed if enough support was rallied for whatever reason.

Lori Beesack suggested that when making motions that they include an intended timeframe. Example, for two-year period, to be reassessed after the second year etc.

John Cresswell asked if this motion could be changed to a recommendation. Bob Beaucage agrees and the motion was changed to a recommendation.

MOTION:	**A SENIOR LEAGUE WILL BE RECOGNIZED WHERE ALL LEAGUE BOWLERS (100%) ARE 50 YEARS OF AGE & OVER AS OF DECEMBER 31ST OF THE CURRENT BOWLING SEASON. THE LEAGUE IS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE 100% PARTICIPATION (MEMBERSHIP) WAS PUT FORTH BY TERRY FARRELL; SECONDED BY NORM MACDONALD.**

Brenda Pankoff indicated that they are already doing this in Middlesex-Elgin. They have two senior leagues, all over 50 years of age but they only have partial membership in each league. John Cresswell indicated that is not the way it is supposed to be done though.

Charles Cooper commented that this could be the start of a slippery slope. How many senior members will decline membership if this is passed? John Cresswell noted we will have to weigh the consequences of the motion (gaining vs losing some members).

After various similar discussions the question was called for the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION:	**A LEAGUE WILL BE AFFILIATED PROVIDING THAT AT LEAST FIVE (5) BOWLERS FROM THE LEAGUE PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP. INCLUDED WITH THOSE BOWLERS SHOULD BE ONE OF PRESIDENT, SECRETARY OR TREASURER WAS PUT FORTH BY TERRY FARRELL; SECONDED BY NORM MACDONALD.**

John Cresswell noted that according to the By-Laws it states "Affiliated League A league will be affiliated providing that at least ten (10) bowlers from the league purchase a Membership

Card. Included with those bowlers must be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the league. Affiliated Leagues may have some restrictions as to the services and benefits provided by the Corporation", so to change this by-law at least 60 days' written notice must be given. John asked if this was your written notice of motion for the November SAGM? Terry Farrell indicated yes.

Gary Kehoe gave a quick information update pertaining to the earlier budget discussions and specifically the salaries of our two employees. It should be noted that yes, we are paying a total of $97k to our two employees who are looking after our 4,000 members and day to day business, but from the C5PBA budget they are paying one person $83k to look after essentially 11 people (member provinces) and three tournaments. Just take that into account in comparison for what we are getting for those funds being spent.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 12:25 PM WAS PUT FORTH BY HEATHER HAWLEY.

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM.

Mike Wilson completed the roll call and there were 44 delegates including Board Members present.

MOTION: TO CHANGE THE ALLOCATION METHOD FOR THE EXTRA TEAMS ADVANCING TO THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. CURRENTLY, FOR EVERY 100 ENTRIES OR PART THEREOF ONE (1) TEAM ADVANCES. CHANGE TO BE FOR EVERY 50 ENTRIES OR PART THEREOF ONE (1) TEAM ADVANCES WAS PUT FORTH BY CHARLES COOPER; SECONDED BY KEVIN SMITH.

Charles indicated that this change would negate the need to charge for extra teams to advance. John Cresswell noted that those extra teams are determined by the size of the bowling centre we are planning to use and the number of teams we can host. Example if the centre had 24 lanes and 22 teams were set to advance; we could only host two buy in teams max. Based on last season, the buy in teams from the three tournaments resulted in $6k to the bottom line.

Charles understands the concept but would expect that we would be assessed for the number of teams we are able to send, and then we pay again to send extra teams.

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION DEFEATED.

DRAFT

Budget Shortfall Group Discussion Results

As mentioned prior to the lunch break, the notes from the group discussion would be reviewed.

MOTION:	**TO INCREASE REGULAR MEMBERSHIP TO $25 WAS PUT FORTH BY WINNIE SPIRES; SECONDED BY JACKEY PIPERSBERG.**

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION:	**TO INCREASE SPECIAL OLYMPIC AND SENIOR MEMBERSHIP TO $10 (3 FOR 1) WAS PUT FORTH BY WINNIE SPIRES; SECONDED BY JACKEY PIPERSBERG.**

John Cresswell clarified that currently SOO and Senior membership was $7 each, now planning to move it to $10 each. Winnie indicated yes.

Bob Beaucage asked what fee the O5 pays to the C5 per member. Sarah Gorman indicated it is around $5 and change. John noted that he was pretty sure we are billed on calculated members not actual, so in a three for one scenario (SOO or Senior) $30 would be collected and we are charged as one member from the C5.

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Christina Carey asked for clarification that the "Volunteer" non-bowling members would also fall into the $10 fee. John Cresswell indicated yes.

Bob Beaucage asked if we should consider a VIP Membership which includes extras like Elimination & Booster where the person could use the membership as a business expense write off possibly.

MOTION:	**TO REMOVE THE COACH PAY OUT FROM THE TRIPLES AND TEAM TOURNAMENT AND MAKE IT A TEAM PAY OUT INSTEAD WAS PUT FORTH BY WINNIE SPIRES; SECONDED BY JACKEY PIPERSBERG.**

Lori Beesack verified that the motion was intended to remove the coach payout and make it a team payout based on the number of bowlers on the team only. If the team chose to have a coach it would be up to the team to decide how the monies would be divided. Winnie indicated yes that is correct.

Natalie Laporte indicated that maybe we should look at sponsorships first instead of taking things away at this point. Winnie Spires commented that we are looking to reduce our expenses now, it doesn't mean that we can't put it back if sponsorship dollars are generated.

Terry Farrell commented that this motion would not be a good idea. The Team tournament the coach is still required at this time, and this could damage our coaching program as well. The events are budgeted to be self-funded (breakeven). Paul Bauer noted that we could increase the entry fees and start to make the tournaments turn a profit, not self-funded (breakeven).

Paul Sprague would rather remove the last payout position and leave the coach in the payout structure instead. A consistent amount to be easily divided. Christina suggested a possible amendment to the motion that indicates it is a Team Prize for those events where the coach is optional, but not for the Team tournament where the coach is still mandatory. Additionally, teams that have a coach should be telling the O5 in advance how they wish the funds divided should they win, and cheques per individual not just one cheque for the team.

Norm Macdonald suggested adding a profit line, paying the coach 50% of what a bowler would receive, and the rest would show as the profit. Kristi Lampman agreed with Norm but feels the coach should receive something because they still have expenses to be there.

AMENDED MOTION:	**TO REMOVE THE COACH FROM THE TRIPLES TOURNAMENT AND THE PAYOUT WOULD BE FOR THE THREE BOWLERS ONLY. THE COACH WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE PRIZE PAYOUT WAS PUT FORTH BY ANDREA PRIESTLEY; SECONDED BY SARAH COOK.**

John Cresswell asked that this motion be tabled to allow Lori to continue talking about the discussion items and then either the Tournament Director or Treasurer can take over and handle each item addressed in their area.

Discussion turned to eliminating the Youth Challenge or making it self-funded. Christina Carey said that removing the Youth Challenge could jeopardize the future of our sport, but we need to do better to fundraise for this specific event. An elimination type draw specifically for the event could help to offset costs.

Bob Beaucage stated that we are running out of kids as almost all the eligible youth are already participating. Paul Bauer asked if we were still eligible for the Ontario Winter Games. John Cresswell noted we had no confirmation from the government yet.

Terry Farrell suggested adding an admin fee to all our events.

MOTION:	**TO ATTACH AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF $500 TO THE EXECUTIVE TOURNAMENT, $2000 EACH TO THE HIGH LOW DOUBLES, PROVINCIAL TEAM, PROVINCIAL TRIPLES, OPEN AND $1000 FOR THE SENIOR OPEN EVENTS WAS PUT FORTH BY TERRY FARRELL; SECONDED BY NORM MACDONALD.**

The administrative fee would be divided by the number of entries in the event, which roughly would increase the assessment to the associations by $1 to roughly a $1.25 per entry, depending on the event.

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

The previously tabled motion pertaining to the Provincial Triples event was brought back to the floor for discussion.

AMENDED MOTION:	**TO REMOVE THE COACH FROM THE TRIPLES TOURNAMENT AND THE PAYOUT WOULD BE FOR THE THREE BOWLERS ONLY. THE COACH WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE PRIZE PAYOUT WAS PUT FORTH BY ANDREA PRIESTLEY; SECONDED BY SARAH COOK.**

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION:	**THAT THE COACH FOR THE PROVINCIAL TEAM TOURNAMENT RECEIVE 50% OF THE PRIZE AWARDED TO THE BOWLER WAS PUT FORTH BY CHRIS BLASCHUK; SECONDED BY ANDREA PRIESTLEY.**

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION:	**FOR ONTARIO TO ONLY SEND ONE TEAM TO THE INTER-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT WITH NO CHANGE TO THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STRUCTURE WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BAUER; SECONDED BY SHIRLEY KENNEDY.**

John Cresswell indicated that the prize structure of the High Low Doubles was reduced last year to offset the cost of sending the second IP team.

Carol Armstrong noted that when we agreed to send the second team to the IP, Ontario was the one of the few provinces that was only sending one team. Maria Istvanic suggested that in the years when the IP is being held closer to home, if the cost to send the second team is not significant, we could send two teams, otherwise we send one team.

Winnie Spires suggested making this effective next year to allow fine tuning since this year the IP will be held in Ottawa.

Christina Carey suggested we could offer second place the option to buy in to the IP at a set fee, and a reduced prize payout. John Cresswell indicated that we must declare how many teams we are sending in August while our winners will not be declared until months later (February).

Maria Istvanic suggested that the top two teams go to the IP and there is no prize money paid to them. Going to the nationals is the prize.

Paul Sprague asked what the IP teams received (what was paid for) when they advanced to the national. John Cresswell indicated that the airfare, accommodations, entry fee/lineage in the event, guest passes and O5 paid for one meal. All the remaining meals were on the participant to cover.

Andrea Priestley suggested removing the 5th place prize. Melissa Llewellyn stated that we should be removing the prize money and make the option of going to the National tournament the prize. Dave Post stated that Ontario has the largest membership, but the NWT with 125 members and PEI with 400 plus members are sending two teams to the IP. Here we are with 4000 members bickering over $2000 to send an extra team.

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION:	**TO REMOVE THE PRIZE MONEY FOR THE HIGH LOW DOUBLES WINNERS THAT GO TO THE INTER-PROVINCIAL NATIONAL TOURNAMENT WAS PUT FORTH BY MARIA ISTVANIC; SECONDED BY MELISSA LLEWELLYN.**

After some discussion the question was called on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION:	**TO CREATE AN ELIMINATION DRAW FOR THE YOUTH CHALLENGE SIMILAR TO THE OPEN WAS PUT FORTH BY WINNIE SPIRES; SECONDED BY CAROL ARMSTRONG.**

Terry Farrell stated that it is going to be tough to sell 21 tickets when the association has three to five kids. Christina Carey suggested that the tickets be divided by the regions and not by the individual associations. This should allow for a lower number of tickets to be sold by the associations that have fewer kids entering. And if the larger regions can sell more or need more tickets, those with a surplus or who are struggling to sell can redistribute them to where they can be sold.

AMENDED MOTION:	**TO DISPERSE THE YOUTH CHALLENGE ELIMINATION TICKETS BY THE REGIONS, NOT THE ASSOCIATIONS WAS PUT FORTH BY CHRISTINA CAREY; SECONDED BY PAUL BROWN.**

The question on the motion was called.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION:	**TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF OPEN ELIMINATION GIVEN TO EACH ASSOCIATION TO 25 AND TO INVOICE THE ASSOCIATION WHEN THE TICKETS ARE SENT WAS PUT FORTH BY WINNIE SPIRES; SECONDED BY CAROL ARMSTRONG.**

Brenda Pankoff reiterated that Middlesex-Elgin (MSE) finds this fundraiser tough to sell. Now you are making it mandatory for them to sell 25 tickets. Before, MSE would sell what they could and send the rest back. Brenda Fraser agrees and finds herself in the same boat.

Paul Bauer said we need open communication. Grand River would be willing to take more. Christina Carey noted that invoicing smaller associations that are already struggling financially could have a serious impact on their viability.

Lori Beesack suggested that we add tickets to the supplies order form so associations can order what they want or feel they can sell. Once we tabulate the number of tickets requested, we can calculate the size of the kit and prize structure. John Cresswell noted that unfortunately that concept would not allow us to budget properly until we know the total sale value.

Maria Istvanic stated why give an association a larger quantity than they know they can sell. Andrea Priestley stated maybe a minimum number of tickets.

The question on the motion was called.

MOTION DEFEATED.

Bob Beaucage asked how the Coach(s) were selected for the C5 Inter-Provincial. John Cresswell indicated that the four players could select any one they wanted, providing the coach was Competitive certified.

Brenda Pankoff thanked Geoff for getting the HR Specialist to assist us, but she strongly encourages us to go back to see what options are available to us, whether that is early retirement, summer layoffs, or something else. John Cresswell indicated that the specialist is open to coming on board to assist us, but that retainer would again be at a cost to the organization.

Mike Kyte noted that though the bowling season ends in May, the work in the office continues to get things ready for the new season. Sarah Cook stated that this is not the year to spend more money but recommended that the Board explore our options and come back with more information and numbers so we can have informed discussions.

Terry Farrell stated that regardless of the current deficit, we really need to consider putting this person on retainer so that we can find out exactly what we can and can't do and what is best for our organization.

MOTION:	**TO PUT THE HR SPECIALIST ON RETAINER SO THAT THEY CAN ASSIST US IN DETERMINING WHAT WE NEED TO DO AND HOW WE GO ABOUT DOING IT WAS PUT FORTH BY TERRY FARRELL; SECONDED BY NORM MACDONALD.**

John Cresswell asked if they wanted to put a dollar value on this or leave it open. For them to complete all of what you are asking would run about eight to ten thousand dollars by the time it was completed. We can ask for a smaller amount and see what the price comes back as. The work is charged by the project. The motion was tabled until we could contact the specialist to see what services could be provided and what the retainer amount would be.

Bob Beaucage asked if the Hall of Fame went to every three years, what cost savings that would bring for the association. Gary Kehoe surmised that by changing the cycle to two inductions per 6 years instead of three, we essentially would be saving the cost of one induction ceremony. Brenda Pankoff noted that from a committee perspective, they may ask that the number of inductees be increased slightly, which would result in a minor cost increase.

Christina Carey asked in the Hall of Fame, what is line 5440 slides and AV ($4000 budget) and 5490 Professional Services ($5200 budget) where does that come from and what professional services are we accessing. John Cresswell stated that Tel-AV is a company that works with the Sheraton Hotel and they charge us $4000 to set up the projectors, screens and sound system in the Banquet Hall for the Hall of Fame. Walter Heeney is the professional service and that fee is for all the write ups and investigations he does on the inductees. Christina agreed that the $4000 charge might be unavoidable given its nature but, in the day, and age of technology etc., the $5200 is a warranted expense. Maybe half that.

Brenda Pankoff stated that this payment is considered a stipend paid to Walter for the many hours of work he puts in to preparing for the ceremony and that work really can't have a value put on it.

John noted that the flat rate that is given to Walter covers all expenses incurred by Walter for the Hall of Fame. Christina asked what the plan is to do this work when Walter cannot

anymore.

Bob Beaucage asked if there was a process for selecting the Open Emergency Spares going to Nationals. John Cresswell explained the process that has been used and that the people listed must have participated in the Provincial round.

MOTION:	**TO HALT THE MEETING AND GO IN CAMERA WAS PUT FORTH BY BOB BEAUCAGE; SECONDED BY MELISSA LLEWELLYN.**

The meeting was placed in camera.

MOTION:	**TO COME OUT OF CAMERA WAS PUT FORTH BY MELISSA LLEWELLYN; SECONDED BY AL HAWLEY.**

The meeting was taken out of camera.

Andrea Priestley put a recommendation forward for the Board to consider that the 2028 Hall of Fame induction ceremony be held in conjunction with the 2028 AGM, at whatever location the AGM is being held.

VI **OLD BUSINESS**

Brenda Pankoff expressed a concern that was brought to her attention by some bowlers regarding the calculations for the Open and Senior Open Rookies. Brenda asked if we could not ensure that a system of checks and balances are put in place to avoid this.

Terry Farrell indicated that the error in the Senior Open was hers and she missed it. Gary Kehoe explained that for the Open Rookie it was his error reading the incorrect name.

VII **NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION:	**TO CHANGE THE PROVINCIAL YOUTH CHALLENGE EVENT TO POA MATCH PLAY FOR THE TEAMS, BUT THE QUALIFICATION METHOD FOR THE NATIONAL YOUTH CHALLENGE TEAM WOULD REMAIN AS SCRATCH SCORES WAS PUT FORTH BY KEVIN SMITH; SECONDED BY CHARLES COOPER.**

Paul Bauer noted that the Youth Challenge is the precursor to the Open so we should keep it the same. Bob Beaucage commented that the quality of the teams is declining, so moving to a POA would make it more competitive for all.

Christina Carey indicated that the qualifier at the regional round is scratch, so would that remain the same or change to POA like the provincials? John Cresswell indicated that the motion on the floor was to change the provincial event to POA, so the regional qualifier would remain as scratch scores. Paul Bauer asked what the Ontario Winter Games

(OWG) format was. John indicated that we tell the Games Committee what format we want to use, but historically it has been a scratch match play event.

Christina Carey asked if we to have a conversation with Northern Ontario on this, since they attend the OWG as well. Flipping between formats (POA and then Scratch match play) and maybe then we are not sending the kids to the event. John stated that the next Winter Games would not be until 2028 and at this moment we don't even know if we are in the Winter Games anymore, and we don't know if Northern Ontario will be participating with us either.

The question was called on the motion.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION:	**THAT A MINIMUM $350 ASSESSMENT BE IMPOSED TO ALL BOWLERS AND COACHES GOING TO THE YOUTH CHALLENGE NATIONAL, DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION IN CANADA WAS PUT FORTH BY KEVIN SMITH; SECONDED BY CHARLES COOPER.**

AMENDED MOTION:	**THAT A MINIMUM $250 ASSESSMENT BE IMPOSED TO ALL BOWLERS AND COACHES GOING TO THE YOUTH CHALLENGE NATIONAL, DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION IN CANADA WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BAUER; SECONDED BY BRENDA PANKOFF.**

Christina Carey asked what the Open National assessment fee was. John Cresswell stated $200, plus a $75 C5PBA National assessment fee ($275 total).

SECONDARY AMENDMENT:	**THAT A MINIMUM $250 TO MAXIMUM $350 ASSESSMENT BE IMPOSED TO ALL BOWLERS AND COACHES GOING TO THE YOUTH CHALLENGE NATIONAL, DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION IN CANADA WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BAUER; SECONDED BY BRENDA PANKOFF.**

The question was called on the secondary amendment.

SECONDARY AMENDMENT CARRIED.

VIII **ELECTIONS**

Dave Post made the third and final call for nominations to the Board of Directors.

MOTION:	**TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS WAS PUT FORTH BY MELISSA LLEWELLYN; SECONDED BY DANNY WILLIAMS.**

MOTION CARRIED.

All nominees were asked if they would let their name stand for election. All nominees confirmed yes, they would let their names stand. Each nominee was given two minutes to address the delegates prior to the vote.

The delegates were given three minutes to huddle and discuss the nominees. Mike Wilson did a roll call (44 delegates including Board Members present), and each delegate was given a ballot by the scrutineers Patti Rutter and Julia Luther. Once all ballots were completed and returned, Dave Post, Patti Rutter and Julia Luther left the meeting to tabulate the results.

IX **MISCELLANEOUS**

While the ballot results were being tabulated, John Cresswell asked the delegates if there were any pages in the AGM Book that anyone felt we did not cover.

Bob Beaucage asked if we could now consolidate the Business and Social agendas again now that we aren't receiving grant funding. John Cresswell indicated yes, we could.

X **ELECTION RESULTS & CLOSING ITEMS**

Dave Post announced the results of the election. In alphabetical order, the four directors elected for a three-year term are:

Christina Carey, John Cresswell, Sarah Gorman and Gary Kehoe

MOTION:	**TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BAUER; SECONDED BY BRENDA FRASER.**

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION:	**TO APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2026-2027 SEASON WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BROWN; SECONDED BY BRENDA FRASER.**

MOTION CARRIED.

DRAFT

Each member of the Board of Directors made their closing remarks.

Dave Post received a video presentation in celebration of his years of service on the O5PBA Board of Directors.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Dave Post at 5:09 pm

DRAFT

APPENDIX

Recommendation

To change the current Tournament Average format, to a

50% Rolling Average and a 50% Sanctioned Tournament Average

Example: Rolling average 140, Tournament average 240.

140 at 50% = 70

240 at 50%= 120

Total 190 Average

This would be the New tournament Average.

Also the Zone POA tournaments will use the New Tournament Average.

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APPENDIX

Budget Shortfall Discussion: Options to Address $90,000 Gap

This document groups the ideas raised into logical categories to support discussion, prioritization, and motions on the floor.

1. Membership and Participation Revenue

- Increase membership.
- Increase membership fees by $5.
- Consider adjusted senior or Soo membership pricing, such as $12.50.
- Increase tournament entry costs.
- Create a cash tournament, such as a club tour-style event.

2. Sponsorship and Partnership Opportunities

- Pursue individual tournament sponsors.
- Investigate large corporate sponsors.
- Seek alcohol sponsorship with exclusive event rights where appropriate.
- Require or encourage every team to have a sponsor.
- Offer lane sponsorships or lineage sponsorships at tournaments.
- Develop bowler sponsorships, such as an individual Open sponsor at $800 that includes one tournament entry.
- Allow zones to secure sponsorships at the local level.
- Promote Amazon or enter relationship-based fundraising partnerships with other companies.

3. Fundraising Activities and Gaming-Based Revenue

- Run prize tables or raffles at provincial tournaments.
- Use silent auctions, including online tools, with donated items collected throughout the year.
- Offer raffle boards at events to win cash or gift cards.
- Run elimination wheels to win prizes.
- Consider Catch the Ace.
- Obtain a "P" licence if required to support applicable fundraising activities.
- Use elimination tickets with larger kits, prepaid by zones.
- Create an elimination draw for Youth Challenge.
- Encourage different fundraisers at the zone level.

- Explore used clothing donations through organizations such as the Kidney Foundation or similar partners, while accounting for any percentage retained by the partner organization.

4. Grants and External Funding

- Research local grant opportunities, especially those tied to specific events.
- Reach out to OLG for potential funding opportunities.

5. Administrative Fees and Program Charges

- Introduce administrative charges for pools, such as high single or similar prize pools.
- Add an administration fee to the Perfect Game Pool.
- Add an administration fee to all tournaments

6. Cost Reduction Measures

- Reduce paper costs by using cheaper paper and avoiding colour printing where possible.
- Reduce prize payouts.
- Adjust prize structures by removing the bottom prize.
- Send only one team to Interprovincials.
- Remove Nationals from the tournament structure.
- Remove coaches from Provincial Triples.
- Remove coaches from Provincial teams.
- Review the number of working board members and potential reductions.

7. Program-Specific Decisions

- Eliminate Youth Challenge or make it self-funded.
- Evaluate whether the Youth Challenge elimination draw could offset program costs.
- Review Hall of Fame costs and consider cost sharing with Masters and Proprietors.
- Consider moving Hall of Fame to every three years.

8. Governance, Ownership, and Implementation

- Create an ad hoc committee focused on sponsorship generation.
- Assign each category to a lead or committee for investigation and recommendation.
- Prioritize options by estimated financial impact, ease of implementation, member impact, and compliance requirements.