

MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

Saturday, May 3rd, 2008

President, Brenda Pankoff called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the Board of Directors and the office staff, which included Nancy Moore, Director of Operations, Henry Fehr, Tournament Director, and Walter Heeney, Special Projects Officer.

1. President's Opening Remarks

On behalf of the Board of Directors and office staff, I would like to thank you for attending this morning and for your ongoing input with our Association. I would like to take a few minutes to thank my fellow board members who have worked diligently on behalf of the membership over the last year. With the changes we implemented a couple of years ago, the roles on the board have increased. Also, our Director of Operations, Nancy Moore is our only paid staff member and we thank her for her efforts with our Association over the past Year. Henry Fehr has continued as our Tournament Director and Dave Johnson our statistician has worked closely with Henry to oversee our events and scores. In particular, Dave keeps our Association up to date with a website. Walter Heeney, our Special Projects Manager continues to support our Association with looking for new sponsors and fundraising ideas and later this morning you will hear about the Down Syndrome Association Fundraiser we ran last year and the plans for the coming season. Over the last couple of years, we have worked hard to make the workings of the Association transparent to all of our membership. In particular, we have worked hard to provide you with financial statements that you the membership have asked for and we will present these again later in this meeting. This past year, we have been working with updating the Constitution. While we do have a draft ready, we the Board did not feel that the membership would have had ample time to review the document prior to this meeting. As a result, we will describe the process for the review the Constitution in order that it can be tabled to a vote at the AGM 2009.

In the fall, we will make available at the Zone Delegates meetings, copies of the old Constitution as well as copies of the New Constitution in order that everyone can have ample time to review prior to the vote at the AGM. Due to the cost factor of printing both copies and sending it to each member, we feel that if we can make the document available through the zones, each member can review it over the following months in order that it can be reviewed prior to the vote.

This past season, Mikes Bates, Geoff Dunn and their Committee has been very busy preparing to host Canada at the MBAC Nationals from June 28th to July 3rd in Hamilton and Burlington. The committee chairs and their members have put a lot of time and effort in preparing for the event. We would like to acknowledge the following chairs

Brenda Walters – Secretary, Treasurer Steve Williams, Tournament Director Dave Johnson, Judge of Play Henry Fehr, Entertainment, Kelly Martin, Promotions Jeff Forester and Bob Walters, Accommodations Keri Bates and Sandy Lyons and Transportation John Conti.

The theme is Fan Fanatic Tailgate Party and we are looking forward to welcoming our fellow bowlers from across Canada. I urge all members to drop by Sherwood Centre June 29th to July 3rd to experience some of the best bowling Canada has to offer.

At our Final Banquet we will be kicking off the 100th Anniversary of 5 Pin Bowling, which will be this coming season. There are various ways that the 5 Pin Bowling Groups are recognizing this event and this includes an application for the issuing of a stamp, Terri Burns of the Northwest Territories plans to bowl in 100 bowling centers across Canada over the course of 100 days from September to December 2008 and there will be a ranking of the top 100 bowlers across Canada.

This past season gave us a number of new sponsors with Rewarding Feedback and Terri Hitchcock for the tournament division tour, Concord Candle for the Teaching Year End event and Parkway Bowlerama for the Bursary event. We partnered with the Down Syndrome Association for a fundraising event. We also implemented a new tournament at New Years with a new triples format and it was well received the first year.

As we look to next year, we continue to seek out new partnerships and sponsors. At this time, we can confirm that Jeff Canham with Uxbridge Bowl, Budd Light and Yamaha will be sponsors of a doubles event. We will therefore be introducing alcohol at this event as the sponsorship is from a beer company. Sandi Dickson and Bradford Bowl will come aboard as a sponsor, Echo Bowl will sponsor the Western Ontario Teaching Event and Nith Valley Construction and our friend Ron Roeder will come on as a sponsor for the Thanksgiving Classic. At a National Level, Mannatech with Ian and Lynn Cameron have partnered with the MBAC to look at a partnership that will be filtered down through the provinces over the next couple of months.

In July, the offices of the Master Bowlers Association of Ontario will be moving, not very far but we will have a new address. 3 Concord Gate Suite TBA
Telephone TBA Keep an eye on our website for updates.

We the Board seek and value your input, thoughts and questions about the Association. We thank you for your support and enthusiasm and we hope that the decisions we make as an organization will strengthen our Association. As we move forward, we need to continue to liaise with the other bowling groups as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of 5 Pin bowling and continue to roll out our various programs. Each of us as a Master Bowler needs to promote and be ambassadors of our Association and what it has to offer to all bowlers we meet.

2. **Status Report Down Syndrome Fundraiser – Walter Heeney**

Walter Heeney gave a status report on the joint partnership with Down Syndrome Association of Ontario and the fundraising efforts by the MBO during the zone rounds of the Master Junior held in October 2007. The MBO zones collected a total of \$2,287.00 for Down Syndrome and this effort was appreciated. Our objective for the first year in this partnership was to “pass the hat” during the zone rounds of the Master Junior held in Ontario in October. On the Down

Syndrome side, their Family Days were held: Niagara area had a good event and Peterborough area there was no participation. Working forward next year the Down Syndrome week will be November 1st-7th, 2008. The MBAO will be an active participant in the program again. Jack Fine, Bowling Sales of Canada, will be donating \$750.00 towards the pledge forms and he will also be donating gift certificates in the amount of \$50.00 to the host bowling centre proprietors for the Master Junior roll-off. It will be a Bowling Sales of Canada gift certificate with an expiry date of December 31st, 2008.

3. Acceptance of the 2007 Annual General Meeting Minutes through the zone meetings.

MOTION: A MOTION WAS PUT FORWARD BY ALEX VANDE POL (K-2), SECONDED BY DORIS ELIS (X-2), TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 5TH, 2007 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

4. Acceptance of the revised financial statement for the period ending July 31st, 2007 as presented at this meeting.

MOTION: A MOTION WAS PUT FORWARD BY BRIAN LAWRENCE (B-2), SECONDED BY GEORGE TUGHAN (C-1), TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF 31 JULY 2007 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

The financials from last year were presented. A copy of the status of the 2007-08 Tournament Financials by event was handed out and discussed. Brenda Pankoff and Steve Williams welcomed questions from the floor. Shawn McGhie noted about the lack of Pay-Outs on the statement and also asked that at the events for next year that the previous year's prize list and the tentative prize list be posted during the event and posted in the annual Tournament Book. Brandon Rogers asked about the expense figures for the Meetings and Conventions and asked why is the figure so high. Brenda Pankoff noted that under this line item this includes the costs associated with all monthly board meetings, attendance at the C5PBA and MBAC Annual and Semi-Annual meetings, and the O5PBA and BPAO annual conventions. For the coming season, the Board has been looking into the options of conducting conference calls versus bringing board members in for the monthly meetings. Shawn McGhie noted there is a note at the bottom of the statement with regards to the Bill Boettger monies. Shawn noted that many masters do not know that we received the money and how it is invested and/or how the money is to be spent. Shawn would like it included on the financial statement as a separate line item. Brenda Pankoff noted that currently the funds have been invested into two (2) GIC's and that some of the funds have been earmarked for the Years of Service Pins and to help offset the expenses associated with the Bursary event. She confirmed that there is no formal plan in writing to present that shows the intended plan for the money and the interest generated from it but we will prepare that for next year.

Mike Bates turned the floor back over the Brenda Pankoff. Brenda congratulated all the individuals and thanked Fraser Hambly for all his efforts during his tenure on the board. She welcomed Elaine Freiday as the new board member.

7. **MOTIONS FROM THE FIELD**

The following motions/recommendations were tabled at the meeting and their status is as follows:

MBAO Board of Directors Approved Motion for the 2008-09 Season

Moved by: Steve Williams

Seconded by: Judy Begley

MOTION: CHANGE TO THE NSF POLICY. IN THE CASE OF AN "NSF" CHEQUE, A MASTER MUST REPLACE THE CHEQUE PLUS ADMINISTRATION FEES WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS AND ALL FURTHER PAYMENTS TO THE END OF THE BOWLING SEASON MUST BE MADE BY CASH, CERTIFIED CHEQUE, MONEY ORDER OR CREDIT CARD. STARTING FOR THE 2008-09 SEASON, A CHARGE OF \$35.00 WILL BE LEVIED FOR ALL NSF CHEQUES. ANY MASTER BOWLER WHO HAS AN OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLE FOR AN NSF CHEQUE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BOWL IN ANY UPCOMING MBAO EVENTS UNTIL RESTITUTION HAS BEEN MADE.

Motion by X-2: Moved by Elaine Freiday (X-2), seconded by Jenn Gray (X-2).

MOTION: SET UP A MBAO-MEMORIAL FUND WITH ANY FUNDS DONATED ALLOCATED TO THE COST OF RUNNING THE BURSARY TOURNAMENT.

Discussion: Elaine Freiday presented the motion. She noted that there are many masters who know individuals who pass away and it would be nice if masters would like to make a donation they could make it to the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario on behalf of the deceased and the monies could be allocated to the Bursary Tournament.

Decision: This motion was **CARRIED**.

Motion by Z-1: Moved by Matt Innis (Z-1) and seconded by Matt Kowalyk (Z-1)

MOTION: TO ALTER THE RULES FOR THE MBAO PERFECT GAME POOL.

- 1. EACH BOWLER WILL BE ALLOWED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY \$20.00 TO ENTER THE PERFECT GAME POOL DURING THE 2008-09 SEASON. ENTRY RULES REMAIN THE SAME.***
- 2. IF A PERFECT GAME IS BOWLED, THE BOWLER WILL RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE PAY-OUT AS ALREADY OUTLINED IN THE CURRENT RULES. IF MORE THAN ONE BOWLER BOWLS A PERFECT GAME IN THE SAME EVENT, THEY WILL SPLIT THE PAY-OUT ACCORDINGLY.***
- 3. ALL BOWLERS WILL THEN BE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO RE-ENTER THE POOL AT THE NEXT EVENT FOR \$20.00 TO START THE PRIZE POOL OVER AGAIN.***
- 4. ALL FURTHER RULES REMAIN THE SAME.***

Discussion: Nobody was in attendance from Z-1 to present the motion.

Decision: This motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

Motion by X-2: Moved by Elaine Freiday (X-2) and seconded by Doris Ellis (X-2)

MOTION: SENIORS DIVISION – AGE CALCULATION FOR ELIGIBLE SENIORS SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THAT FOR YBC/O5PBA (I.E. AS OF DECEMBER 31ST). THIS WOULD ALLOW SENIORS TURNING 50 PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31ST IN ANY GIVEN YEAR AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FULL SENIORS DIVISION SEASON, ALSO ALLOWING THEM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AGGREGATE/NATIONALS.

Discussion: Elaine Freiday (X-2) presented the motion. She noted that the reason for its submission was to bring the rule for age restrictions in line with all the other events and organizations. In most events the age restriction is quoted as being “must be ___ years of age as of December 31st, of the current year”. As currently noted you are eligible to bowl in the seniors event immediately following the month that you turn 50. In this case many people would have missed the first couple of events and find it not worthwhile to join for the remainder of the year as you need three (3) events to be considered for the national team. With this motion at least if you will meet the age requirements at the end of the current calendar year, you can start in the Seniors tour at the first event which would help to increase the participants in this division. Fraser Hambly noted what the rule restrictions were for the golf associations and that you must achieve the age before you can compete. Elaine Freiday also added that the motion was to make the age restrictions rules for our events consistent with other organizations and tournaments for all bowling organizations.

Decision: This motion was **CARRIED**.

Motion by J-1: Moved by Brandon Rogers (J-1) and seconded by Gary Henderson (J-1)

MOTION: ALL TOURNAMENT FORMATS IN ALL DIVISIONS SHOULD BE DECIDED AND VOTED ON AT THE AGM PRIOR TO THE START OF THE NEXT SEASON SHOULD THERE BE ANY CHANGES TO THEM FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. ALTHOUGH THE EXACT DATES WILL NOT BE KNOWN, THE FORMATS SHOULD BE SET SO WE CAN PROMOTE MEMBERSHIP AND SPONSORSHIP WITH PROPER INFORMATION.

Discussion: Brandon Rogers (J-1) presented his motion. He noted that all eligible masters need to know prior to the next bowling season what the changes are going to be for the tournament formats for the upcoming season so that they can review and determine what division they are going to be competing in. Fred Keast (B-2) noted that if the formats were published early (i.e. summer) that anyone could review them at that time. Nancy Fleming (P-1) noted that all the formats should be published and out to the membership ahead of time.

Decision: This motion was DEFEATED. This item was referred to the Tournament Committee for this review.

Motion by J-1: Moved by Brandon Rogers (J-1) and seconded by Gary Henderson (J-1)

MOTION: ALL TOURNAMENT DIVISION PAYOUTS ARE CURRENTLY 1 IN 3 AND WATER DOWN THE PRIZE LIST. A COMPLAINT AMONGST BOWLERS IS THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN THE PRIZE FUND, PAYING OUT 1 IN 4 INCREASES THE PAYOUT AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF THE PRIZE LIST WITHOUT INCREASING THE PRIZE POOL AND PUTS US IN LINE WITH THE PAYOUTS THE OTHER DIVISIONS ENJOY.

Discussion: Brandon Rogers (J-1) presented the motion. He noted that currently in the Tournament Division there is not enough prize money being paid out or there isn't enough prize money in the fund. Brenda Pankoff noted that the entry fees established is broken down into the prize money, lineage/admin and national assessment. The figures are reviewed annually to ensure that the most money is allocated to the prize fund but keeping in mind that the expenses for the event need to be covered by the lineage and admin. As we go to each event, whether or not there is any sponsorship dollars, any reduction to the lineage rate in some cases can augment the prize fund but the majority of the cases we are paying top dollar for the lineage. Walter Heeney noted that the efforts of augmenting the prize fund is not just the function of the Board of Directors but everyone needs to go locally where the event is being held to see if we can raise some local dollars for the event. In addition, at the Players' Workshop this was discussed and the membership voted for the 1-3 pay-out and they wanted it that way.

Decision: Brandon Rogers (J-1) **WITHDREW** his motion.

Motion by J-1: Moved by Brandon Rogers (J-1) and seconded by Sherri-Lynn Hutchinson (J-1)

MOTION: IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOOK AT WAYS TO REDUCE COSTS, AND TO TEST A POTENTIAL FORMAT FOR FUTURE SEASONS, FOR THE 2009 NEW YEAR'S CLASSIC TOURNAMENT AT NEB'S, THE MBAO SHALL DIRECT ALL RESPONSIBILITY OF RUNNING THE TOURNAMENT TO THE HOST CENTRE. FEEDBACK FROM BOTH THE BOWLERS AND THE CENTRE WILL DETERMINE IF THIS IS A PLAUSIBLE SOLUTION TO CUT BACK ON ADMINISTRATION COSTS FOR FUTURE EVENTS.

Discussion: Brandon Rogers (J-1) presented the motion. He noted that the reason for the motion was to suggest another alternative to helping to reduce the costs for running an event. He noted that at an event there is staff and volunteers there to run the tournament and they are getting paid so if the proprietor handles the running of the tournament then these costs would be eliminated. Nancy Moore noted that should the running of the events be turned over to the proprietors that the MBAO office would not be involved in the front end organization of the event and that anyone wishing to register would deal directly with the bowling centre. Dave Johnson noted that there are many factors that come into play if this happens. He also noted that while some proprietors and centres are very well-organized and could handle the running of the event, what we do in the case of the proprietors who are not interested in the extra

work and expense to handle the event. The MBO Provincial Office needs to be in control of the financials for the event, the integrity of the scores for the event and to remove any cause for jeopardizing our insurance and liability to us if anything should happen.

Decision: Brandon Rogers (J-1) **WITHDREW** his motion.

Motion by J-1: Moved by Brandon Rogers (J-1) and seconded by Steve Barker (J-1)

MOTION: REMOVE PAID WORKERS FROM THE MBO EVENTS. MANY BOWLERS HAVE NOTED THAT THEY DO NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF PAYING OTHERS TO HELP ORGANIZE AND RUN THE EVENTS THEY PARTICIPATE IN WHEN OTHER TOURNAMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN OUR SPORT DON'T (YABA AND CASH EVENTS). MANY OTHER PROVINCIAL SPORT ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT FOLLOW THIS PRACTISE, AND IT SEEMS ILLOGICAL TO DO SO IN THE MASTERS.

Discussion: Brandon Rogers (J-1) presented his motion and noted that he has checked with other organizations within our sport and they do not pay their volunteers to run the event. He also noted that if we do not pay the volunteers to work then there would be additional monies for the prize fund. Brenda Pankoff noted that individuals who work our event are a vital part of the running the event and these individuals are putting themselves in a position where they are handling a large sum of money during the course of the weekend and to do the stats for the event. Nancy Moore noted that these individuals warrant getting paid because they assist her in making sure that all monies are accounted for, the pools at the event are run and all pool pay-outs are done.

Decision: Brandon Rogers (J-1) withdrew his motion.

Motion by J-1: Moved by Brandon Rogers (J-1) and seconded by Jason Dalzell (J-1)

MOTION: POST LAST YEAR'S PRIZE PAY-OUT ON THE TOURNAMENT PAGE OF EACH TOURNAMENT. AS WELL AS AN ESTIMATED PRIZE POOL BASED ON X, Y, Z NUMBER OF ENTRIES. (SEE ATTACHED EXAMPLE)

Discussion: Brandon Rogers (J-1) presented his motion. Brenda Pankoff noted that in previous years in the annual Tournament Book each event did have the highest qualifying scores and the last qualifying position scores as well as the prize list for the previous event. It is unknown as to why this information was removed on the Tournament pages and when. She also noted that there is no problem in reformatting the tournament pages to include this information going forward.

Decision: This motion was **CARRIED**.

Motion by F-2: Moved by Stephane Loranger (F-2), seconded by Kelly Canning (F-2)

MOTION: SHIRTS MUST BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO FIRST TOURNAMENT. IF NOT POSSIBLE, ANOTHER SUPPLIER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

Discussion: Stephane Loranger (F-1) presented the motion. It was noted that the uniform shirts are never ready before the first event and the masters do not receive them until late in the season. The shirts should be ready for masters to wear by the first event (Master Junior). Brenda Pankoff asked Nancy Moore to provide a response. Nancy noted that each bowling season the majority of the membership is not received in the office until after the Master Junior roll-offs are complete because the deadline to pay the membership has been set for that same weekend. If the inventory has the shirts in stock, once the orders are received they are ordered and to be cost effective there is a minimum number of shirts required to start the embroidery process. If the shirt size inventory is depleted then the shirt has to be fabricated and this is quite a lengthy process because of the style. It was also noted that the uniform shirts are not ready until the December-January timeframe. Nancy noted that the shirt inventory has a variety of sizes available to cover any advance orders for the 2008-09 season.

Decision: The motion was changed to a **RECOMMENDATION**.

Motion by H-1: Moved by Mel Hennigar (H-1), seconded by Donna Canning (H-1)

MOTION: EITHER THE OFFICIAL MASTERS UNIFORM SHIRT OR THE MBO GOLF SHIRT SHOULD BE MANDATORY, NOT A MIX OF BOTH SHIRTS.

Discussion: Nobody was in attendance from H-1 to present the motion.

Decision: The motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

Motion by Z-2: Moved by Kevin Pitkin (Z-2), seconded by Rene Lundblad (Z-2)

MOTION: TO ALLOW MASTERS TO WEAR BLACK DRESS SHORTS TO MASTERS TOURNAMENTS. NOTED THAT THE LADIES ARE ALLOWED SKIRTS IF THEY WISH THE MEN WOULD LIKE THE OPTION OF WEARING SHORTS.

Discussion: Kevin Pitkin (Z-2) presented the motion. He noted that the reason for the motion is that during the course of the year the bowling centres can get quite hot and humid and individuals should be allowed to wear dress shorts just like they can wear dress pants/skirts/skort. If the ladies' are allowed to wear skirts then the men should

be allowed to wear shorts. Kevin did make a comment on his legs. It was noted that perhaps the motion should be amended to allow everyone to wear short and not just the men as interpreted with the motion as it stands. The motion was amended to as follows:

Motion by: Steven Medhurst (P-1), seconded by Angelle Marcoux (T-2)

MOTION: TO ALLOW ALL MASTERS THE OPTION TO WEAR BLACK DRESS SHORTS TO ALL MASTERS TOURNAMENTS. NOTED THAT THE LADIES ARE ALLOWED BLACK DRESS SKIRTS IF THEY WISH.

Discussion: There was no further discussion on the amended motion.

Decision: The motion was **CARRIED**. This will also be applied to the Rookie Tour events.

Motion by X-2: Moved by Doris Ellis (X-2), seconded by Elaine Freiday (X-2)

MOTION: DRESS CODE BE ENFORCED AT ALL TOURNAMENTS.

Discussion: Doris Ellis (X-2) presented the motion. She noted that everyone is not wearing black dress pants. This is the dress code. The people are starting to wear black cotton pants that are not setting an example for our Rookies that are coming to the events. When we ask them to wear an YBC shirt and black dress pants. If you want the master to wear cotton pants we should have the same rules as the Ontario 5 Pin has for a dress code. Doris also noted that if the MBOA is going to have a dress code in place then it should be policed at every event and individuals not adhering to the code should be given their official warning and/or dress code violation. Jean-Guy Gagne (D-1) noted that the violation of the rule is mostly in the events that involve the youth and the masters are not wearing their uniform shirt in these events. Brenda Pankoff noted that we are policing the dress code policy the best way that we can and at the youth events it is the zone delegate's responsibility to submit the names of masters not in proper dress so that official letters of warning can be sent out. At the tournaments, dress code issues are brought to the attention of the Tournament Director and he in turn approaches the individual to address the complaint.

Decision: The motion was **CARRIED**.

Motion by MBOA Board of Directors:

Moved by: Tim O'Hara Seconded by: Tom Arnold

MOTION: COMMENCING FOR THE 2008-09 SEASON, TEACHING MASTERS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY SCRATCH ONLY FOR ALL OPTIONAL TEACHING EVENTS. IN ORDER TO PLAY THESE EVENTS, THEY MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE POA COMPONENT AND ADD THE SCRATCH SIDE AS AN ADDED BONUS.

Discussion: Tim O'Hara presented the motion on behalf of the Board of Directors. The reason for the motion was that the Teaching Division is currently designed for the pins-

over-average player and the tournament formats for this division are done on strictly pins-over-age. While within this division there are many players both men and ladies' who have a high average to compete in the scratch Tournament Division but have chosen to play on the teaching side for whatever reason. The optional scratch component was added for those individuals who wanted to compete on the scratch side but pay an additional entry fee to do so. Dave Johnson noted that for the optional events this past season, the Western Ontario had 2 masters that played scratch only, the Central Ontario had 1 master that played scratch only and the Eastern Ontario had 2 masters that played scratch only. It was felt that since the Teaching Division is a pins-over-average division that it is only right that all players bowling in the optional events be registered for the POA part of the event and pay the added entry fee to bowl in the scratch component. Matt Innis (Z-1) noted that he is in agreement with the motion. Shawn McGhie (J-1) noted that he was not in agreement with the addition of the scratch side of the teaching division because he felt it was taking away players from the Tournament Division as the scratch players can now bowl in the teaching side as scratch and have the opportunity to win more prize money than is offered at the Tournament Division.

Decision: The motion was **CARRIED**.

Motion by MBAO Board of Directors:

Moved by: Tim O'Hara Seconded by: Tom Arnold

MOTION: COMMENCING FOR THE 2008-09 SEASON, IF TEACHING MASTERS ARE ALLOWED TO BOWL SCRATCH ONLY FOR TEACHING OPTIONAL EVENTS, THEN THE SCORES BOWLED WILL NOT BE CALCULATED IN THE TOTALS FOR THE AGGREGATE. THE EVENT IS SET-UP FOR PINS-OVER-AVERAGE WITH THE RING BEING AWARDED FOR THE HIGHEST POA. THE AGGREGATE FOR THE TEACHING DIVISION IS BASED ON PINS-OVER-AVERAGE AT ALL MANDATORY EVENTS.

Discussion/Decision: Tim O'Hara presented the motion on behalf of the Board. Since the above motion was carried, Tim O'Hara **WITHDREW** this motion.

Recommendation by P-2:

Recommended by Kevin Smith (P-2) and supported by P-2 Masters

RECOMMENDATION: MASTER JUNIOR AND MASTER BANTAM TO COUNT FOR AGGREGATE (CANNOT BE REPLACED). ONLY THE WESTERN, CENTRAL AND EASTERN CAN BE USED TO REPLACE A LOWER OPTIONAL TOURNAMENT (ONCE FOR AFFILIATED AND ONCE FOR UNAFFILIATED). NEW YEAR'S MIXED TRIPLE IS NOT AN AGGREGATE TOURNAMENT OR TO BE USED FOR A REPLACEMENT TOURNAMENT.

Discussion: Kevin Smith (P-2) was not in attendance; however Tim O'Hara noted that he had a discussion with Kevin on this recommendation.

Decision: This recommendation has been referred to Tournament Committee for review.

Recommendation by B-2: Becky Keast (B-2) and supported by B2 Masters

RECOMMENDATION: THAT AT THE MID-WINTER BLUES PROVINCIAL ROUND THAT THE YBC ROOKIES AND THE MASTER BOWLERS COMPETE TOGETHER BASED ON THE DIVISION IN WHICH THEY ARE BOWLING AS FOLLOWS:

YBC ROOKIE POA BOWLERS BOWL ALONG SIDE THE MBAO POA BOWLERS AND THE YBC ROOKIE SCRATCH BOWLERS BOWL ALONG SIDE THE MBAO SCRATCH BOWLERS.

Discussion: This recommendation was discussed and it was noted that two (2) years ago at the Provincial Round the lane draw was established that the competitors would be bowling on the lanes depending on their category (i.e. Men's Scratch, Men's POA, Ladies' Scratch, Ladies' POA, Rookies) so they can monitor the players within their division. For the 2007-08 season the lane draw was mixed where it didn't matter what category you were bowling under everyone was mixed on the lane draw.

Decision: This recommendation was referred to the Tournament Committee for review.

Recommendation by: Recommended by Kevin Smith (P-2)

RECOMMENDATION: CHANGE THE FORMAT FOR THE MID-WINTER BLUES. CHANGE PROVINCIAL FINALS TO FOUR (4) PERSON TEAM (2 MEN AND 2 WOMEN), POA TEAM EVENT (EACH ZONE QUALIFIES ONE (1) TEAM. FIVE (5) GAME QUALIFYING ROUND AT PROVINCIALS. TOP FOUR (4) TEAMS TO ADVANCE TO STEPLADDER OR PAIGE PLAY-OFF FORMAT TO DECLARE THE WINNER. ALL TEAMS RECEIVE PRIZE MONEY FOR ORDER OF THEIR FINISH. FOUR (4) RINGS TO BE HANDED OUT.

Discussion: While this is a recommendation, Brenda Pankoff noted that the Board of Directors is currently looking at the numbers and the format for this event.

Decision: This recommendation was referred to the Tournament Committee for review.
Motion by C-2: Moved by Al Smith (C-2), seconded by John Fitzgerald (C-2)

MOTION: CHANGE THE FORMAT OF MID-WINTER BLUES ZONE ROUND TOURNAMENT INTO SEPARATE SCRATCH AND POA EVENTS, AS WITH THE EASTERN, CENTRAL, WESTERN OR OPTIONAL EVENTS WITH SEPARATE WINNERS TO BE DECLARED FOR SCRATCH AND POA ONLY IF ADDITIONAL ENTRY FEE HAS BEEN PAID FOR. THE ONLY WAY A BOWLER ADVANCES IN EITHER POA AND SCRATCH IS HE/SHE MUST HAVE PAID FOR BOTH POA AND SCRATCH EVENTS.

Discussion: Al Smith (C-2) presented the motion and the reasoning behind it based on the situation in his bowling centre and feels that if the format was to continue as it is that the entries for the event from his centre will be significantly reduced. The format

as it currently stands gives the higher average bowlers two (2) chances to qualify for this event. He is suggesting that the format should be changed and brought in line with the Optionals where if you want to compete on the scratch side then the bowler should pay for the opportunity to do so. Dave Johnson noted that based on the number of entries for this event and taking into consideration that the majority of the teaching division does not play in the division for the aggregate; the remaining numbers have now declined to 287 in last year's event. Brenda Walters noted that a survey was distributed to the field asking about the Mid-Winter Blues and to provide feedback on why people are not playing the event. The amounts of surveys completed were from masters who do play in the event and she needs to get feedback from the masters who do not play in the event. Shawn McGhie asked why for this event everyone doesn't just bowl at the Provincials like the other optionals. Brenda Walters suggested that perhaps if this could be changed to a recommendation that it could be considered along with the other recommendations presented.

Decision: Al Smith (C-2) changed his motion to a recommendation and the recommendation will be referred to the Tournament Committee for review.

Motion by X-2: Moved by Doris Ellis (X-2), seconded by Jenn Fray (X-2).

MOTION: MID-WINTER BLUES QUALIFICATION DATE TO BE MOVED BACK TO ONE WEEKEND ONLY INSTEAD OF TWO.

Discussion: Doris Ellis (X-2) presented the motion. She noted that it gets confusing when it can be held on two different weekends to pick from. Like every other tournament it falls on the same day as one of the YABA tournaments. At least they would know what weekend to bowl in the Mid-Winter Blues. It should go back to one weekend where you can pick Saturday or Sunday to set up your tournament to bowl on. Brenda Pankoff noted that when the calendar is discussed the month of January is a very busy month and there are always conflicts with dates. Brenda noted that in order to be flexible for this event, we have provided two (2) options for holding this event and it is the responsibility of the Zone Delegate to organize the roll-off to make sure that all masters are available. With the options provided it should help to alleviate issues with scheduling when you can hold on either a Saturday or a Sunday. Nancy Moore noted that depending on the individual zones, delegates who are having a scheduling problem should contact the office to discuss other alternatives to dates.

Decision: The motion was **DEFEATED**.

Recommendation by P-2:

Recommended by Kevin Smith (P-2) and supported by P-2 Masters

RECOMMENDATION: IF THERE IS NO PRICE INCREASE FOR THE MASTER JUNIOR OR THE MASTER BANTAM THIS IS RECOMMENDED: ADD \$5.00 TO THE ENTRY FEE AND USE THIS MONEY TO INCREASE THE PRIZE FUND AT THE YEAR-END TOURNAMENT. HOPEFULLY THIS WOULD INCREASE ATTENDANCE AT THE YEAR-END.

Discussion/Decision: The recommendation was reviewed and while it was thought to be a good idea it would need to be reviewed by both the Financial and Tournament Committees for review.

Motion by K-1: Moved by Danny Williams (K-1), seconded by Blair Archer (K-1)

MOTION: TO HAVE THE NUMBER OF GAMES BOWLED TO QUALIFY FOR THE MASTER JUNIOR DROPPED TO NINE (9) GAMES FROM TWELVE (12) GAMES.

Discussion/Decision: Gary Sharp (K-1) presented the motion. He noted that since there was a similar motion below he would like to **WITHDRAW** his motion.

Motion by X-2: Moved by Elaine Freiday (X-2) and seconded by Doris Ellis (X-2)

MOTION: MASTER JUNIOR – CHANGE REQUIRED IN QUALIFICATION ROUND. NOT ENOUGH TIME FROM BEGINNING OF BOWLING SEASON FOR NEW BOWLERS TO MEET THE TWELVE (12) GAME REQUIREMENTS AS THE ZONE ROUND IS NOW RUN TWO (2) WEEKS SOONER IN THE CALENDAR. ALL QUALIFIERS USE FIRST NINE (9) GAMES OF BOWLING AND DROP THE LAST YEAR'S AVERAGE RULE. THIS WILL ALSO ALLOW A FAIRER PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL YBC BOWLERS.

Discussion: Elaine Freiday (X-2) presented the motion and explained the reasoning behind it. Gary Sharp (K-1) noted that he is having difficulty with dropping the last year average because of the late joining of YBC bowlers within his zone. There was no difficulty if the motion was to be amended to include just new YBC bowlers. The motion was amended by Elaine Friday (X-2) and seconded by Doris Ellis (X-2) to read:

MOTION: MASTER JUNIOR – CHANGE REQUIRED IN QUALIFICATION ROUND. ALL NEW YBC QUALIFIERS FOR THE MASTER JUNIOR MUST USE THE AVERAGE FOR THEIR FIRST NINE (9) GAMES OF BOWLING TO QUALIFY FOR THE MASTER JUNIOR. ALL OTHER JUNIORS WILL USE LAST YEAR'S AVERAGE.

Discussion: There was no further discussion on the motion.

Decision: The amended motion was **CARRIED**.

Motion by A-1: Moved by Jim Baxter (A-1) and seconded by Shawn Archer (A-1)

MOTION: MAKE THE MASTER SENIOR A REGULAR TOURNAMENT INSTEAD OF MID-WINTER BLUES.

Discussion/Decision: Nobody was in attendance from A-1 therefore the motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

8. ZONE DELEGATE OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Nancy Moore handed out the certificates and decals to all zone delegates present at the meeting and thanked them for their assistance during the 2007-08 season. She noted that the announcement for the 2007-08 Zone Delegate of the Year will be done at the formal presentation will be done at the Year-End Festivities. While the recipient of this year's award will not be in attendance this weekend, she wanted to congratulate Lisa Groombridge (F-2) as this year's Zone Delegate of the Year.

The Board of Directors for the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario would like to thank the following Zone Delegates for their contribution and efforts in volunteering as Zone Delegate for their area as these individuals will not be Zone Delegates for the 2008-09 season:

- B2: Brian Lawrence (will be replaced by Dave Pankoff)**
- C2: John Bernard (will be replaced by Al Smith)**
- C3: Rosemary Davidson (will be replaced by Tanya Goodwin)**
- F1: Natalie Worrone (will be replaced by Jim Gallant)**
- G2: Shawn Morris (will be replaced by Cathy Davidson-Lamontagne)**
- Z2: Rene Lundblad (will be replaced by Kevin Pitkin)**

We wish all departing Zone Delegates all the best in their future endeavours and welcome the new delegates on board for the 2007-08 season.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

The following Other Business was tabled at this meeting:

- a. P-1 Issues: Nancy Fleming (P-1) reported that the motions and recommendations submitted and discussed at the P-1 meeting were not forwarded to the Provincial Office for inclusion at this meeting. It was noted by Nancy Moore that no minutes or emails were submitted by the P-1 Zone Delegate. The policy for the submission of zone meetings will be reviewed and relayed to all zone delegates for the submission of minutes for the 2008-09 season.
- b. Change of Venue for AGM: Shawn McGhie (J-1) asked why and when the location for the AGM was changed from the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel to the bowling centre. If this was done at the last minute then everyone was not informed. Brenda Pankoff noted that the idea of having the meeting was discussed and that it was decided to move the meeting to the bowling centre for the following reasons: (a) cost effective in prices for room and refreshments (b) convenience of location as you just need to go upstairs to bowl (c) alleviate the issues of leaving the hotel due to parking and (d) the possibility of increased participation in the meeting but the showing at this meeting shows little change. The change in the location was provided in the Annual Report, which everyone received a copy, and posted on the website.
- (c) Draft Schedule of Events: Brandon Rogers (J-1) noted that in the draft Schedule of Events is there any plan to change the formats for the events. If so, should they not be presented at this meeting so they can be voted on. Shawn McGhie

(J-1) noted that he is a male tournament master and he would definitely like to have some input on the formats for each event.

- (d) Thanksgiving Weekend: Shawn McGhie (J-1) wanted to know why we are still having a tournament on Thanksgiving Weekend when there are other weekends on the calendar. Thanksgiving is a weekend that should be dedicated to family instead of being in a bowling centre. Walter Heeney noted that like anything else on the bowling calendar Thanksgiving weekend has been a weekend used by the MBO for a long time. If we change off that weekend, and it is taken by either to O5 or BPAO we may not be able to move back to this weekend. The scheduling of the events will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee.
- (e) Paid MBO Staff: Shawn McGhie (J-1) wanted to know who exactly is considered paid staff for the MBO. While Shawn recognized that Nancy Moore is the only office staff, it is indicated on the cover of the Annual Report and the AGM Package that Walter Heeney is the Special Projects Manager. Shawn noted that it is rumored that Walter Heeney is getting some financial compensation from the MBO and while he has retired, Shawn would like clarification from the Board as to what Walter is being compensated for. Brenda Pankoff noted that Walter Heeney is a delegate for Ontario and represents the MBAC as the President. In his role as President and delegate of Ontario, Walter gets compensated for his expenses to go to the Semi-Annual and Annual meetings as well as he is paid by Ontario to go to the Nationals. In return he works for our Association as Special Projects Officer..

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. A motion was put forward by Gary Sharp (K-1), seconded by Brian Lawrence (B-2) to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Minutes done by: Nancy Moore, Director of Operations
October 17th, 2008

MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LIST OF ATTENDEES

NAME	ZONE		NAME	ZONE
PANKOFF, Brenda	Board		HONG, AI	O5PBA
BATES, Mike	Board		PLUMMER, Doug	K-1
WILLIAMS, Steve	Board		MASTERSON, Lisa	K-1
WALTERS, Brenda	Board		SHARP, Gary	K-1
MARTIN, Kelly	Board		GALT, Arlene	K-1
HAMBLY, Fraser	Board		TUGHAN, Judie	C-1
BEGLEY, Judy	Board		TUGHAN, George	C-1
O'HARA, Tim	Board		VANDE POL, Alex	K-2
ARNOLD, Thomas	Board		ELLIS, Merv	X-2
MOORE, Nancy	Staff		ELLIS, Doris	X-2
FEHR, Henry	Staff		FREIDAY, Elaine	X-2
HEENEY, Walter	Staff		GRAY, Jennifer	X-2
JOHNSON, Penny	G-3		FREIDAY, Andrea	D-1
HUNTINGTON, Brenda	G-3		SMITH, Allen	C-2
FLEMING, Nancy	P-1		VANOVERBEKE, Charlene	C-2
LORANGER, Stephane	F-1		RENNIE, Rob	C-2
MEDHURST, Steven	P-1		NADEAU, Joanne	C-2
PITKIN, Kevin	Z-2		LAWRENCE, Brian	B-2
ROGERS, Brandon	J-1		KEAST, Fred	B-2
GAGNE, Jean-Guy	D-1		KEAST, Becky	B-2
WINTER, Phil	G-3		MURRELL, Barb	G-1
MARCOUX, Angelle	T-2		HAMILTON, Cathy	G-1
BARTON, Brian	D-2			
PORTER, Keith	D-2			
ENGEMANN, Earl	D-2			
COULL, Don	F-1			
KORMANN, Ted	J-2			
MCGHIE, Shawn	J-1			
MOORE, Chris	H-1			
INNIS, Matt	Z-1			
COOPER, Nathan	E-1			
WALTERS, Robert	E-1			
CHAPMAN, Barb	P-2			