## 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 42nd year as Tournament Director for the association. Walter Heeney is our Special Projects Manager and continues to support the MBAO 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. For the past several seasons, the MBAO has lost a net of roughly 50 members per season. However, for the 2013-2014 season we saw a net decrease of only 15 members. We would like to think that the excellence of our programs, including the Rookie Tour has led to this smaller decrease, and we hope that with your continued support, this improved trend continues in the future.

This past season we once again partnered with Tom and Jeff England of NEB'S and Gord MacLeod of Stellar Lanes and their Club Tour. These events were compulsory events on our Tournament Division tour in the 2013-2014 season. We are looking to make some slight changes regarding these events in the upcoming season and Brenda Pankoff will discuss these changes during her tournament report.

Our fundraising this year was a huge success thanks to the membership's support of the Elimination Draw. As passed at the 2012-2013 AGM, every member was required to purchase a \$20 ticket with their membership. The majority of members elected to purchase the ticket in their name. Some centres who sponsor the membership in the MBAO purchased the tickets on behalf of their YBC and a small percentage of members sold the elimination ticket to a third party. I am happy to announce that for the 2013-2014 season we have sold approximately 650 of the 700 tickets for the Elimination Draw at this point. We do have the remaining with us this weekend and we would love to sell out this draw. Due to the outstanding response from our membership, first prize will be \$2000.

Our Sponsors continue to be a big part of our game and we would like to thank the following: Don Walker and Bryan Bridgett of 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), NEB's (New Year's 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. This season we are pleased to announce a new sponsor who has come on board with us, Sharon Kovacic Insuarance Agency Inc. For this season, Sharon has sponsored the Kings and Queens in the Senior Division. Looking forward to next season, Sharon is the major sponsor of the 2015 MBAC Nationals being held in Hamilton and will continue to work with the MBAO as an event sponsor.

Individual Sponsors are also appreciated and we would like to acknowledge, Warren Gibson Ltd (Mel Hennigar and 2 YBC Rookie Tour Players), Agway Metals Inc. (Don Cunningham), The Development Group Inc. (Matt Kowalyk) and Rempel Masonry Restoration(Mark Cote)

Today, we will be presenting you our 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 the remainder of our national reserve

to go to the nationals in Winnipeg this year. As passed at the 2011 AGM, each member of Team Ontario will also pay a fee of \$50 to help offset this cost. This will finish off the national reserve built up by our nationals in 2008. This cycle will start again with our 2015 national event. Also of note, for the 2013-2014 season, we are projecting an operating surplus. George will go into more detail on this during his Treasurer's Report.

With this AGM, you will note that both Brenda Pankoff and Iain MacLean have chosen not to run again for the board due to other commitments. We would like to take this time to thank Iain for his tenure on the board and to recognize Brenda Pankoff for her many years of service on the MBAO Board of Directors, including her time as President. 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, please do not take this decision lightly. Your commitment will be needed for various board meetings throughout the years, both via conference calls and in person meetings, as well as at some of the numerous events run during the year. 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.

Due to decreasing attendance at the Banquet, we are holding a Social Night instead beginning at 9 pm here tonight. Please join us for this special evening which will include the Elimination Draw. There will be a bar available. We will not be presenting certificates this year, but anyone wishing one to commemorate a victory, may request such from the office. We will still recognize our winners at the lanes.

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 MBAO 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 the donation received through the Master Youth Events.

Jan turns 40 this year and with this, I am trying to arrange a worldwide process to have people send her birthday cards. There is a world Down Syndrome website.

Last night, Jan attended the Distinguished Alumni for Durham Regional School Board where she was honored as a distinguished alumni.

Over the last couple of years, I have worked a fundraiser for World Down Syndrome Day. We have raised \$26,000 last year and this year we already have \$22,500. Through this, I have had the opportunity to meet some potential sponsors including Sharon Kovacic through the Cooperators. She sees that bowling has a niche and she is looking to work with the bowling proprietors to quote on their insurance needs. She is providing \$5000 for the Nationals in 2015 in Hamilton/Burlington and she has sponsored the Kings and Queens this season. We also have secured a \$3000 grant through the Burlington Tourism Branch.

Another group we are trying to link with is the gentleman who owns 411.ca and is looking to touch base with him on the bowling side and bowling a 411 as there are 2 ways this can be done.

Liberty Tax is involved in a big way in Manitoba and initially we met with a lady from Ontario to set things up but they fell through. But at the nationals in July in Manitoba, I will meet up with their representatives. Therefore, we are trying to look at some kind of fundraising/sponsorship by working with a charity.

Of note: Down Syndrome Association just signed with Coca Cola. On the ten pin side in the states, they have cancelled the 2015 US Open as they were unable to secure sponsors outside the bowling industry.

(They have since resurrected this event) It is not as easy to line up sponsors. Big companies have already committed their monies for programs where they make a mandate to do something. The bowling industry though has stopped marketing. There is a fundraiser with Bowl Ontario in association with Wounded Warriors but few are aware of it.

Thank you again for your support of the Down Syndrome Association.

Brenda Walters and Dave Johnson noted that Walter has been a member of our association for 45 and noted that he would have his 45 year pin for him.

Brenda Walters noted that the \$3000 grant from Burlington Hotel Association is directly related to the fact that we have stayed at this Holiday Inn since 2008.

## 3. Financials – George Tughan

The actuals as of July 31, 2013 were presented. These were approved at the Zone Delegates meeting in September 2013.

The expenses were over the revenue by \$3075.79 but this was better than the \$9000 from the previous year. One major concern was how the rings were accounted for as there was \$3320 that were from the previous season but not accounted for until the following season and therefore, we were caught short.

Acceptance of the 2013 Annual General Meeting minutes from the zone Meetings

MOVER: Bernie McMillan B1 SECONDER: Christina Hebert J1

## CARRIED

## **Current Year Financials**

The actual figures from March 31, 2014 were presented. We have seen an improvement in sponsorship. The Elimination Draw figures represent a figure of 615 tickets sold at that time but we are now close to 650. As a result, the board made the commitment to increase the prize money to \$6300 with \$2000 first prize therefore, we are projecting increased revenue.

Uniform and resale are on track as well as Fundraiser draws and National Assessment should be close. The figure for revenue over expense is large and the tournaments are not designed to "make money" but the surplus will be put towards tournament items. There is \$4500 for rings, \$2800 for credit card fees, \$3200 for postage and stamps and \$1000 for printing. This projected surplus will cover about 80% of these fees. Expenses – with Dave's diligent effort, we have a good handle on expenses. Printing costs are less. For the Year End Awards, we decided to forgo the dinner to save some money this weekend. The rings are over budget but the bank charges will be less.

Overall, at this time, we are projecting a \$5900 surplus and I will be recommending that we return some of this to the Bill Boettger funds.

Our reserve for nationals \$5841 will be used up this year and next year we host. Perfect Game pool \$ 1078 HST – we collect HST but we also pay HST and we will get a modest refund from the government. Bank Balances

Chequing - \$48, 811.60

Savings - \$1354.23 – this was set up for the draw we have planned last year.

Bill Boettger - \$21,423.39 – This fund was set up from the monies bequeathed to us from the estate Bill Boettger. There is \$21,400 left in the account. We have paid for the bursary out of it as well as Years of Service pins. At this time with the projected surplus, we are looking at returning \$3000 to \$4000 to the Bill Boettger Fund.

Walter thanked George for a good report.

4. Acceptance of the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2013 as presented

MOVER: Mel Hennigar H1

SECONDER: Jeff Forester E

## CARRIED

## 5. Schedule 2014-2015 – Brenda Pankoff Tournament Committee Chair

For 2014-2015, we will continue to have 4 Senior tournament events. There will be one in late September/early October, the end of November in conjunction with the SOO event, one in March and one in April. Dates and locations to be confirmed.

For the Teaching Division, we have secured our sponsors so the Western will be at Echo at Thanksgiving, the Central will be at Stellar in November and the Eastern will be at Orleans – date TBD.

Phil Winter asked as to whether we have looked at switching the Eastern and Western. It was noted by Dave Johnson that we found that the numbers were low for the Eastern if we held it early in the season but when it is later, more bowlers tend to go to try and post a better score for the aggregate. Dave noted that we have a 3 year contract with Orleans and it is based on participation numbers. It was suggested to inform the members of that in order that they have a better understanding of the sponsorship.

Tournament Division – this season, we will have all men and women play the NYC as a mandatory event. The two club tours will continue and we encourage members to participate. For this season though, you can drop one of the Club tour scores. The other events will be a Fall Classic probably November, Dorothy Walker and the Year End.

Jeff Forester asked about aggregate only for the Club Tour events and this will be allowed but on the Saturday only.

### 6. Elections:

<u>Slate</u> Elaine Freiday Brenda Pankoff (Declined) Iain MacLean (Declined) Nominations from the Field

- J1: Barb Chapman
- E2: Brandon Rogers
- E1: Phil Erwood (Declined)

### Nominations from the Floor

Bob Walters (nominated by Dave Johnson, seconded Helen Croteau)

Christina Hebert (nominated by Bob Walters E1, seconded by Donna Taylor J1)

Scrutineers: Henry Fehr DJ Villeneuve Terry Little Jeff Forester

## **ELECTION RESULTS for 3 year term:**

Elaine Freiday Barb Chapman Bob Walters

Motion to Destroy ballets MOVER: Frank Newman D1 CARRIED

SECONDER: Mel Hennigar H1

7. New Business (Motions/Recommendations attached)

BOARD MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2014-15 SEASON

- Motion by the Board of Directors: A teaching or senior member does not have to pay the \$20 National Assessment for the Club Tour events but they do need to be in uniform to be eligible for a Masters win. Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- 2) Motion by Board of Directors: To increase the fine for conduct unbecoming a master for a first time offence to \$50 starting the 2014-2015 season.
- Motion by Board of Directors: Motion to change the dress code violation to a written warning for the 1<sup>st</sup> offence and a \$25 fine for a second offence. Motion 2 & 3 were passed by the Board of Directors on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Phil Winter G asked why the last motion wasn't brought back to the field for voting. Dave Johnson noted that he suggested it as normally he has been informing the member of the infraction and for the most part has found that the infraction usually doesn't happen again. He also noted that we lost a couple of members due to the previous warning.

Brenda P noted that the board was unable to enforce the previous motion and therefore, looked to clarify what we could enforce.

Jeff Forester asked what would happen with a second offence and it was noted that it could lead to possible suspension.

Charlene Vanoverbeke asked if for all division – yes. Rookies though are not included as it is highly recommended currently.

Brenda Pankoff noted that the O5 do allow Yoga pants as "dress pants" but the MBAO does not and therefore there is confusion with the YBCers. We have though been trying to educate them on the proper dress code so that when they become a master, they are aware.

Brandon Rogers noted that the dress code is written fairly clearly for both organizations.

Bernie McMillan asked whether we could send out a memo to the Program Directors about proper dress code and it was noted that we do.

4) Motion by A1: Moved by lain Scade, seconded by Terry Little

# <u>MOTION</u>: Reinstate the Pro Am. Lower the ticket price to \$10.00 and charge lineage at the Provincials.

Comment: This is a fun tournament and by having the advancing team pay their lineage for the next round, this will help to keep the cost down. By lowering the cost of the tickets, you will get more people to participate in this tournament. We would like to see this become an addition to the current elimination draw.

Terry noted that they thought that the Pro Am died secondary to the price so they are thinking that a lower price for the ticket might work as well as paying lineage at the Provincials. Therefore, it could become more profitable.

Brenda W noted that the Board has reviewed and if the tournament were to come back, it would be a nonfundraiser event. It was noted that the Doubles tournament at the beginning of the year is such an event. Jeff Forester noted that the nice thing about the Pro Am was to have the tournament at the end of the season so that you could entice the bowlers all season to participate.

Christina Hebert noted that it is a good idea. The person could buy a kit but what kind of fee structure. Brenda Walters noted that the prize structure would be based on entries and participation and we probably couldn't have a big first prize as we couldn't guarantee it.

Carried 🛛 Defeated 🗍 Withdrawn

5) Motion by E1: Moved by Jeff Forester, seconded by Keri Bates

<u>MOTION</u>: Bring back the Pro Am, however instead of selling tickets to the amateurs, allow all masters to choose an amateur and compete at the tournament

# MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Jeff Forester noted that the nice thing about the Pro Am was to have the tournament at the end of the season so that you could entice the bowlers all season to participate.

Instead of zones having kits, have masters sell individual tickets. Why not allow masters to sell tickets to say 4 people and have a zone roll off to decide who goes on.

Need to have a way to get more people out.

Fraser noted that it may be expensive to run the event.

However, it sounds like a nice idea but it may be costly to run with the first prize being only \$2000.

The Doubles does provide an opportunity to get a Master and an amateur together. We could though look to add a POA/POA component as currently only Scratch/POA.

🗌 Carried 🖾 Defeated 🗌 Withdrawn

6) Motion by C2: Moved by John Bernard, seconded by AI Smith

<u>MOTION</u>: To change the Rookie Tour winning years from the last two years of YBC in the tour to if they win any year that they are eligible for the winnings to use when they are done YBC if they would like to join in the masters with in the 4 years from graduating for YBC.

Comments: If the funds are coming from Boettger Found then why are we only doing this for the last two years?

If they win from any year then the funds are still not be used if they do not join the Master after they are done YBC for 4 years we still do not lose any money.

Trying to promote the masters is a great Ideal so we are still around in years to come but if we are take money from rookies in the first three years then they should be treated the same as if they are in the last 2 years and should be able to win the rookie tour.

Al Smith commented that it would keep the kids coming through to be eligible. If they are not eligible the first 3 years, they may win the tournament and money but not the bursary and therefore, lose interest and participation as they are not eligible for the bursary.

Brenda Walters noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> year was added when Bowl Ontario changed their YBC ages. However, a concern from the Board's perspective is if this passes, it could be 8 years before they take their bursary winnings due to their age.

DJ Villenueve asked if they won the first year of YBC, would they come back to bowl in future years. Also, the Bursary tournament use to cover a full year but now only \$500 so why not allow them to win it twice. History of the Bursary was that it was a separate tournament and only in the last 2 years have we allowed the last 2 years to participate. They also use to win a paid year in the Masters but this has been dropped to \$500 secondary to economics and lack of outside sponsorship.

Al Smith noted that in their zone they also suggested a registration fee for the Rookie Tour in order to make money to support the Bursary.

Jeff Forester asked if they could win twice and they cannot.

Carried Defeated Withdrawn Carried by a vote of 16 to 14.

7) Motion by C3: Moved by Maurice Carde, seconded by Leo Gallant

# <u>MOTION</u>: The hybrid option be terminated and revert back to the three divisions Teaching Tournament and Seniors

Comment: It is not fair to the Teaching Division players.

ied 🗌 Defeated 🖂 Withdrawn

8) Motion by E1: Moved by Keri Bates, seconded by Jeff Forester

<u>MOTION</u>: Mid Winter Blues – unaffiliated Masters need to declare on their membership forms at beginning of the year what zone they will be participating in the Mid Winter Blues. We need to stop unaffiliated Masters having the choice the night before the tournament to bowl wherever they like.

Jeff Forester noted that there were postings on Facebook saying I could play here or there. Every master needs to communicate their plans for this event with the Zone Delegate.

Christina Hebert noted that having the ability to play elsewhere for this event helps some zones out with low numbers but could also give some members an unfair advantage.

Jeff F noted that the bowlers may want to go to the zone with fewer people.

DJ Villenueve – if we allow unaffiliated masters to participate in other tournaments such as master youth, they should be able to pick where they bowl MWB.

Matt Kowalyk – he noted that he generally runs his roll off after others and therefore, allows masters the opportunity to bowl the event if the original date in their zone was not available.

Mike Hebert – having a choice of dates allows for flexibility if unable to get a certain date off for work. Brandon Rogers – Hard to commit to a zone roll off in September when that may not have even been published.

Nathan Cooper – the dates overlapped the Club tour event so having flexibility was beneficial.

Janet Fougere noted that if this motion passes, the zone delegates will be forced to set a date.

Matt K – noted he wasn't aware that he could not run his roll off the 2 suggested weekends until about a month before because of other commitments Echo had.

Basically, it is important to communicate with the zone delegate as to whether you are bowling or not.

Carried 🛛 Defeated 🗌 Withdrawn

9) Motion by E1: Moved by Jeff Forester, seconded by Crystal Eberhardt-Gwynne

# <u>MOTION</u>: To remove the mandatory purchase of an elimination draw ticket with your membership fee. Have an option to buy and option to sell section on your membership form under your choice of division.

Jeff Forester noted that one of the centres in E Zone will not have masters secondary to this motion. Dave Johnson noted that when a question came up about the ticket, he informed them that the ticket could be resold. In some cases, the YBC's name was put on the ticket or the bowling centre/proprietor.

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

10) Motion by H1: Moved by Mel Hennigar, seconded by Hank Boerman.

# <u>MOTION</u>: Due to poor turnouts the last couple of years for Mid Winter Blues Zone Round, Zones H1 and H2 combine together for this tournament only so as to increase numbers. Would make for a more challenging tournament and possibly increase numbers to provincial round.

Brenda Walters noted that we do this already.

Mel noted that he was not aware so he just wanted to make sure other zones were also aware. Dave Johnson noted that he can help coordinate



Carried 🗌 Defeated 🖂 Withdrawn

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

MOTION: Masters offer optional sweeps pools based on TOTALS at the Mid Winter Blues. Entry cost \$40 to \$50. One for POA and one for Scratch. Those interested would pay into pool at the tournament just like the Singles Pools. Payouts would be only those that have paid in. Payouts would depend upon amount paid in. These payouts would be over and above the tournament monies. It is hoped that these additional pools at the provincials will entice more players at the zone level and guarantee participation at the Provincials.

Brandon Rogers - Looking to offer a side pool of \$40-\$50. It would only be paid out based on total score and only those who chose to go into it would have a chance at it.

DJ Villeneuve noted that they ran a similar side pot at the Club Tour. It was asked if the bowlers themselves could run the pool and yes they can.

Dave Johnson noted that we do take an admin fee for the pools for administering them (staff/envelopes etc.) Fraser noted that for the Club Tour event, the pool is run manually and we would have to do the same unless the program is upgraded.



Carried 🖂 Defeated 🗌 Withdrawn

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ZONES**

## 12) Recommendation by G2:

**RECOMMENDATION:** YBC Rookie Tour averages be blended to incorporate YBC league average along with games bowled in MBAO Rookie Tour events. EG: last 12 weeks of YBC year previous average as starting point then add in MBAO Rookie tour Events.

Phil Winter - Wanted to see truer representation of average.

Dave Johnson noted that is how their average is calculated. Their year-end average will be used or a blended average of all their year-end league averages is used to establish a base average.

This base average is multiplied by 27 to give a 1 year historical base average. As the bowl, games bowled are blended in.

However, it was noted that a bowler may have fun in their league and horse around and have a low average or in some cases, their league average is high.

DJ Villeneuve also noted that the bowler's caliber could improve.

Fraser Hambly noted that if someone's average is out of whack, the Board can review and adjust it.

13) Recommendation by J1:

**RECOMMENDATION:** To better patrol and enforce dress code rules regarding appropriate bottoms for ALL YBC and MBAO members participants at MBAO Events. RATIONALE: Too many players, more so YBC rookies than others are wearing yoga pants when the rules indicate they are to wear dress pants. Although rookie tour players may be permitted to wear yoga pants when participating in YBC events, we expect them to comply with the dress code, as well as all other conduct rules MBAO players are expected to follow.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: a) adopt a progressive discipline stance. If wearing inappropriate pants at their first event, give player a warning. If issues with pants at events afterwards, impose a fine, no questions asked. This would require the MBAO have a means of tracking who has received a warning and at which event.

b) Make the rules regarding dress code more clear and stand out on the registration form that all players complete to start the season or to register for an event.

c) Create a dress code waiver that is signed by all YBC participants and their parent prior to playing any MBAO event. Then, a tournament official who is enforcing the dress code can produce the coy to demonstrate that by signing the player/parent is aware of the fine to be imposed.

Brenda Walters noted that for the Rookie Tour, the dress pants are a recommendation only.

Christina noted the thought was that the bowlers should be held to same level of conduct as the masters do.

#### 14) Recommendation by J1:

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: to Increase the cost of the National Assessment for those MBAO players who qualify to represent Southern Ontario at the National Championships from \$50.00 to \$60.00. Ted Kormann led a discussion amongst the members regarding the assessment paid to MBAO by people who qualify for Nationals and that it needs to be increased to support the fluxuations in costs from year to year and ensure there is always a surplus. Christina mentioned that the national assessment to be paid by qualifiers is a small price to pay for a great trip and wonderful experience. Brenda W and George are going to the look at the projected costs for the Nationals for the next 7 years and come up with a budget that probably will include increasing the national assessment fee for those who make

## the Nationals but at this time, it is unknown what the amount will be.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Adjournment

Moved by Terry Little A1

Seconded by AI Smith C2

#### Carried MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LIST OF ATTENDEES

NAME	ZONE	NAME	ZONE
Brenda Walters	Board	Dave Johnson	Director of
			Operations
Fraser Hambly	Board	Henry Fehr	<b>Tournament Director</b>
George Tughan	Board	Walter Heeney	Life Member
Elaine Freiday	Board	Terry Little	A1
Andrew Pike	Board	Janet Fougere	A1
Tim O'Hara	Board	Mel Hennigar	H1
Nathan Cooper	Board	Bernie McMillan	B1
lain MacLean	Board	Meghan Blewitt	P2
Brenda Pankoff	Board	Brandon Rogers	P2
DJ Villeneuve	G2	Bob Beaucage	F
Helen Croteau	X3	Matt Kowalyk	Z1
Frank Newman	D1	Bob Walters	E
Mike Hebert	J	Christina Hebert	J
Jeff Forester	Е	Allen Smith	C2
Charlene Vanoverbeke	C2	Pat Hotte	X3
Cindy Toll	C3	Barb Chapman	J
Jenn Gray	X2	Myranda Winter	G2
Phil Winter	G2	Donna Taylor	J1
Chantal Renaud	X3		