

MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

2015 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 year we celebrated our 50th anniversary as an association. This evening in this room we will have posting the top 50 moments and achievements posted, along with a history of members who have represented us at the national level over the years.

Dave Johnson continues in his role as Director of Operations and Henry Fehr is now in his 43rd year as Tournament Director for the association. As a board, along with Dave, and Henry we strive to work hard for our members and deliver well run events.

Across Canada, 5 pin bowling continues to struggle. For several years, the MBAO had been losing approximately 50 players per year. In 2014 we lost 17 members and this season we were only down 4 members over last season. 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.

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 2014-2015 season. We are working on the schedule for next season and we have a handout on your chairs indicating a tentative schedule for next year with some dates and centres still to be finalized.

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 2014-2015 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 at least \$1750.

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), 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), 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, Warren Gibson Ltd (Mel Hennigar and 2 YBC Rookie Tour Players), and Agway Metals Inc. (Don Cunningham).

Today, we will be presenting you our financial statements from last season, as well as our financial standing to date for this season. For the 2015-2016 we are looking at increasing our tournament entry fees by \$5 for all events with the exception of the Fall and Spring Master Youth. We have not increased tournament entry fees in several years and we hope that you understand the need to do so. The increase will go towards prize money as well as an increase in national assessment. As passed at the 2011 AGM, each member of Team Ontario this year will pay a fee of \$50 to help offset the cost of going to nationals. Given the ever increasing costs of going to nationals, this amount will also increase next season. The finance committee is working to finalize what this cost will be and you will be informed of it when you receive your renewal package. With hosting this year we were hoping to add to the reserve fund, however we were informed recently that the title sponsor will no longer be involved, which removed \$5000 from our budget revenue.

During this AGM we will be electing 3 members who will represent you for the next 3 years. The board members up for election are Tim O'Hara, George Tughan and myself. 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.

Once again this year we are holding a Social Night 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 MBO must continue to be ambassadors for the game and our own association. The best marketing tool we have is our members themselves.

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2. Acceptance of the 2014 Annual General Meeting minutes from the zone Meetings

MOVER: Cindy Kormann J1 SECONDER: Pat Hotte X3

CARRIED

3. Acceptance of the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2014 as presented

These were approved at the Zone Delegates meeting in September 2014. There were some questions about the revenue for the Elimination Draw, July 2014 actuals vs. the Actual for March 26, 2015. George explained that not all tickets have been sold yet therefore the number is significantly lower than last year. There was a question about the National Assessment number being fairly low but this was because of the same issue as above. This report is only accounting for part of the year. The same thing applies to the expense line for rings but the numbers are more reflective now as there's only 1 outstanding ring at this time. He also explained that \$4000 from the 2014 Actuals was paid back to the Bill Boettger Fund and the rest went into the National Assessment for this year.

MOVER: Bernie MacMillan B1 SECONDER: Helene Croteau X3

CARRIED

George also mentioned that there may be an increase in tournament fees by \$5.00 next year. There's some expectation that lineage may go up next year as well. He also explained that we are showing some loss on Merchandise Sales as we currently have an inventory of about 20 – 25 Uniform shirts.

Dave shared the status of the SAO rent, phones, print shop etc and that we know the rent will be held as it until the end of June. At that point, we're not sure what the costs will be.

4. Motion to accept the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 season.

MOVER: Judy Begley P2 SECONDER: Christina Herbert J

CARRIED

5. Elections:

Slate

Brenda Walters
George Tughan
Tim O'Hara

Nominations from the Field

J1 – Christina Herbert
H1 – Mel Hennigar

There were no nominations from the floor

Scrutinisers:

Henry Fehr – Overseer, Brian Scott (Seniors Division), Phil Winter (Teaching Division)
Chantal Renaud (Tournament Division)

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ELECTION RESULTS for 3 year term:

Christina Herbert
George Tughan
Brenda Walters

Motion to Destroy the ballots

MOVER: Judy Begley P2 SECONDER: Chantal Renaud X3

CARRIED

6. New Business:

Nathan took us through some thoughts about how we might change the Mid-Winter Blues tournament next year, as a result of a tournament committee meeting that also included some additional members.

- If we have a house round, then this would go back to POA only. There would only be one (1) winner. The rookie would qualify 1 in 7 vs. 1 in 9. The scratch component would be at the provincial level only and the rookies could participate in this too.
- If we had a provincial round only, maybe we could play East and West (2 provincials) with no Zone rounds. There would be two (2) winners, one for each provincial tournament
- However we decide, it's imperative that this does not affect the National Assessment that we currently get for this tournament therefore it must continue to be a mandatory tournament
- We'd have to decide how the aggregate would work if we went East and West
- We may possibly drop the guaranteed payout, maybe pay 1 in 4
- Maybe some zones could join up to create "regionals"
- Maybe man and woman winners at provincials; or a team of 5
- We'd need to determine the boundaries for the East and West as well as what Centres we'd use
- Maybe we don't segregate by male/female but by scratch and POA
- Travel to East/West may be a concern
- There's a concern that if we go POA only, that we'll lose some players
- If we goes to East and West, some proprietors will lose income; some proprietors don't want the MWB because there's no guaranteed numbers

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BOARD MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2014-15 SEASON

1) Motion by Board of Directors: To discontinue the Tournament Player of the Year Award

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on Feb 18th, 2015

2) Motion by Board of Directors: Any current MBO member who brings a new member into the association, who is 25 years or older, will receive a \$25 credit for the following season if the new member meets the number of game requirements. The game requirements as a Senior member would be 15 games and for the Teaching or Tournament Division, it would be 24 games

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on April 14, 2015

The Board has been asked to consider including "returning" members as part of this motion. Also to revisit the 24 game criteria. Be sure to advise Dave of any new member that you are bringing in. There is no limit to the number of members you bring in. Our registration form will be updated to reflect this new item.

ZONE MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2014-15 SEASON

3) Motion by E1: Moved by Jeff Forester, seconded by Marc Skelton

MOTION: Allow YBC bowlers to win the Bursary Twice (no more than twice). First year \$500.00, 2nd year at a maximum of \$500.00. If costs of playing are less than \$1000 then the Masters just pay out the remainder of the cost to cover the 1st season.

It was felt that this motion would limit the number of new members joining the association. Agreed that this would now be a Recommendation so that those who are hesitant to play, could have the opportunity to play Fill-The-Field with the Masters.

Carried

X Defeated

Withdrawn

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UNIFORMS:

4) Motion by Board of Directors:

MOTION: For any Master Youth event, Master Bowlers will be allowed to wear any MBAO golf shirt. If affiliated, the bowler must have his/her name on the back of the shirt or on the sleeve. Also, they must have the name of the bowling centre they represent on the sleeve. The cost of the embroidery is the responsibility of the bowler, and must meet the MBAO rule regarding specifications for this embroidery. The MBAO will discontinue ordering any new Blue "MASTERS" shirts. A member can still wear their old uniform shirts to any events.

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on April 14, 2015

It was agreed that the cost of this would be much less for the new Master. If the proprietor pays, then he/she would likely want their Centre's name on the shirt. General comments were that the "Logo" should be enough and could the Board consider "should" vs. "must" have the Centre's name on the sleeve. The cost of getting a patch to go over the existing Centre's name, should the name change, is about \$5.00. There were still some concerns that we're not identifiable, especially by the kids in the youth events.

X Carried

Defeated

Withdrawn

5) Motion by B1: Moved by Bernie McMillan, seconded by Donna Taylor

MOTION: To Eliminate the Blue Masters Shirt and to allow a bowler to wear a MBAO Golf Shirt. The Bowler is to have his/her name on the back of the shirt or on the sleeve. Also they are to have the house they represent on the sleeve.

Carried

Defeated

X Withdrawn

6) Motion by E1: Moved by Jeff Forester, seconded by Geoff Dunn

MOTION: Allow masters to wear any MBAO Affiliated shirt during the fall and spring master youth events. If affiliated you must have your affiliated house listed on the sleeve of the shirt.

Carried

Defeated

X Withdrawn

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12) Motion by D1: Moved by Maureen Poole, seconded by Derek Klomp

MOTION: The uniforms are getting overlooked. Dress pants to be dress pants (uniform guidelines) NO denim, No Yoga Pants. Shirts to be worn properly, NO knots tied in the back.

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

This was changed to a Recommendation.

13) Motion by P2: Moved by Fraser Hambly, seconded by Tim O'Hara

MOTION: Dress Code Penalties be increased to either \$50.00 or \$100.00 from the current.

X Carried Defeated Withdrawn

This was modified to \$50.00 for MBAO members only

14) Motion by D1: Moved by Matt Kowalyk, seconded by Frank Newman

MOTION: Have no more warnings for uniform or conduct. An immediate fine should take place. Everyone already agrees to these rules each year, they sign up for or renew their membership as a Master. Use the same type of Violation Form as O5.

Carried X Defeated Withdrawn

There was a very strong feeling that the Zone Delegates don't want to do this there this motion was defeated

15) Motion by J1: Moved by Ted Kormann, seconded by Jason Dalzell

MOTION: Moratorium on Uniform Discussions be set for 5 years after this AGM

X Carried Defeated Withdrawn

It was felt that 5 years was too long and that maybe the Board should manage the Uniforms. The current Moratorium of 3 year is over now. It was felt that this would take the rights of the members away and especially new members. People come to the AGM for these discussions. The Motion has been reworded to the following:
Have all concerns from the Zones regarding uniforms, presented to the Board so they can make a motion to present to the following AGM.

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MID WINTER BLUES:

16) Motion by H1: Moved by Kathy Rainey, seconded by Hank Boerman

MOTION: For the Mid Winter Blues, do away with the zone round. Just do a provincial Round.

Carried Defeated x Withdrawn

17) Motion by H1: Moved by Andy Rainey, seconded by Hank Boerman

MOTION: Make the Mid Winter Blues an optional tournament, not mandatory one for the year and aggregate.

Carried Defeated x Withdrawn

18) Motion by X3: Moved by Pat Hotte, seconded by Helene Croteau

MOTION: Change Mid Winter Blues provincials to teams consisting of 1 Scratch Man, 1 Scratch Lady, 1 POA Man, 1 POA Lady 1 POA Rookie. Board can decided on the numbers to send number of teams

Carried Defeated x Withdrawn

19) Motion by X3: Moved Maureen Poole, seconded by Kevin Robins

MOTION: Mid Winter Blues scrap zone rounds and become a Provincial Round (like optional). Remain mandatory for aggregate.

Carried Defeated x Withdrawn

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ZONES

20) Recommendation by Fraser Hambly:

RECOMMENDATION: From a member that there be no smoking between games at a Master Youth tournament as is not a good example to the kids and it holds up play; member did not want his name attached to this recommendation; there is no smoking at any YBC tournaments;

21) Recommendation by Zone B1:

RECOMMENDATION: If the gift cards continue to be a fundraiser for the MBAO, they need to be promoted better both at tournaments and at the zone level. Also certain pick up dates should be sent to save the association on courier costs.

Brenda mentioned that this was the first year for this fundraiser and that it seemed to go over quite well. The Board will post a schedule on the website. Also, there are no courier costs for shipping the cards out.

22) Recommendation by Zone E1:

RECOMMENDATION: Run a masters "Strike it Rich" more to follow

Andrew and Bob will work with Jeff Forester on this for next season

23) Recommendation by Zone F1:

RECOMMENDATION: Revamp opening remarks as they are too long between practice and the start of the event.

24) Recommendation by Zone H2:

RECOMMENDATION: Allow National Coaching applicants a short time to stand in front of the bowlers who qualified for the National teams and give a short speech before they make their selection.

Time is a factor here. This meeting is already pressed for time to get all the information out to the winners.

25) Recommendation by Zone P2:

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RECOMMENDATION: Recommended that the Board send out invitations to those who are to receive their 30 + years of service awards for presentation at the lanes. For those who receive their 50 year award, it was suggested to create a plaque with a replica of the 50 year pin to be presented at the same time.

26) Recommendation by Zone Pam Wilkinson (G2 Unaffiliated):

RECOMMENDATION: At Optional Events, if there is room in the tournament for a player to re-enter on the Sunday, can the Sunday set of 6 games count towards aggregate if it is higher than your Saturday scores similar to how the New Year's classic allows you to count your best set of six. This would include Western, Central, Eastern events.

We could consider doing this but may increase the assessment fee by making the entry for both days the same. This could cause some concern.

Closing question from the floor: Is there any possibility we could revive the Pro-Am tournament? The Board agreed to re-visit this however, felt it was necessary to give it a break. It would be exceptional if we could get a sponsor for it. The next question would be where do we put it on the calendar.

Motion to Adjourn:

MOVER: Terry Little A1 SECONDER: Mel Hennigar H1

CARRIED

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

NAME	ZONE	NAME	ZONE
Brenda Walters	Board	Nicole Andrade	
Fraser Hambly	Board	Chantal Renaud	X3
George Tughan	Board	Dj Villeneuve	P2
Barb Chapman	Board	Bob Beaucage	F
Elaine Freiday	Board	Cindy Kormann	J
Andrew Pike	Board	Ted Kormann	J
Bob Walters	Board	Donna Taylor	B1
Nathan Cooper	Board	Christina Herbert	J
Tim O'Hara	Board	Cam Flannigan	Z1
Dave Johnson	Dir of Ops	Benoit Croteau	X3
Henry Fehr	Tour Dir	Helene Croteau	X3
Judy Begley	P2	Brian Scott	P2
Charlene Vanoverbeke	C2	Bernie McMillan	B1
Jeff Ellis	D2	Phil Winter	G2
Bill Stockhill	D2	Myranda Winter	G2
Pat Hotte	X3	Mel Hennigar	H1
Cindy Toll	X3	Jeff Forester	E
Jenn Gray	X2	Janet Fougere	A1
Steve Horan	X2	Terry Little	A1
Andrea Freiday	D1	Kevin Brabender	A1
Matty Kowaluk	D1	Mike Rainey	H1
Frank Newman	D1	Andy Rainey	H1
Morgan Glover	B2	Pam Wilkinson	
Mike Herbert	J		