

# MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

## 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 1. Welcome / Introductions – President's Message

Thank you all for attending this morning and for your ongoing input with our association. This past year I have once again been honoured to be your president.

Dave Johnson continues in his role as Director of Operations and Henry Fehr is now in his 41st year as Tournament Director for the association. Walter Heeney is our Special Projects Manager and continues to support the MBOA looking for new sponsors and fundraising ideas. As a board, along with Dave, Henry and Walter, we strive to work hard for our members and deliver well run events.

Across Canada, 5 pin bowling continues to decline, with bowling centres continuing to close and membership in YBC and adult leagues decreasing every year. In Ontario, we have again seen decrease in our numbers. This is an issue that we continue to struggle with, as does the O5PBA and Bowl Ontario.

This past season has seen some changes within our association. We again partnered with Tom and Jeff England of NEBØS and Gord MacLeod of Stellar Lanes and their Club Tour. These events were compulsory events on our Tournament Division tour. These events continue to expand and we look forward to continue to work with Tom, Jeff and Gord to make these events even more successful next year.

The fundraising idea we had hoped to implement this season ran into difficulties when it came to meeting the criteria of various municipalities across the province. Our prize list is too small to receive provincial approval and each municipality requires different criteria in order to be eligible for licensing. We have found a city that will be able to work with us moving forward. This process has begun and we are hopeful that the new draw will be ready to go in September. As a result of this set back, we did run our elimination draw this year and we thank you for your support of this draw.

Last season, we increased our membership fee from \$95 to \$100. For the 2013-2014 season we will once again need to increase membership fees by \$5 order to meet our budget outlines. For the 2013-2014 season, we are also looking at possibly increasing tournament entry fees.

This year we also had to make a decision regarding our tournament rings as a result of the price of gold continuing to increase. The cost of the ring is not included in the prize lists of our events, and therefore comes out of our general account. The cost of a gold ring is over \$500, a cost we could not continue to absorb. We decided, as a board, to start using silver rings this season, a move that saved us approximately \$300 per ring.

Our Sponsors continue to be a big part of our game and we would like to thank the following: Don Walker and Pla Mor Bowl (Dorothy Walker Memorial Tournament), Jeff Chaplin of Jeffrey Allan and Associates (Tournament Year End), Nith Valley Construction (Waterloo Classic) Jonathan Piche and Orleans Bowling Centre (Eastern Classic), Echo Bowl (Western Classic), Gord MacLeod and Stellar Lanes (Central Classic), NEBØS (New YearØ Classic and Master Senior), Phipps Bowling and Softroll (Master Youth Events), Special Olympics Ontario (SOO), Brenda Hamilton (SOO) and Sanders Pro Distributing who provide us with a pair of shoes each year. We would also like to thank the Down Syndrome Association and Bowling Sales of Canada who paired with us during our zone Youth roll offs.

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Individual Sponsors are also appreciated and we would like to acknowledge, Mortgage Alliance (Canada Mortgage Network) ( Dave Johnson), Warren Gibson Ltd ( Mel Hennigar and 2 YBC Rookie Tour Players), Electronic Coating Technologies (Dan Baron), Remple Foundation and Waterproofing (Mark Cote), Agway Metals Inc. An dex Metals (Don Cunningham) and Dave's Total Automotive (Maria Dobrint).

Today, we will be presenting you are financial statements from last season, as well as our financial standing to date for this season. You will notice that we are going to be using part of our national reserve to go to the nationals in Calgary this year. As passed at the 2011 AGM, each member of Team Ontario will pay a fee of \$50 each to help offset this cost.

With this AGM, you will note that Frank Newman has chosen to not run again for the board due to other commitments. We thank him for his work for the association during his term. Being a Board member is not an easy task. It requires a commitment of time and effort. For those of you running for the board today, if you are passionate about our sport and association and are willing to commit your time and efforts to this board, you will represent the membership well and help move this association forward.

In closing, we the board value your input, questions and thoughts. We know we cannot please all of our members all of the time, but with each decision made it is our goal to do what is best for the association as a whole. We work on behalf of you the members and we hope that the decisions we have made this past season as well as the ones we will make today will strengthen our association. We will continue to work on the areas of membership, tournaments and optimizing the operational process. We as members of the MBOA must continue to be ambassadors for the game and our own association. The best marketing tool we have is our members themselves.

## 2. Presentation by Down Syndrome from Walter Heeney

On behalf of Down Syndrome Association, thank you for your contributions. There are 14 chapters in Southern Ontario. Our family are members of Oshawa Durham chapter. Jan is 38 years old now and we continue to remain committed to the association. When we became involved in Oshawa Durham in 2009 the Chapter was about to fold, by 2011 we had 9 board members and now in 2013 we had 11 people running for the Board.

We were approached by a Marketing fellow John Calderon wanting to get involved with Down Syndrome and I am also trying to work the MBOA in as well.

We have both public and Catholic Schools participating with \$2.00 per household which generated \$26,000+++. Jan did morning announcements at several local schools which brought awareness and additional funds to their chapter

Fundraiser @ NEBS surrounding Master Senior....MBOA will be receiving the benefits of this tournament. The idea was put together too late for this season, but we hope to put something together for coming years.

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All in all, we need to come up with some new ideas we are coming up on 50 Years for OPEN, Masters, etc., and we cannot continue to run things now as we did previously. Times have changed and we must continue to change with the times....

3. Acceptance of the 2012 Annual General Meeting minutes from the zone Meetings

MOVER: Judy Begley                      SECONDER: Bernie McMillan

**CARRIED**

4. Acceptance of the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2012 as presented

MOVER: Brian Morris                      SECONDER: Helene Croteau

**CARRIED**

5. Motion to accept the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2012-2013 season

MOVER: Dot Britton                      SECONDER: Ted Kormann

**CARRIED**

6. Elections:

Slate

**Andrew Pike**

Frank Newman (declined)

**Fraser Hambly**

Nominations from the Field

L: Nathan Cooper

T2: Angelle Eybel

X3: Andrea Jones

X3: Karen Quesnel – NOT PRESENT

Nominations from the Floor

Judy Begley (nominated by Matt Kowalyk , seconded Ray *Sowerby*)

3 Calls for Nominations for the board. Only one received

Scrutineers: Brian Lawrence

Terry Little

Ted Kormann

**ELECTION RESULTS:**

Nathan Cooper

Fraser Hambly

Andrew Pike

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Motion to Destroy ballots

MOVER: Brenda Fraser                      SECONDER: Donna Taylor

**CARRIED**

7. New Business (Motions/Recommendations attached)

**BOARD MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2013-14 SEASON**

1) Motion by Board of Directors: Moved by George Tughan, seconded by Iain MacLean

***MOTION:*** Motion for 2013-2014 season and going forward: Any change in membership status, must be received in the MBO office by December 15 of the current season in order to be eligible to qualify for a National Team and/or singles

Phil Winter ó was this not already in place  
Board - Current wording did not cover hybrid  
-you can move after Dec 15 ó however you are only eligible for  
Nationals in the division you originally registered in.  
Steve Medhurst ó does this incorporate Unaffiliated/Affiliated  
Board - Yes

2) Motion by Board of Directors: Moved by Brenda Pankoff, seconded by Fraser Hambly

***MOTION:*** To allow non-member Seniors to participate in a Seniors Division Event once every 3 years.

3) Motion by Board of Directors: Moved by George Tughan, seconded by Andrew Pike

***MOTION:*** To increase membership fees by \$5, inclusive of HST for the 2013-2014. Affiliated teaching and tournament membership fees will go from \$100 to \$105, senior membership fees will go from \$55 to \$60, and unaffiliated teaching and tournament fees will increase from \$170 to \$175.

Carried                       Defeated                       Withdrawn

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#### **CARRIED**

Barb Chapman ó Is this increase is in addition to the possible increase in tournament fees.

Board ó YES, there may be changes to tournament fees in some divisions and not others which will be decided through the summer

Stephen Thompson ó so if later motion passes fee would go to \$125.00?

Board - YES

Andy Rainey ó Can the board increase tournament fees without the increase in memberships

Board ó YES, but that is why it is tournament specific ó Teaching just increased a few years ago, Tournament has not, NYC is a prime example

Andy Rainey - Then why did we cancel ProAm

Board ó We are not covering the costs of running the event

Doug Plummer ó does increase in membership fee not go to Nationals

Board - No

Brandon ó Comment: We always run the risk of losing members when costs go up, but you cannot ñotñ increase and then have more issues.

Steve Medhurst ó is this increase due to lineage

Board - We expect an increase in lineage as there was none last season. Prize funds are reducing because of increased costs of admin/lineage  
-have to increase Membership fee to absorb HST

Phil Winter ó why not increase membership fee as a whole for a larger base of Money?

Board - Cannot use membership for prize money

Brenda Pankoff ó clarified Membership goes to Office/Administration costs, does not go to tournaments, prize money

Nathan Cooper - \$5.00 is a good number

Jeff Forester ó does not object to increasing membership, however instead of increasing tournament fees why not change to 1 in 3.5 or 1 in 4.

Barb Chapman ó thank you Brenda Pankoff for your explanation

Would like tournament committee to look closely at increasing cost of tournaments, many tournaments make money so if they are making money why increase costs?

Mel Henniger ó Not against any increase. You have the opportunity to go out and get sponsorships individually outside of the bowling centre. We need to look outside the box for sponsorship which would then reduce each bowlers individual costs for membership / tournaments.

Angelle ó is \$5.00 really enough? Maybe we should look at just setting a number now that is enough to leave things ñAS ISñ for say 5 years.

Donna Taylor ó we all pay HST lets just pay it and be done.

**MOTION: CARRIED**

### ZONE MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2013-14 SEASON

4) Motion by E1: Moved by Bob Walters, seconded by Phil Erwood

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***MOTION: To eliminate zone round qualifications of Mid Winter Blues and have everyone bowl out of 1 bowling centre. This puts everyone on an even playing field (as a lot of zones don't have enough entries)***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

#### **DEFEATED**

Steve Medhurst ó the numbers would drastically reduce and there is not a bowling centre large enough to hold the tournament

Brandon Rogers ó suggested maybe requiring a minimum participation

Donna Taylor ó need to promote it to youth

JudyBegley/Donna Taylor ó combine zones

Board ó you can combine zones

5) Motion by E1: Moved by Bob Walters, seconded by Crystal Eberhardt-Gwynne.

***MOTION: Master Junior / Master Bantam does not count toward aggregate or Mid Winter Blues unless all bowlers for Mid Winter are bowled out of the same house.***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

#### **DEFEATED**

6) Motion by E2: Moved by Bob Walters, seconded by Phil Erwood

***MOTION: Making the Year End, Mid Winter Blues (as long as there is no zone round) and New Years Classic (counting highest 6 game block) the Mandatory events and Western, Central and Eastern Optional events, dropping your worst optional event.***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

#### **WITHDRAWN**

7) Motion by E2: Moved by Jeff Forester, seconded by Mike Bentley.

***MOTION: 1 Junior and 1 Bantam on Master Youth Teams. No Doubling up.***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

This is currently a recommendation

#### **WITHDRAWN**

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8) Motion by F1: Moved by Glenn Wieland, seconded by Jim Head

***MOTION: Reinstate the Pro Am Fundraiser with original set-up. Lower ticket price from \$20.00 to \$10.00 and lower the prize money payouts. At the lower price, tickets will be easier to sell. Once the Program is back on its feet with stabilized ticket sales re-evaluate prize payouts***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

**WITHDRAWN** – no one here to present motion

9) Motion by H1: Moved by Andy Rainey, seconded by Kathy Rainey

***MOTION: For those masters who participate in the year end, ALL scores (including provincial tournaments) for Masters MUST count towards their averages.***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

**DEFEATED**

Board Explanation: Historically feeling has been. All those who played Zone round those six games count, only a select few @ provincials why should they have their scores counted (?)

Doug Plummer: if you include Provincials, what is next Nationals

10) Motion by H1: Moved by Andy Rainey, seconded by Mel Hennigar

***MOTION: Must count ALL Mandatory tournaments for aggregate for those bowlers going into the year end tournament. Might level the playing field if someone is not allowed to drop a minus result. Might also encourage more bowlers to attend the year end***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

**DEFEATED**

11) Motion by P2: Moved by Brandon Rogers, seconded by Joseph Greencorn

***MOTION: Increase cost of New Years Classic from \$125 to \$150, this cost increase is to offset tournament cost and increase the prize pool.***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

**CARRIED**

Brandon Rogers ó Self explanatory

Board ó great motion ó just understand if you leave as \$150.00 then that is the number we

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12) Motion by P2: Moved by Brandon Rogers, seconded by Tim O'Hara

***MOTION: Reduce the cost of entering the "Scratch" at Optionals to \$20.00 and reduce the payout for the scratch side. This reduces payout but may increase participation. Suggest minimum payout for last position be equal to entry cost.***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

#### **DEFEATED**

Barb Chapman ó ladies there is not much money there to begin with

Veronica Doughan ó how do the numbers compare to the ladies who play the scratch pool

Dave Johnson - \$80.00 minimum last prize (Dave to check this maybe it should always been \$45.00)

Steve Medhurst ó Most higher averages are already going into this, does not feel you are going to get a larger number by reducing it.

13) Motion by P1: Moved by Steven Medhurst, seconded by Marcello Perri

***MOTION: To increase participation in MBAO OSO Event, Allow for the first 3 games to count towards Teaching Division Aggregate as an Optional Event. The 3 Games can be used to replace one set of 3 games bowled at either of the Master Youth Events counting the best 2 sets out of 3.***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

#### **DEFEATED**

14) Motion by B2: Moved by Stephen Thompson, seconded by Devon Brown

***MOTION: Have the paperwork in the tournament packages updated to reflect motions that have been passed in the previous couple of years***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

#### **WITHDRAWN**

DISCUSSED AS A BOARD AND WE WILL ENSURE PAPERWORK GOES TO ZONE DELEGATES

Motion by E2: Moved by Mike Bentley, seconded by Jeff Forester



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15) **MOTION:** *Change voting for year end motions. 10% of Masters there. Email vote*

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

**DEFEATED**

THIS MOTION WOULD CHANGE CONSTITUTION

16) Motion by H1: Moved by Andy Rainey, seconded by Mel Hennigar

**MOTION:** *One Elimination Draw Ticket to be added to the cost of Masters Membership. Master Bowlers then have the choice of either selling the ticket or keeping it for themselves.*

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

**CARRIED**

Janet Fougere -if the proprietor pays for the membership and the membership includes the Elimination Draw ticket, the proprietor can collect the \$20.00 from the Master.

Phil Winter or the proprietor can choose to sell the ticket

David B asked current ticket status

Board Dave Johnson advised that as of Friday 6 165 tickets sold

17) Motion by H2: Moved by Matt Coad, seconded by ??

**MOTION:** *All Members should be notified if there is a cost for Tournament Rings*

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

**WITHDRAWN** – both absent

18) Motion by P2: Moved by Brandon Rogers, seconded by Joseph Greenhorn

**MOTION:** *All unaffiliated Masters bowl in the Zone of residency.*

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

**CHANGED TO RECOMMENDATION**

Brenda Walters -some do not bowl in a league where they live and choose to bowl elsewhere.

Matt Kowalyk- UnAffiliated Masters can contact the office in advance and get permission to bowl in the requested zone.

Brenda Pankoff -in the Masters, there are not geographical boundaries like the Ontario 5.

Dave Johnson - historically, it has been bowl where you live

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19) Motion by Z1: Moved by Steve Williams, seconded by Leslie Boyd

***MOTION: No tying shirts up at the back. Either tuck them in or let it hang***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

**WITHDRAWN**

20) Motion by Z1: Moved by Steve Williams, seconded by Matt Kowalyk

***MOTION: With the fundraiser that did not happen this year, the board should not be able to take money out of the Beottger Fund without full approval of the membership***

Carried     Defeated     Withdrawn

**WITHDRAWN**

Brenda Pankoff- the Board members are elected to decide how to distribute funds and spend money in a prudent manner the Fund is used primarily for promotion of 5 pin bowling

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ZONES

***THE BOARD WILL REVIEW EACH RECOMMENDATION AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO OUR MEMBERSHIP***

21) Recommendation by H2:

***RECOMMENDATION: That there be a no-show fee. Mid Winter Blues has a lack of YBC Seniors playing, more promotion for YBC Seniors.***

22) Recommendation by P2:

***RECOMMENDATION: Note Hybrids on aggregate in some way.***

23) Recommendation by P2:

***RECOMMENDATION: Could an update be issued with the zone meeting packages as a follow up of previous years recommendations.***

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24) Recommendation by P2:

**RECOMMENDATION: That all Board and members of the Masters try to increase awareness of the sport to the community at large.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Board presented a uniform sample, solid blue and it would be available each year for the foreseeable future but will be a slightly different dye lot.

Including Masterø logo and bowlers name embroidered on the back, approximately \$55.00 plus any additional embroidery to be done (e.g. bowling centre)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Zone Delegate of the Year  
Anne-Marie Lasek from Windsor

Special Presentation made to Dot Britton who recently retired from her Zone Delegate Responsibilities in Niagara Region. She has been heavily involved since the inception of the Masters Bowlers Association of Ontario.

Dot thanked the members for their kindness and told us, she will remain a *member, till I die* and, that will be a long time.

Adjournment

Moved by Matt Kowalyk

Seconded by Robert MacDonald

Carried