

## **Roadshow – Hamilton – July 17, 2018**

Start – 7:02 p.m.

### **WELCOME**

John Cresswell thanked everyone for coming out to the third of four roadshows to get the input of the Open bowlers with respect to the Open championships

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### **INTRODUCTIONS**

John introduced the Board of Directors in attendance at tonight meeting, Tournament Director Mike Kyte, Susan Burns the new Vice President, Terry Farrell our Treasurer (and John missed Brenda Hamilton our Marketing Chair).

John Cresswell pointed out that the meeting was being live streamed as well as taped, to be posted to YouTube after the meeting.

When speaking here tonight and in order for everyone to hear what is being said, John Cresswell asked that you come up to the front and use the microphone and has the right to speak at that time.

John Cresswell advised that the floor was completely open to discuss the Open and Senior Open championships, and advised that Mike Kyte will be chairing this meeting. The open discussions are to enhance or make better the championships as it is currently and welcoming feedback in order to make it better.

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### **PROCEDURES/OPEN LOCATION FOR 2019 AND 2020 ONWARDS**

John Cresswell indicated that some of you know from what has been already posted to Facebook the Open championships for 2019 will be held at Merivale in Ottawa and that decision was made after spending some 30 hours with NEBs, but there was no way to get this finalized to hold the championships at NEBs in 2019. Our plan for the future of the Open is to hold it at NEBs permanently, and if you are interested in moving it from NEBs we are open to listening to that as well.

John Cresswell asked that anyone coming up to the microphone to say your name and Zone so that the minutes could be done by Sue Burns. As everyone in the room is working towards the same outcome and the sport of 5 pin bowling continuing to move

forward. John asked that everyone be given the opportunity to speak the same way that you would want them to give you.

John Cresswell advised that Bob Beaucage was going to the media liaison tonight to assist on any live streaming questions and comments and to assist with the posting of the meeting on YouTube.

The microphone was then turned over to Mike Kyte to go over the motions and recommendations.

## **MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mike Kyte wanted to make sure that everyone is signed in and has a copy of the motions and recommendations that were presented at the AGM in the handout that will be discussed.

### O5PBA Recommendation

The O5PBA to host a 'Regional Meeting Road Show' in 4 locations across the Province during the Summer of 2018, with the specific purposes of reviewing the tournament format of the Provincial Open and Senior Open Championships. These meetings will be open to all current season (2017-18) O5PBA members with a pre-registration required. The purpose of these Regional Meetings will be to obtain feedback from the Open bowlers on what changes they would like to see incorporated into the format of the tournament in future years.

Mike Kyte indicated that as we are currently doing the roadshow meetings we are just going to skip over this recommendation.

### O5PBA Recommendation

The following rule from the C5 coach's instructions for the National Championships will be added to the Green Book rules for next year.

"Score sheets filled out improperly or not signed, will result in an initial warning. A second offense will result in a final warning being given. For each additional infraction, a one (1) point penalty will be assessed against the team"

Mike Kyte indicated that this recommendation was with respect to the Coaches and score sheets properly filled out. This recommendation was changed to a motion and has already been carried.

#### Central Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association – Recommendation

Change the structure of the banquet to less formal. The cost could be reduced with cooking stations or appetizers around the room. The banquet could start a little later which would also give teams time to have dinner together and arrive for the parade of champions and celebration. In Hamilton at the Sheraton, with a Reception Format, the Grand Ballroom could support 600 attendees.

Mike Kyte reviewed the recommendation and opened it up for discussion.

Mitch Davies from Hamilton advised that the best nationals that he attended was in Regina, Saskatchewan where finger foods were set up in all four corners of the hall. Each station had different foods and it was informal, you could wear regular clothes or wear your bowling shirt. The stations were set up at separate times and there was no cluster of people and you had ample opportunity to get your food, and it saved time and was more cost efficient.

Mike Kyte said that he was also there and it was a provincial night not the banquet. He agreed with Mitch Davies that it was fantastic and the food was excellent.

Mike Kyte further indicated that one of the things that was discussed at the Oshawa roadshow was that the presentations and awards be done right after bowling at the bowling centre. That way of the teams want to go out and later on come back for the reception to party. Mike heard from the audience that they did not think this was a good idea.

Pam Wiebe from Central thought that the only problem with doing the presentations at the bowling centre is that she is there every year for the opening ceremonies and you cannot hear the introductions. If we do it at the bowling centre and the bowlers who have worked hard to win, with everyone talking in the background, no one will be paying attention to what is going on in the front.

Steve Barker from Ontario Durham advised that if the awards were done at the bowling centre it would be different than opening ceremonies as everyone is spread out during open ceremonies. He likes the idea because you will have all the spectators in the bleachers and it would not take long to announce the winners. A lot of the spectators that are there have never seen anyone get presented with an award.

Lori Beesack from Central advised that the recommendation because the banquet is very formal and a lot of Zones don't even attend the banquet, and if we make it less formal it will reduce the cost and we could still have a parade of champions come in.

Lori advised that with respect to having the presentations and awards at the bowling centre she thinks a lot of the teams would disappear and you would not have the same quantity of people there recognizing the winners.

Dave King from Grand River advised that doing it this way will allow those that are far west the ability to get on the road right after bowling is done, because if they stay for a banquet that is another day and a half that people have to be away from home and their families during the Easter weekend.

Elizabeth Nicoll from Hamilton advised that she has been fortunate enough to make nationals many times. She said that our provincials rock over nationals. She has never missed a banquet and indicated that we have to respect the winners especially first time people to walk through, be it less formal or not. It is truly a shame if teams do not show up to respect the winners and she asks that there be something. Some bowlers have never had the opportunity to get to go out of the Ontario and really important to recognize them.

Mike Kyte indicated that consensus appears to be a less formal banquet with the presentations be wherever they may be. Mike asked John Cresswell with respect to a banquet hall.

John Cresswell advised that we were still working on it.

Mike Kyte indicated that the biggest concern, which was brought at the Oshawa meeting, was the fact that we are staying in different hotels and we do like to enjoy a beverage or two, and the part about getting from the banquet back to your hotel could be an issue. We could look into the possibility of shuttling, however, looking around the room I think most of us remember when we were 24 zones and we were staying at the Connaught or the Holiday Inn and the banquet was on the mountain at where the bingo hall is now on Fennell Avenue. He said that does not recall anyone having problems getting from point A to point B.

#### Central Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association - Motion

Senior Open – Senior declaration for Singles:  
Provincial Championship – Rule 2

Prior to the start of the Provincials, the senior bowlers should declare whether or not they would like to be considered for Singles. This will ensure that the bowlers that are eligible for the stepladder will be competing. This declaration can be part of the Bowlers forms including optional pools.

Lori Beesack this motion was brought because there was someone who qualified for singles in seniors and did not want to bowl singles. The standings that were posted all along were then not accurate. If you are not planning on bowling singles you should not

even be on the standing sheet. This makes it easier for administration and also for the Coaches to make sure that those that are interested to make sure that they have enough games. She indicated that as a Coach if she had a team and the women were on fire she might sit the bowler out that is not interested in singles to ensure the games are met.

Mike Kyte advised that none of these motions have been carried until after the roadshows are done. However, it was pointed out by an anonymous guest that it states that the motion was carried.

John Cresswell said that the motions will be reviewed again at the SAGM.

Mike Kyte requested a show of hands on those who agreed with this motion - agreed.

#### Central Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association – Motion

Green Book Rule Addition: Open/Senior Open (Replacement of Bowler Policy)  
Provincial Championship – Rule 2

Change the wording of this section to include "if a bowler withdraws"  
'In the event a bowler who qualifies for the singles stepladder match plays finals, and is unable to bowl due to illness or injury OR Withdraws, he/she will not be replaced.

Mike Kyte advised that this motion was discussed and amended as set out above.

Jeff Forester from Hamilton inquired that if you pull out of the tournament for any reason and you make the stepladder you are not allowed to bowl the stepladder. It was clarified that if you get sick after making the stepladder and you have to bow out you are out.

Elizabeth Nicoll wanted to clarify if a bowler gets injured during team events can they still bowl the single stepladder. It was confirmed that the bowler could.

Mike Kyte indicated that this is if someone who makes the stepladder and cannot bowl due to injury or withdraws, we do not replace them if they qualified.

Steve Barker inquired about emergency spares being used.

Mike Kyte said that you could not use the emergency spare.

Jeff Forester indicated that if the 3<sup>rd</sup> bowler gets injured, the 4<sup>th</sup> bowler goes right to 2. What if it is the 1<sup>st</sup> place, do they have to be defeated twice – the answer was no.

Lori Beesack wanted to clarify that the Green Book says that if you cannot bowl due to illness or injury and that the only addition to this is if the bowler withdraws.

Tracy Smith inquired that if she is in the seniors division and make the stepladder and she is tired and wants to go home, is the bowler not suspended. It was clarified that if you withdrew from seniors or regular stepladder you could withdraw without penalty.

Tracy Smith said that someone withdrew from a stepladder event and was suspended and then had to reapply.

Mike Kyte indicated that that was before the tournament began.

John Cresswell clarified that if someone gets to the Open championships and then withdraws they have not suspended anyone for that. If you qualify for a team and back out before the start it is an automatic suspension and you cannot come back in that current year until you send your letter stating why you could not make it. However, if you are at the event and you withdraw during the tournament you are not suspended.

Mike Kyte asked for a show of hands that agree with the motion and that this has been in the Green Book for a long time and the only addition was the word withdrawal so not it would state – injury, illness or withdrawal.

Anonymous guest indicated that this motion says that it was carried.

John Cresswell stated that it can be brought back up at the SAGM.

Ron Roeder from Grand River indicated that this is about getting feedback from the Open bowlers on their ideas and thoughts for them.

John Cresswell wanted to clarify that even though the motion was passed at the AGM, if for some reason this group says “What are you guys doing?” then absolutely it will be re-addressed at the SAGM to be talked about for future events. These are not cut in stone and we want to make sure that the delegates who are eligible to vote, voted with their opinions and none of these will be finalized until we get to the SAGM until we get all the feedback.

Pam Wiebe stated that if you can withdraw from the singles when you are ill or injured, why when the horrible virus went through the tournament and a bowler Joan from Bay of Quinte could not bowl and we moved Rose Foranti (?) up. She inquired why we did not observe the rule back then.

Mike Kyte indicated that that is why this prompted the motion to originally go into the Green Book and now it is being change to add withdrawal because of what happened this year at the Open.

Mike Kyte again asked for a show of hands on those who agree with this motion with the way the new wording is. Consensus of the audience were in agreement.

## Central Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association – Motion

Seniors as part of the Aggregate: Since all zones now enter a Senior mixed team, their team standings should be included in the aggregate calculation. The point system utilized for the other teams could be used to calculate a true 'Aggregate Contingent Winner'

Mike Kyte read the motion and indicated that this motion was tabled to be voted on at the SAGM in November.

Steve Barker advised that we have been lucky over the last several years to have zones have a full contingent, however, in Ontario Durham they are close to not having a full contingent. He asked what happens when we have zones that do not have a full contingent of seniors.

Mike Kyte advised that in York Simcoe they had the same situation and he knows that there is the Bay of Quinte and other zones that have to beg some of their senior bowlers to come out on the second week to fill the spots that are empty. Mike indicated that the Senior Open is a separate tournament from the Regular Open, albeit run at the same time. He said that Brenda Hamilton wanted it this way as some of the senior bowlers that are getting on in age, even though their caliber might be just as good, want the Open atmosphere of being with the Regular Open bowlers.

An anonymous guest asked why the tournaments are separate.

Mike Kyte indicated that qualifying is different and entry fee is different.

Lori Beesack indicated that the original motion brought in 2004 or 2005 was that it was a division of the Open and not a separate tournament, and she wondered when another motion was brought on the floor to change that or was it arbitrarily changed.

Mike Kyte advised that he did not know.

Mitch Davies confirmed that the seniors do not go to nationals and are not recognized as a division of the Regular Open at the C5 level.

Lori Beesack advised that if it is separate tournaments then it goes back to the aggregate as some zones don't have mixed teams, and it would be treated at one tournament as that is was the motion was.

Pam Wiebe indicated that they needed a copy of the original motion.

Tim Dixon from Niagara indicated that one of the biggest things with the seniors is the Masters has grown tremendously in the last five years, so that tells us that our seniors are growing. In some zones you may have less, and in some zones they don't have a mixed team, and we as a group of 5 pin bowlers are becoming older and older. To keep this going the way that it should go is that we should recognize the seniors as they are a big part of 5 pin bowling.

Tracy Smith from Niagara indicated that we are not talking about getting rid of the seniors a division at all, but just recognizing that it is a separate tournament and that we cannot then include the seniors in the aggregate.

Brenda Hamilton did have a copy of the original motion and stated that this was brought by the O5 as a recommendation to a motion that was brought prior to that by Central Ontario that we run a senior division. She indicated that it took a couple of years to convince them that this was a good idea and the recommendation read – *the seniors division of the Ontario Open be incorporated as follows...* It was at that time called a division of however the format was basically set out as the Regular Open, but when you go over to provincial championships it says - *the seniors provincial championships shall be bowled (same dates as the regular Open in a centre designated by the O5PBA where at all possible the seniors championships will be bowled at the same site as the provincial Open)*. That is the caveat that if that could not happen, it would not be bowled at the same time. That recommendation got changed to a motion and was passed.

John Cresswell advised that when that motion was brought, the Tournament Committee reviewed it to make sure that it worked and since they had different qualification rounds, Coaches levels were different, etc. it was then decided to set it up as separate tournaments, being run at the same time. John indicated that from the London roadshow last Sunday one of the recommendations was to make it a division of the Open again and bring it back under the umbrella. Everyone has amazing ideas on how to keep the sport of 5 pin bowling going. Our ideas may not always be the same, but together we are trying to find the right idea to make this work and move forward. We are not here to argue with anybody we are here to discuss ideas on how to make this better.

Bob Beaucage advised that at the Oshawa roadshow there was discussion about the Senior Open and the banners for aggregate, but thought that now that the seniors have teams and singles and they are a separate event that we have a separate aggregate for the seniors.

Mike Kyte asked for a show of hands in favour of the motion of moving the seniors points as part of the aggregate – 9 favour, 14 opposed.

#### Central Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association – Motion

Banquet Tickets: Banquet tickets for the competitors should be included in the assessment. All competitors should be expected to be at the celebration of the winners. The assessment could be at the bowler level or the zone level. Guest Tickets could be purchased.

Jeff Forester said that you cannot force someone to buy a banquet ticket. It is disrespectful for us not to support the winners. However stuff does come up. He



indicated that he was on a team once and three members of his team could not attend because one had to go to work, one had trips booked for that night, one had to pick up their kids because of timing issues. You cannot force someone to buy a banquet ticket.

Mitch Davies agrees with Jeff Forester on not being forced to buy a banquet ticket, however, if we had to do that and add the cost he asked that it not be done at the Zone level because our assessment is already high.

Steve Barker believes that if you are going to make it mandatory that the price needs to be known beforehand. This will give bowler an idea of the cost before going in.

Pam Wiebe inquired if we can get a number of bowlers that were winners that did not buy a banquet ticket. She also wanted to know if there was an issue every year of bowlers that have not purchased tickets.

Mike Kyte indicated that he was responsible this year for the rebates to the winners and there was one or two on the Regular Open and on the Senior Open there were a couple as well, however, a majority do go to the banquet.

Mitch Davies said that we have already discussed having a less formal banquet, but it is only an option. This would reduce our cost significantly as we are currently paying \$45.00 for a banquet ticket. If we can do something less formal by way of finger foods or whatever that might be, it may only be \$20.00.

Brenda Hamilton indicated that this year she coached the IP team in PEI and a guest banquet ticket was \$80.00. The meal that evening, which was a retro theme, was cheeseburger and fries and a sundae bar for desert. It was all self-serve.

John Cresswell wanted everyone to know about the banquet costs and advised that he has negotiated with the locations that we deal with (Hamilton Convention Centre now being run by Carmen's). When it was changed to Carmen's our rate went up 20% the first year, 30% the second year, and then another 20%. Our prices for the same facility, if you look at the online prices, for the same time of year, we were getting for half the price. Not to say that it is a great, but we have been charging \$45.00 for something we are getting charged \$43.50 for. Everyone is complaining about the cost of stuff, but Brenda Hamilton commented on the cost of \$80.00 for the IP ticket that cost PEI \$77.00 for. We as an Association are not making any money off of the banquet because have costs associated with this that have to be paid – DJ services, etc. Even though we have our own DJ that does the event at no charge we still had to pay a fee to the Convention Centre for DJ services that we could not get out of.

Mike Kyte asked for a show of hands to add cost of banquet ticket – consensus against.

## Central Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association – Recommendation

Judges of Play: Due to size of the tournament there should be 1 judge of play and 1 runner for every 6 lanes.

Mike Kyte explained that he does not know what is going to happen in Ottawa, however, at Sherwood we could have had more Judges of Play, but it was getting that information relayed to the staff at the back. There was only one staff member for every 12 lanes at the back fixing issues and can only fix one issue at a time. As we had 48 lanes at Sherwood there was one runner at the back of each quadrant.

Wade Thompson said that he understands the problem at the back, but what he wants is more eyes on the pins. He understands that it is numbers thing and a volunteer thing, but if we have a Judge of Play for every six lanes you have another set of eyes watching pin fall.

Pat Hotte from Ottawa advised that they have a lot of tournaments at Merivale, but their staff is not great. He said that this year they had a right 3 pin that needed to be reset and it took them 45 minutes. Pat indicated that they had 14 lanes and the tournament started at 10:00 a.m. and did not finished until 9:00 p.m. to bowl 10 games. The week after they went to Smith Falls and they were done at 4:00 p.m. There is nothing more frustrating than a staff member walking in front of you at the approach. He understands that we are stuck this year, but that the Senior Opens could be done somewhere else and his suggestion that the finals should be in Orleans because there is more room for people to watch. Merivale has no room for spectators or teams. He believes that it will be hard and doesn't want everyone to hate Ottawa because of a possible horrible situation with Merivale and he is just trying to get the proprietor to train the staff better and have them prepared for the tournament.

Brenda Butter from Ottawa said to reiterate what Pat was saying is that the Tournament Committee is really going to have to communicate with Merivale to make sure that the staff knows what they are doing because it is very frustrating.

John Cresswell said that it was well after the Open and after to official letters of complaint being sent to the proprietor and there being no indication in the responses received that we had any idea that Sherwood was closing. We were all caught off guard. We also assumed that something was happening, based on the smell of water in the basement, roof problems etc. All the bowlers were amazing this year. Things got so bad that we started to laugh because there was nothing more we could do about it. The staff as well were amazing and did everything they could do to get us through. John advised that he was aware about Merivale, but he has been in contact with one of our Board of Directors, Winnie Spires, who has already spoken to the owner about our concerns and we are having a meeting on August 23 to sit down with the owner and manager to iron out all the details. The upstairs will be tough for spectators, but the main floor will be much better. We really do not have a choice. He has spent many

hours with NEBs and if you listened to the first video and Tom England's comments, at the beginning of it, to him to give up \$1.00 to make \$0.50 does not make good business sense. So we could not get it to work for NEBs for next year, but our plan is to move there in 2020 and moving forward. He knows that some people were upset that we are not going to go to NEBs next year, but there was no way of getting there.

Mitch Davies said that there was a way of getting it there.

John Cresswell said that we are going to Merivale next year. He said that redoing the schedule and everything else for the timeframe that we had was just not going to work, so the Board made a decision to go to Merivale with it. We are going to make the best of it and we all have to travel to get there. We will go there, have fun and enjoy the Ottawa atmosphere and perhaps we will come back saying we would like to go back there some time in the future.

Elizabeth Nicoll asked that prior to those qualifying for the Open if the bowlers could be advised of the cost of the hotel rooms.

John Cresswell said that as soon as he had the hotels all ironed out it will be posted so people will find out about it.

John Cresswell stated that one comment that was put out at the London roadshow was that since Ottawa has said that they may or may not have enough Judges of Play, that each zone have someone volunteer to be a Judge of Play, perhaps one of the spectators or an emergency spare attending anyway for the event. In the past we had the luxury of getting enough Judges of Play in Hamilton, being able to draw from all the surrounding zones. He further indicated that he was sure that the Board would agree to not charging someone who were the volunteer the cost of taking the course to certify as a Judge of Play. John agrees that we should have more eyes on the pins and this coming year we are instructing the Judges of Play not to worry about ball jams as it will be the staff's problem to fix those once notified.

#### Metro Toronto 5 Pin Bowlers' Association – Motion

For the Ontario Senior Open 5 Pin Championships, remove the 6<sup>th</sup> bowler. Have 5 qualify and 5 bowl, like it used to be.

Steve Barker said that his zone has advised that they do not like the sixth bowler. He indicated that with six there is always someone that does not get to bowl as much. He said that it is hard to stop and then start back up. He thinks that the qualifying should be the top two men and top two ladies and then next highest qualifier.

Lori Beesack asked Ontario Durham if they only put forward a five person team because they only had enough for that, or because they chose not to have a bowler.

Steve Barker advised that it was out of necessity as they scramble to get five bowlers.

Tim Dixon said that he thinks this should be voted on by the seniors. If we choose only five bowlers and most of the seniors are not here, we do not have a true statement. He thinks there should be six bowlers because we are getting older and older all the time.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that although she realizes there were a lot of problems this year, her team was on a break and then they had to wait for the seniors to finish and advised that her break was three hours long. She said she is all for having only five bowlers in the hopes that it will speed up the play.

Tracy Smith suggested that perhaps getting the seniors to bowl somewhere else when they are in Oshawa and then we can eliminate the byes. The schedule can then be done and you could eliminate the need for a sixth bowler, have them not bowl as many games each day, and eliminate any stiffness.

Mike Kyte advised that that discussion has come forward about moving the seniors to either a different centre, or a different time.

Lori Beesack advised that the delay this year causing the teams to wait for the seniors was because the seniors were waiting for the men's or mixed to get off the lanes because of a lane problem on the other side. Even if you were following the men on those lanes you would have had to wait for the others to finish on the other side.

Elizabeth Nicoll advised that she realized that this year was an exception, but there have been delays over the years because of the introductions of the seniors division.

Bob Beaucage thought that one idea that he thought might make sense was that with the seniors getting stiff and sore and they have to get pulled in the middle of a game and have to limber up quickly, that we could do full game pulls only. To have any switches done only at the end of the game and that would allow the bowlers to bowl the whole game.

Mitch Davies said that when we go to Oshawa we already know that there are going to be time restrictions and will be allowed to bowl no later than 5:30 p.m. Thursday or Friday.

John Cresswell confirm that that would be the case for 2019.

Mitch Davies sees the time restrictions happening for 2020 and indicated that if we have all four divisions bowling in one centre, it will be too many teams. He does not think we will get all the games in in the time frames given, so maybe we should be looking at moving the seniors to a different centre. It is simply because we want this tournament to stay alive and be better than it has been and we will have to look at some changes to make sure that that is done.

Brenda Butter said that you have to keep in mind that the seniors that are bowling now are the seniors that have help grow this tournament. The reason they come and

participate in the Open is because they are familiar with the atmosphere, they know the competitive atmosphere, and they like seeing everyone annually as well. The seniors have also supported this tournament over the years.

Elaine Freiday (?) from Ottawa said that she wanted to back to the vote understanding that the seniors should be the only one voting at this, but the motion was voted and accepted at the AGM by a non-senior, so if they were going to review this motion and accept it and now table all O5 members should be able to vote yes or not to it.

Terry Farrell wanted everyone to be advised of is that while they are making their decisions and considerations etc. that the assessment the Senior Open bowler pay is significantly lower than what the Regular Open bowler pays, mostly because of them not going to nationals and for B.C. that will be another \$20,000.00. When you are considering that the Senior Open needs to be a separate event, she wanted us to be aware that if we take it out of the Regular Open the cost of both events are going to go up because some of the expenses have been shared. The cost would increase for the extra volunteers, etc.

Amber Ashton from Hamilton realizes that we have been fortunate for a long time to all of us bowling at the same centre, but there are a lot of provinces that can't even have their men's, ladies and mixed teams bowl at the same centres. It is really not the Senior Open versus the Regular Open, but a matter of numbers and having the event possible at the end of the day. Ottawa stepped up to allow us to host in 2019 and NEBs the following year, but it is a reality that we may have to be split and it needs to be considered.

Steve Barker inquired if we had to split the Senior Open and Regular Open in two different centres would senior age players have the option to play both tournaments. He realizes that the seniors have added a lot to the Open, but there are some zones that do really well in seniors and who have opted only to play seniors. This would allow the bowler to then play both events. There would then be having to pay for both events, but it would be an option to them.

Bob Walters from Hamilton advised that we have been talking about the seniors we have been saying to knock them down a player, but most of the time the seniors need to have a recharge, otherwise we will have bowlers drop out because they cannot continue.

Mike Kyte asked for a show of hands for those who agree with having the senior's teams reduce to five players – 4 in favour, 20 opposed.

## Central Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association - Motion

To change the style of the National Open shirts to prominently display our province and the bowler's name on the back.

Bob Beaucage advised that the streaming now as it is becoming more and more important, that from watching the streaming at provincials as well as nationals you do not know who the bowler is or where they are from. Some zones and provinces have the same colours and it makes it difficult to track the bowler and who you are cheering for.

Mike Kyte asked for a show of hands who agree with this motion – majority approved.

John Cresswell indicated that we will likely have to look for a new supplier for our shirts. The time frame between Easter weekend and the nationals next year is only five weeks apart. The four suppliers that John spoke to so far that do sublimated shirts, including the company that did the jackets that said they would take three weeks and it actually took over eight weeks, would hate to say we would change to a new shirt and then find out that he cannot get the shirts. John said that he will have to speak to London, Hamilton and Grand River who already have those types of shirts, to see who their suppliers are. John's first thought is to find a supplier in Ontario, but that if he cannot a supplier in Ontario he would look outside the province such as Bradson.

Mitch Davies says that he was going to change suppliers, but he does not want to disappoint his zone.

Anonymous guest suggested embroidered shirts.

John Cresswell indicated that when you have embroidered shirts it makes it itchy, especially on the back.

## **OPEN FLOOR TO OTHER DISCUSSIONS**

Mike Kyte then went through the suggestions that were made at the previous roadshows.

### *OPEN – Scheduling*

- *Singles bowl 5 then 50% is cut, those within 25 pins can 'buy-in' (Lineage cost) to bowl the next 5 games.*
  - *London – do not like the idea that all singles, bowl all 10 games*

Mitch Davies personally does not like the idea of the 25 pins and does not agree with the 50% cut. He believes that all bowlers should bowl the 10 games. The cut was designed for one thing only and that was the Calcutta. We were the only province that

did that Calcutta and we do not do it anymore. You could have a 1220 and 1250 and not make that cut and it has happened numerous times, and the stepladder 2650. Mitch believes that we should be bowling all 10 games. He also thinks that these 10 games should all be bowled on Wednesday and believes it will happen anyways because of the restrictions that we will have in Oshawa. Get the singles out of the way and then get the team events started for Thursday and Friday with the remainder done on Saturday morning. Before he knew about the change of centres he spoke to Norm Macdonald, Zone President, and Terry Farrell about putting a motion to the O5 at the AGM to have all 10 games bowled on the Wednesday so that we could have our team events start on Thursday. Currently the schedules are long on Thursday and Friday and at 10:00 p.m. at night you are tired and do not want to socialize, you just want to eat and go to bed. This other way will allow you to have some time to socialize and relax.

Sean Westhaver from Tri-Country agrees with Mitch Davies that singles and team events are different and should be their own part of the tournament. He feels that the singles interferes with the team events. He said that personally has missed the cut and only had one hour to recoup himself to start the team event. If you do it all on one day then you have time to start fresh like everyone else.

Elizabeth Nicoll does not agree with it, but agrees to move in change. She said that if that is a consideration that there be a concede clause so that if you, after a certain number of games be it seven or eight, would like to choose the ability to withdraw without putting yourself through the remainder of the games especially if you are struggling.

Anonymous guest asked what it was your teammate does.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that that is her choice to make and hopes that her teammate understands.

Steve Barker said that he brought a similar thing at the Oshawa roadshow and the one concern that Dave Johnson said that was from a logistics standpoint you have a lane draw done and now you have bowlers dropping. If you are going to allow bowlers to drop out it should be at a specific point so that you do not have people dropping out all over the place.

Bob Beaucage indicated that, on the livestream, John Greenly agrees.

Mike Kyte asked for a show of hands of the 50% cut after five games and then allow for the buy-in – all opposed

Mike Kyte asked for a show of hands to who thinks all singles should bowl all 10 games on the same day – majority agreed, one opposed

Elizabeth Nicholl says she likes that you bowl the first five games and then have the option to bowl the remaining five or withdraw for singles.

### *SENIOR OPEN – Scheduling*

- *To be held after the Open as its own event*
  - *Bowlers could qualify for both events if eligible*
- *Make it a Division of the Open*
  - *Hold Senior Open Monday to Wednesday*
  - *Qualifying and years of service to be looked at*
    - *London – prefer a division of the Open, not its own tournament*

Mitch Davies wanted to clarify that it would be bowled at a separate time or a separate location. He said that if the seniors had to be at a different centre, it be held on the same weekend, stay at the same hotels, bowl in the same area, and that way you still get to see all the other bowlers you only see once a year. Regular Open could be at NEBs and Seniors Open could be at C4. That way we are close together and the stepladders could be held at the same location.

Lori Beesack does not mind splitting the event locations, but thinks that the men's and ladies' bowl in one location and then the teams and the seniors at another location, and then the next day switch it around. It would be the same that they do at nationals and everyone has the opportunity to cheer each other along.

Elizabeth Nicoll indicated that she does not know if everyone remembers bowling at Webs, Plantation, etc. but it was a logistical nightmare. She said that she appreciates what nationals does but those places hold it once every eight years and we do this yearly.

Ron Roeder thought we could try it as a template this year and have the Regular Open bowl at Orleans and the Seniors Open bowl at Merivale.

Steve Barker advised that if we are considering having the seniors bowl Tuesday into Wednesday and then singles have them at the same time, and then have the seniors stay for an extra day.

Anonymous guest said then the seniors have to wait until Saturday for the banquet with more costs.

Brenda Hamilton said that if you suggesting separating the events, clarifying with Ron Roeder that he meant having the event run at the same time, then we would need to have two sets of people to run the events that that will increase the cost as well.

Tim Dixon advised that he has been involved with the Open for 38 or 39 years and a good part of the Open is seeing those people that you don't see, but only once a year, and the Open is a big event for a lot of people. If we separate the events it is not going to be the same anymore and you risk losing bowlers.

Mitch Davies indicated that we had 170 people tried out for the seniors this year and 84 of them made it.



Tim Dixon advised that there are zones that are weak and do not have the seniors and are having problems.

Mitch Davies he understands that Tim Dixon is saying about totally separating the seniors as a total different entity, but if you kept it the same as far as staying in the same hotels and seeing everybody over the course of the events. He indicated that as a numbers thing the Senior Open is not as big as we think it is.

Bob Beaucage said that if we happened to go down to 12 zones, which he is not sure whether that is a possibility or not, but there would be 48 teams, all teams could bowl at the same time, and it could solve the scheduling problem, depending if all teams are bowling at the same centre,

Tracy Smith advised that we have to remember that things do change and the Open now is not the same as what we have 20/25 years ago, and the Open that we will have 20/25 years from now is not going to be the same and she indicated that we have to start making those changes, and agrees with Mitch Davies and Amber Ashton that we have to look at division because do not have the large bowling centres that we did have.

Mike Kyte wanted a show of hands for the Senior Open to be held after the Open as its own event – majority was opposed

Mike Kyte read the second part for discussion to make the Senior Open a division of the Open – to hold the Senior Open Monday to Wednesday and qualifying and years of service to be looked.

Mitch Davies said that he wanted the points amended to saying that the events would be separated, to be ran at the same time, at a different location.

Mike Kyte asked for a show of hands to make the Senior Open a division of the Regular Open and to hold it from Monday to Wednesday – majority opposed.

*AD HOC Committee with one member from each Zone and O5 Board*

- *Mandate of the committee to be defined:*
  - *Costs of event*
  - *Random idea – Sell team franchises in place of Zone contingents*
    - *London – Would be just a cash tournament not the Open*

Mitch Davies said that he would to this point amended as well to basically say that the Ontario Senior Open would still be classified as part of the Regular Open, and be a different entity of the Open, but will be separated in the bowling centre – bowl at the same time, same hotels, see the same people as us, but wants it to say that the Ontario Senior Open be held at a separate location.

John Cresswell wanted to clarify that the Ontario Senior Open will be held at the same time as the Regular Open, just at a different location.

Steve Barker said that part of Mitch Davies reasoning is that even though NEBs has 52 lanes we need to amend the schedule, which was brought up at the Oshawa roadshow, but the event will have to be condensed and we be finished about two hours earlier than we would at Sherwood (on a good day) because of the technology that NEBs has, but with what Tom England had to say we cannot get it all done at the same time at NEBs.

Elizabeth Nicoll indicated that if it going to NEBs we have to look at having have some consideration be made to going down to 12 zones and it would have to happen quickly and wondered if that was possible.

Mike Kyte stated that a number of year ago a suggestion came up to go from 14 zones to 12 zones and we looked at all the details – the centres, the members, geographical area and it is not a quick or easy fix. We could take the boundaries that we have now and scrap them and start fresh or we amalgamate, as an example take Niagara and Hamilton, or you take Metro Toronto and you split it in have and give half to Central Ontario and half to Ontario Durham, or you take the Bay of Quinte and put half to Ottawa and half to Ontario Durham. This is not an easy fix and it cannot be done quickly. It is something that we started looking at and we asked zones to discuss it amongst themselves and send into the O5 their suggestions and recommendations or their thoughts. There is currently an Ad-Hoc Committee right now for this.

Tim Dixon wanted to go back to what Mitch Davies suggested earlier where all bowlers bowl all 10 games for singles on the same day and if that happens, the seniors will not need to separate and you have the time slots available to put them in.

Mike Kyte wanted a show of hands for Mitch Davies' suggestion to have the events at the same time, at the same hotels, but at different centres – 15 agree, 8 opposed

Mike Kyte asked for a show of hands that we look further into looking at dropping to 12 zones, which is an ongoing thing – tally was not taken at this time.

Bob Beaucage said that he was on the committee that was looking at zones and there are so many factors that have to be considered. Some zones may have trouble fielding teams for the Open, but they have a very strong membership and participation in POA tournaments, so that does not make them a weak zone, but that they are struggling with that event. We can look at changing the zone boundaries for all events, or we could have 12 Open regions and leave 14 zones boundaries for everything else.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that we used to be 24 zones and at that time we could have used that same argument of there being zones at that time that were viable, but we are losing bowling centres so we need to make it a consideration for reducing zones.

Mike Kyte asked for a show of hands that we look further into reducing to 12 zones – 16 agree, 5 opposed.

John Cresswell indicated that the 12 zone or 12 regions for the Open is definitely something that cannot be put together, but as an example you had a friend who always

bowled with you at the Open and once the boundaries were changed you are now on separate zones, would you be happy with that? There is no way that we can look at boundaries the way we have it now.

Mitch Davies and Elizabeth Nicoll both ran into that situation where their friends could no longer be on their teams and have been separated.

John Cresswell said that if you go onto the Ontario 5 Pin website there is an area where it shows the zone boundaries and if you click on that it takes you to a Google Maps page that has every bowling centre in Ontario, which has to be updated, but it shows all the bowling centre, how many lanes they have, and it shows how many 5 pin and 10 pin lanes they have. That was one of the steps that the committee looked at and we found out that there were a number of six lane centres that we did not know existed. John indicated that there is also a four lane centre in a community centre in his zone, but it is not viable to use for any tournaments, so if you go based on the number of lane beds in an area, which has what the proprietors did, they based it on the number of lane beds, that is only one variable that we have to consider. To say that Ontario Durham is going to be amalgamated with Kawartha, that is not going to happen in John's time. What John does see is that we start fresh with all zone boundaries.

Mitch Davies said that whatever happens we need to make sure that the zone numbers are in even numbers.

John Cresswell said that we would not have an odd number.

John Cresswell indicated that he had another thought, the Senior Open currently has to bowl half the games to qualify compared to the Regular Open. He suggested, for discussion purposes, we could make the Senior Open to be two divisions of seven teams. We have 42 lanes at NEBs being used by three divisions, we could have the seniors bowling in the morning and afternoon in two different shifts. We would have to look at scheduling. John indicated that there are a number of ways of looking at this and the best part of this is we have an idea that keeps growing and we will find the right solution to this. With the Open schedule, some of you may have seen on Facebook a post from John Greenly who posted a suggested schedule to be used at NEBs and that would have the seniors and mixed teams bowling on Wednesday starting at 2:00 p.m. This year logistically is not possible because bowlers need to have enough time to know about it. If you qualify for the Open and you made the mixed team and you thought you did not have to bowl until Thursday and now have to bowl on Wednesday it changes everyone's schedules. Our mindset has to change.

Mike Kyte wanted a show of hands on making an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of one member from each zone and O5 Board - 17 in favour, 0 opposed.

Mike Kyte advised that before he opens the floor for general discussion, he wanted to explain that all motions and recommendations that we talked about today, along with the other roadshows' feedback are being tabled will be brought up at the SAGM to be

voted on by your zone delegates. He indicated that it was the delegates at the SAGM that vote and it is up to the audience to make sure that the zone you belong to and your zone Board know how you wish them to vote.

Tracy Smith said that she does not necessarily trust her zone delegates giving my opinion. Where is her voice and why has she spent this time today.

John Cresswell advised that everyone has valuable information for us moving forward with this organization and every single vote counts. The current process right now is the zone delegates vote on behalf of the bowlers and that it is that way because of the way the organization set up, but if you have an opinion on a certain recommendation or motion may not be the same as the other roadshows. What is going to happen after all four roadshows is that an on-line survey will be set up allowing for feedback on various items that were brought up. From that online survey when we go to the SAGM it is going to be strongly weighed in and if your zone is not voting in your favour, it does not make sense. We cannot just go by the survey because it the zone delegates that have to vote. John is going to make sure that he stands up at the SAGM and says this is what you Open bowlers want. We have to take the majority of what the bowlers want.

Elizabeth Nicoll says that she personally does not think the delegates are going out and showing the motions to their contingents. She said that she is a shareholder in 5 pin bowling and I think if this is a time for change we need to look at how the O5 runs. If she is shareholder with another company she gets her ballot in the mail to vote, she can go to a shareholders meeting, but she is still casting her ballot. There are some delegates at convention that have no clue about the competitive side of the business and realizes that they are a small minority, but there are decisions made at convention that people don't really understand. She would like to see the structure of how this whole AGM and SAGM be made into a shareholder mentality. She said that she has a right to vote and she does not want her delegate voting for her. If she gets shot down, she gets shot down, but at least she has the right to vote.

Tim Dixon said that if there is only one delegate that goes and there are 27 people in the Open and you have a split, the delegate then has a problem on which way to vote, so Elizabeth Nicoll is right. She is right and all votes should count.

Bob Walters said that all votes should count. That is how you get your Prime Minister, your President etc.

Steve Barker said that he understands what Elizabeth Nicoll is saying but that on their zone up until about three or four years ago they did not have any Open bowlers on their board, but it was always the same people complaining that nothing was changing with the Open. Steve indicated that is when he and Kathy got involved on the board. He indicated that with all his other interests, he is not interested in all the other O5 tournaments, but is interested in YBC bowling school and the Open. He said that he could not get anyone else from his zone interested. He indicated that it is difficult to get someone to come to meetings and only managed to get four people to commit to the

meetings all year long. Steve said he and Kathy had to step down from the board, but now Samantha has joined, but it is hard get anyone involved. He said that if you are that passionate about this you have to make the effort and go to the meetings and make sure your zone knows what you are thinking.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that she is hearing about meetings and we are talking about the past and what we are doing today. She said that we are a virtual society today and being a corporate individual things are done by webcast. We need to change, but they can log into the phone and what the shareholder's meeting and is able to vote electronically. We need to start to change the way we are thinking. We need to run this like a business and move to a shareholder's mentality.

Mike Kyte said that in order to do this there needs to be changes to the by-laws. At the present our by-laws stipulates that for every 100 members in your zone you are allowed one voting delegate. Our by-laws cannot be changed unless it is changed at the AGM. If you want to change a by-law you need to write down your change and you have to go through your zone.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that there is a massive problem at the zone level and it is not going to change. She said that if we continue for change for next year it is too late we have to start moving now. If you go to the shareholder's model today there is transparency and nothing is hidden and we all know what has been discussed. She does not want to hear about next year she wants change now. She is not going to write a motion to send to her delegate to say she wants to change the constitution and she does not see why if we can put a white board up to reduce zones why we can't we can restructure how we run the O5 today and asks that we be a leader.

Sue Burns advised there is a constitution with rules and regulations that have to be followed. In order for there to be change you have to go through the steps involved to get there. You cannot make a change because you do not like something unless you have a vote. She went through the constitution last year and it was sent to all zones in January to make any suggested changes for discussion at the AGM in June. There was one change that had to be made and that was one error in a number. It is up to your zones to let you all know what is happening it is your responsibility to come to the meetings if you want to know what is happening. Without attending meetings you are never going to know. You are only going to know the Open and how it is run now and how you want it to change. What your membership is now and how you want it to change. If you do not put your own voice out there no one is going to know.

Elizabeth Nicoll ask why then can't she go to the AGM.

Sue Burns say that you can go to the AGM.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that she can't vote and asked why can't she vote as she is a member.

Sue Burns said that you can vote at discussion forums at the AGM.

Elizabeth Nicoll asked again why can't she vote.

Sue Burns said that our by-laws currently state that voting delegates are the members that are allowed to vote.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that she is hearing a lot of roadblocks and it is really disappointing because so many people are passionate about it and it is constant roadblocks.

Sue Burns asked what she is going to tell the police officer - that she did not wear her seatbelt because she does not like that law.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that she is not talking about chaos, but to start running this like a business and that she is a shareholder and she pays money.

Sue Burns indicated to put in her motion and it will get heard.

Elizabeth Nicoll said it won't get heard and that that was the whole point.

Sue Burns advised that if you don't think it will be heard to send the motion to the O5 directly and it does not have to go to the zone.

Mitch Davies said that he is lucky enough to have two good delegates that go their AGM and SAGM. He indicated that he has been involved for the last two years now and started on the social media. He goes to a large number of the meetings. His ideas are taken under advisement. However, Elizabeth Nicoll is right for Mitch to go to be a delegate and his zone inquires who wants to go. He said that he can go and be a delegate. He is then one voice out of 14 zones and if he is the youngest one there, and if your voice is not heard by the other 25 people you don't get your voice across. He said that our system is flawed 100%. It has been the same way since the 1958 or whatever year that was.

Pam Wiebe said that Mitch Davies has a strong voice and if he feels that he is not being heard what about those zones that have weak voices.

Mitch Davies advised that he agrees. We need to think about a webcast. We can have someone voice their opinion from wherever they are. He believes this has to happen quickly. He said that in the last two years Hamilton lost 96 lane beds. He said that it is not our fault, but we have some people that do not run a bowling alley appropriately, but the game itself we can control and we can make it better.

Elizabeth Nicoll commented that everyone needs a voice even if your voice is not taken, and that at least you had a chance to vote and then you respect the whole thing.

Bob Beaucage said that as President of his zone he takes what is spoken to today back to his bowlers to see how they should vote. He said that he agrees that if Elizabeth Nicoll does not believe that her zone is not listening to what she is saying and not voting to what she wants and that is not right, as Sue Burns mentioned send your motions directly to the O5 or you talk to a President of another zone that might agree. You should speak with your zone Board and delegates and if you don't like what is

happening get involved. He agrees that even though he has a strong zone he may only get a hand full of people show up at their AGM.

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## **OPEN FLOOR FOR OTHER DISCUSSIONS**

Amber Ashton advised that with the Open being at a new location, it is important that prior to qualifying the bowlers are aware of the cost of hotels, the cost of travel, and any options to make sure that it fits in that person's budget.

Mike Kyte advised that once the paperwork goes out, which is in October, but we will let you know as soon as we have that information it will be published.

Pam Wiebe also asked or the schedule of the events be published as soon as it is known.

Kristi Lampman wondered if Terry Farrell could shed some light on an estimate of the cost of the assessment would be.

Terry Farrell advised that she has no answer to that until we know what we are looking at as far as the cost of the hotels, the number of volunteers, but we will restrict where we can. She does not know the answer right now, but is probably going to be higher, and will try to keep the costs down. That will likely not be known until the end of August when the budget is finalized and sent to the zones. That is when the assessments will be known and then the lineage will be on top of that.

Mitch Davies inquired on the cost of the lineage would be.

John Cresswell advised that he was told that the cost of lineage would be \$4.50 per game.

Mitch Davies asked that the lineage be put into the part of the assessment.

Terry Farrell clarified that the assessments include the lineage and that it is sent out to the zones. Terry said that she can pull a number out of the air on what this will cost, but that it will mean absolutely nothing. She said that she needs to wait for numbers from Winnie Spires from Ottawa and/or John Cresswell she cannot give a figure, but she will.

Pam Wiebe said that has a question to O5 board. She said that when information packages are sent out to the bowlers, do we send out a code of conduct form.

Mike Kyte confirmed that the O5 does.

Pam Wiebe indicated that the code of conduct form says that if you behave in an unsportsmanlike manner you will receive a written tournament warning and that warning has to be signed by the player and it stays on file for two years. At the Coaches'

meeting the Coaches were also told that there would be no verbal warning and that if there was a misappropriation that the tournament warning form comes into play.

Mike Kyte confirmed that she was correct.

Pam Wiebe further went on to state that she hates rumours and that is why she is bringing this up to the board and asks that the board looks into this – a certain bowler from a certain zone received three verbal warnings before she got a written tournament warning on Friday for her behaviour on the lanes. She would like this looked into and will name the individual if she needs to. She said that if that is true, we did not follow our code of conduct and we did not follow the rule. If we are not going to follow the rule change it or take it out.

Pam Wiebe also said that on page 5 of the package that was sent to the bowlers was with respect to the hotel and that if there were any loud noises and complaints a warning would also be given. She said that on the second warning they would be asked by the hotel to leave and that the O5 would be notified of those people that were asked to leave. She wanted to know if we were notified this year of any misbehavior at the hotel.

John Cresswell said that he was not advised of anything specific. He further stated that it was up to the hotel to notify him.

Pam Wiebe indicated that she had a problem on her floor and security was up there four times for the same people. She indicated that if the hotel is not going to live up to the agreement that the O5 has with them, being redundant because we are not going back to Sheraton, but we are going to new hotels.

Pam Wiebe stated that these were two issues she is aware of that were set out in written forms and that were not dealt with and if that was the case to take it out.

Mike Kyte advised that no one brought to his attention about three verbal warnings.

Pam Wiebe said that you would have to be blind if you did not see how she was acting.

Elizabeth Nicoll indicated that she thought Mike Kyte was directly involved.

Mike Kyte said that he was involved with the last one and the only one. With respect to the other three he was not aware of. When Rheal came to Mike and mentioned it that was the first time that he heard about it.

Pam Wiebe asked if the Judges of Play were aware that if they see anything they are supposed to tell Mike Kyte so that a written tournament warning could be issued.

Elizabeth Nicol said that she agrees that there are a lot of different standards for different people.

Pam Wiebe indicated that she hates double standards.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that this is not a rumour.



Mike Kyte said that the only written warning was given on the very last day on the very last frame. He advised that he was not aware of any verbal warnings and no Judges of Play came to him.

Tracy Smith advised that she wanted to bring up an issue of what she believes is double standards that there is no clear cut outline or protocol on how a Coach is assigned to a team outside of their zone. She said that she would like that to be transparent so that it is fair for everyone. She realized that some get in a Coach for a zone and there is no problem, but she also knows that there are some that have had a lot of issues with that. Tracy also wondered why a qualified Coach needs to be in the pit with her for the singles and wondered if she could have any person who is an O5 member come into the pit with her.

Pam Wiebe said that perhaps not even be an O5 member but could even be her husband.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that that changed and wondered why it changed.

John Cresswell appreciated everyone's comments and advised that the O5PBA runs the tournaments for the member of the O5PBA and as such, if you are not a member you are not there participating. We have had Coaches in the past that wanted to coach their family member or other person, but did not pay the assessment, scream and yell because we charged them a \$30.00 assessment to participate in the event. We did that because the rules are there for a reason, and understands the comment of double standards and agrees that it has happened, but we are human. We all make mistakes sometimes and John indicated that he will make sure that does not happen moving forward. The Judges of Play this year will not be worrying about ball jams, and if two Coaches agree to a score change great go to it, but if there is a discrepancy that is when we need the Judges of Play. We agree to having a Judge of Play for every six to eight lanes and changing that. John indicated that if anyone wants to be certified as a Judge of Play to donate their time at the Open he will make sure that that will happen. He advised that all the Judges of Play were given notebooks to write down comments of things that happened and all those books were empty – not that anyone was good, bad, or wrong in what they did but those comments did not come back.

Elizabeth Nicoll wondered if she could add a suggestion that for the only the singles stepladder that the Coach only needs to be a card carrying member to be in the pit.

John Cresswell said that Elizabeth Nicoll could put this forward, but to understand why we have a Coaches' program.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that if you make singles you are passed that point of coaching.

John Cresswell wanted clarification that we remove level 2 Coaches from the singles stepladder, and that it be changed to any card carrying member who pays the assessment.

John Cresswell asked for a show of hands for those in favour of that idea – majority were in favour.

John Cresswell stated that this will be one of the points added for discussion at the next roadshow and then from there he will put together the survey for everyone to respond to.

Tracy Smith inquired where the survey will be found.

John Cresswell indicated that the survey will be found using Survey Monkey.

Tracy Smith said that she is not on Facebook and has missed out a lot on this and inquired whether it will be on the O5 website.

John Cresswell confirmed that it will be on the O5 website, on the O5 newsletter, on Facebook and anywhere else to make sure that people know about it.

Mitch Davies said that a couple of years ago we had a wildcard team and just wondered if we could bring it back in a proper way. Mitch indicated that the last time we had men that tried out and made it for their zone, but they did not have enough women so they scrapped it and started over. Maybe if we have a wildcard team and that zone had three men that could make it that we have a wildcard team for just ladies so that we could then make a brand new team and to fill the zone.

Mitch Davies asked for a show of hands – approved

Pat Hotte from Ottawa inquired if we could do that to the seniors that can't fill their team and do a wildcard to fill the team.

Most of the guests agreed with that.

Mitch Davies caught clarification that the only added cost would be lineage.

Mitch Davies indicated that if we were to go down to 12 zones personally he does not want to go to the provincial championships only bowling 11 games. He said for him bowling five games one day and then six games a second day is not a fun championship to him.

Elizabeth Nicholl said that just because we drop zones doesn't mean you play less.

Mitch Davies indicated that that is what he is getting to is the schedule for the years to come as he believes we will be going down to 12 zones. Mitch indicated that he believes there was a Facebook discussion by Mitch Pape and Dave Phipps came up with this that you play everyone once and instead of having the stepladder you had the top 50% of the field move on and play on the Saturday and your points started over. He indicated that this was just a suggestion because he does not want to go to Oshawa or Ottawa and play only 11 games. He suggested a possible format change.

John Cresswell gave Mitch Davies a challenge to come up with some scheduling scenarios and to send them to him.

Mitch Davies accepted the challenge.

Elizabeth Nicoll and Mitch Davies had a side discussion about the competitiveness of bowling more games.

Bob Beaucage indicated that if we moved to 10 zones doing the schedule as Mitch Davies suggested would be better.

Bob Beaucage that someone else brought up that the true entry free for the Open is about \$70.00/\$80.00 which is cheap considering this is a tournament that could take you to nationals. The bulk of the zone round is actually the lineage. One person's online suggestion was that you allow bowling less games for qualifying at the zone level from the 20 games to reduce the zone cost for lineage. They wondered if there was any flexibility at the zone level.

Amber Ashton wanted to go back to what Elizabeth Nicholl said by asking how do we go about changing the hierarchy of delegates and so on. Amber said that she does not understand how this works and finds it is an extensive process of trying to become part of your board and then being a delegate and then going to the AGM. She said that if that is what it is going to take it will take too long. How can we go about changing this faster?

Mike Kyte said there was no easier way and that you have to go through the zones. We have rules in place and by-laws in place now, which is the same as trying to change a Highway Traffic Act, you can't change it like that.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that she does not accept these roadblocks. I am a privately held company today and I decide to go public and I make it happen. She said make it happen.

Steve Barker said there is a process involved. This is a point of the roadshows to get everyone's comments and to try to get the public more involved to make sure our voices are heard.

Pam Wiebe said that she agrees with Elizabeth Nicoll as she also works for a corporation as well. She has 112 residents and cannot make any change without their input. On the other side of coin something that is impacting this and that is the government funding. The government has certain rules and regulation in it as well as we have to abide by. If we start to change things we have to consider the government funding and without the government funding we would be dead in the water.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that that is what we look at first looking at other non-profits and how they run their business and is certain with the vast amount of membership we have we have a lot of BA's (business analysts).

Terry Farrell said that she does not disagree, but you need to make your efforts known on our board. We have been pushing to get more people involved on our board. The Niagara and Ontario Durham boards are small. The Hamilton board is fairly large, but

there are some that show up periodically, and admits that Mitch Davies does show up for most meets and gives him credit for that. She went on to say that when Mitch first joined the board she thought he was an idiot, but she no longer does. He has valid points and we listen to them. They don't always work, but that is the way it is. Terry indicated that last year we were mandated to get youth bowlers (anyone under 30 years) onto our Zone boards and we do have it yet. We don't have a person on our current O5 board that is a younger person. She indicated that you people can step up to the plate. She indicated that there are a number of members that are Open bowlers, but there are more members that are not Open bowlers and that is those members that make sure that our organization runs.

Elizabeth Nicoll indicates that she is getting frustrated about hearing people are not attending meetings, but we are a virtual world and are we asking the people out there what is the best methodology for getting communication out there, be it a face to face or webinar. How can we communicate better and are those communications taking place. I am not sure that they are. Maybe if you start asking those questions you will see a change.

Bob Beaucage agrees 100% but two or three years ago we introduced a new membership application form and you would not believe how difficult it is to get someone to fill out the form. With respect to communication we are fighting upstream and grateful that Elizabeth Nicoll is bringing up these points and we do have to get there, but is not sure how.

Pam Wiebe agreed with Bob Beaucage with respect to the membership form and said that it was not until after she filled it out that she understood it was part of the government funding. She said that when she first inquired she was told that the O5 needs it. No one told her that government funding for this sport was based on this form.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that Pam Wiebe was right that in her business that they have to fill out a form, but you have to explain why the form is required.

John Cresswell said that he understood where everyone was coming from, but we are all passionate about the sport. The membership form that was handed to you states on that form specifically that this is for government funding. If you fill it out and don't know that it is because of government funding, you are not reading the form. In today's society it is up to us as a person to know what you are signing because once you sign your name you are liable for that documentation whatever that may be. Some of the members who volunteer, including our O5 board, put a number of hours into the sport and John supports of bowlers and their being passionate. The Open is not the only part of this organization. The Open only encompasses 3% of our sport, however, we spend most of our time working on it. And if you read the minutes of the first roadshow that is where it was mentioned to make an Ad-Hoc Committee for the Open. John said to Elizabeth Nicoll that if she thinks every member needs to have a vote every single time, he will support it and help put that in place but we are not a corporation with \$100

million dollars to put towards that. Webinars can be used, but the one that is free will be gone August 1<sup>st</sup>. He is not trying to argue with anyone but wants to make sure we are all working together to make sure that this board continues because if this board does not continue, in one form or another in the future, (25 years from now) we won't have any facility to host these events.

Elizabeth Nicoll appreciates what John Cresswell is saying about costs, but she is asking that a feasibility plan be put together so that they can evaluate what is feasible and what is not. She said that we can look at the bowling community, which is large, to tap into their knowledge and skillset to get some stuff ad-hoc. A lot of this can probably be done by a business analyst and she is certain that we have one in the bowling community.

John Cresswell said that he does disagree with Elizabeth Nicoll and said that Tom England said about three years ago as a public business if you are not willing to change every three to five years your business is going under. Bowling has had the same structure since 1967 and we continue to make sure it work and spend a lot of time. John indicated that this is his sport and he probably spends more time on this sport than he does with his own business making money. He is passionate about the sport as well, but not passionate as a bowler, although he does bowl on a league. He said that he knew that this roadshow was going to be the most boisterous meeting, but this is what we need. John indicated to Elizabeth Nicoll that he would like to speak to her afterwards about her ideas he believes there is a large cost involved and if that is the case we will need to go back to membership and we will have to convince the other members to agree to pay for that.

Elizabeth Nicoll said that maybe not.

John Cresswell said that if she has a way of doing some of this for free he is will to discuss it with her.

Mitch Davies said maybe that we start with something small like putting the SAGM on YouTube so we can all have our voices heard and if I do not agree with something being said I can make a comment on the streaming. Mitch asked how many times this has happened at an O5 meeting.

John Cresswell said that never, but that is not to say that was not going to change.

Mitch Davies said that he believes that is what Elizabeth Nicoll is saying that we need to have more interaction. He said that it was virtually impossible for him to get on an O5 board, especially because of the latest trend of where we need younger people and understands younger females. Mitch Davies believes it will take him years to get on the O5 board. He said that the rules state you have to be on the zone board for three years.

John Cresswell indicated that the Hamilton board may say three years, but our O5 board says you only need to be on the Zone board for one year.

Mitch Davies said regardless you would have to get on your zone board, you would then need to be asked to be a delegate, you would then need to be at the next AGM, and then get voted on by your peers. He said that it will take you years and then you are only one voice and hope that you can make change.

Amber Ashton said that is one of the younger people in this room and she does not know the number of forms, constitution, etc. that she has never seen and never heard of and has not been made available. The younger people are those coming up that we need to keep interested to keep our sport going. This world is virtually and everything should be posted online and be transparent.

John Cresswell said that the O5 website has been completely redone over the last three years and if you go to the website you will see a bunch of tabs at the top and if you go to the "About Us" tab under that you will see the constitution. All the documents are on the website. Communication is where John agrees 100% we need to improve on and we need to make sure that we are communicating as much as possible. At an AGM we asked the delegated to back to their zones to gather some information to bring back and at the next meeting it did not happen. We did that two years in a row. That is why we decided to do a roadshow meetings for you to speak and for us to get idea. He hears that you don't have any input in what is going on, but you do. Just because your voting delegates are voting on your behalf for now, he will be going to the SAGM to say the Open bowlers want to see change. John indicated that he thought this Open roadshow would have had hundreds of people participating, but this is our third roadshow and from the three we have only had 100 people attend and would have thought that every roadshow would have 100 people in attendance. What is interested from the roadshows booked Ottawa currently has the highest number of registered people. Hamilton has been the best attended so far. The streaming of the events have not all been possible due to Wi-Fi availability and that is why we are also videotaping the meetings to post on YouTube. We have been able to stream today, but it has gone down a couple of times. We invite everyone's input and we want to keep this sport alive.

Tracy Smith indicated that communication is a big issue as she was not aware that any of these events were being livestreamed until after the Oshawa one. Not everything is posted to the website and she is not on Facebook. She said that she has been on the O5 website and a lot of information has not been put on there.

John Cresswell asked if Tracy Smith has his email and then gave her his email ([o5pbapresident@gmail.com](mailto:o5pbapresident@gmail.com)) and that is available for anyone.

Tracy Smith asked if she had to email John Cresswell every time she wants to know what is going on.

John Cresswell advised that if she sees something that is not there to let him know.

Tracey Smith asked how would she know what is not there.

John Cresswell said that she knew that the streaming was not on the website that is when she should email him and he will make sure that whatever it is he will look after it.

Sue Burns wanted to add to what John Cresswell just said that our documents are on the website – AGM minutes, SAGM minutes, constitution. It is there for everyone to see. We do not hide anything at our meetings. If you want to see if the motions that were brought are passed or not passed that is where you need to look. There are a number of years that are on the website, and are working on getting the older ones on. Go to the website everything is there including contact information and what it is we do. Our newsletters are also posted to the website. We can only do what we can do with what we have. It up to the bowlers to be informed. She said you know that your zone's have websites and does not understand why you think the O5 does not.

Bob Beaucage had an online question – why don't Judges of Play have rule books.

John Cresswell indicated that every Judge of Play is supplied with a rule book.

Mike Kyte reiterated the question brought and said that every Judge of Play this year was given a brand new copy of the updated rule book. The rule books were also available for sale at the Open for the Coaches as the rule book was recently changed.

Pam Wiebe inquired whether the Judges of Play were aware of the code of conduct form.

Mike Kyte indicated that he was not sure, but they will be. He indicated that this year we did have some new Judges of Play that had only been certified for a couple of months and volunteered their time for the Open. It is learning process and sometimes it takes a couple of tournaments to get used to. Maybe some of the Judges of Play were not aware of the code of conduct, and some of them insisted on being there for every change made even if it is was agreed upon by the Coaches. It was a learning experience for them. In the future we are going to have a Judges of Play conference prior to each event by conference call to go over the rules and regulations and set out what is expected of them.

Pam Wiebe indicated that it was three veteran Judges of Play that were witness to this girl's behaviour.

John Cresswell said that at this point it is the past and will make sure that it does not happen again in the future. John was not aware of this happening until the person was suspended. He said that in future the Judges of Play will be at a meeting prior to the Open, likely by conference call, and will be told what is expected of them including the code of conduct and rule book.

John Cresswell indicated that he wanted to go back to Mitch Davies' comment on the amount of time that it takes to get on the board. John said that we all know Mitch Pape from Victoria Bowl. He was appointed on the board because he was a voting delegate at the AGM (no longer called convention, but annual general meeting). Last year at the

AGM he had comments and he discussed stuff and at the AGM and he ultimately was appointed by the board as an appointed member for one year. This year he was elected and voted on the board and now has a three year term.

Mitch Davies said that is only because we added board members.

John Cresswell confirmed that we are moving up to 12 board members.

Mitch Davies clarified because there is more work.

John Cresswell confirmed that.

Mitch Davies said that is because of the government funding and needing to appoint women.

John Cresswell said that this is all set out in the minutes. Right now we have two spots on the board that need to be filled and appointments will be made. The O5 board is meeting on August 6 at our caucus meeting to discuss the name those other two people. He has had three people sent him applications for the appointed positions and is willing to accept more and they can be sent to [o5pbapresident@gmail.com](mailto:o5pbapresident@gmail.com). He said that he is trying to be as open and transparent with everyone and expects that from the field. If you think we are not doing something right and if you think you are not getting anywhere with your zone or DC send John and email, or call him. He needs to make sure that the Board of Directors are working on behalf of their members and is pretty sure that we are. If there is something that we are not doing we need to know and if there is a sponsor that is needed we need you to come up with that sponsor. You can't just simply say that the tournament needs to change – great but we need to know how. Some of us have been doing this for a long time on behalf of the members. Sometimes they say it is not in their best interest, but that is that person's opinion. Everyone has an opinion on how to do things moving things forward for the future and that is what we are here to do.

Bob Walters requested cheaper booze at the banquet.

John Cresswell indicated that he would love to do that, but the only way that would happen would be to put the license in our name and the O5 would be liable for whatever happens, and that would be you, and that is not going to happen.

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## **CLOING COMMENTS**

John Cresswell concluded by thanking everyone for their attendance and attentiveness and will make sure this is posted to the website.

Meeting ended at 9:03 p.m.