

MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Welcome / Introductions – President's Report

Thank you for attending this morning and for your ongoing input with our association. The 2016-2017 season marks the MBAO's 52nd Anniversary. We pride ourselves that our events are run in a professional manner and this begins with the work of Dave Johnson, our Director of Operations in the office and continues with our Zone Delegates and the various tournament staff we utilize throughout the season. This season also marks the 2nd year for both Jim Head and Andrea Disher as our Tournament Directors. Our programs would not be as strong without these individuals and we are grateful for their efforts on behalf of the MBAO.

Our membership overall this season is down approx. 20 members over last season. As bowling centres across the province continue to close and as YBC numbers continue to fall, all bowling associations will continue to struggle with maintaining membership numbers. Our association is fortunate that many of the members affected by these closures and declining YBC programs are choosing to participate with the MBAO as unaffiliated Masters. We also saw several new members join, which seems to be a reflection of the quality of tournaments we are running. We are maintaining these excellent programs and looking at new ways to keep encouraging new members to join. Our Tournament Committee is currently working on next year's schedule. We have many dates and centres still to be confirmed. We will post a tentative schedule as soon as possible on both our MBAO website, as well as on our Facebook page.

Our MBAO Group Facebook page continues to evolve, and we are at 519 members now. We are using this page to post reminders of upcoming events, messages that we need to get out to our membership quickly, as well as to post initial results from our various events. This page also includes biographies of some of our past members. Fraser Hambly stays involved with our association and our board and contributes these biographies to our page. We thank him for his continued work with our association.

Our Elimination Draw continues to be our largest fundraiser. In the 2015-2016 season, our elimination draw sold out for the third year in a row. This season, we hope to duplicate that success. We would like to take this time to thank all of our members for their support of this draw. We still have tickets left to sell, so if you would like to purchase one, please see Elaine.

Our sponsors continue to be key supporters of our game. Our sponsors include Bryan Bridgett of Pla-Mor Bowl, Orleans Bowling Centre, Jeff's Bowl-O-Rama, Echo Bowl, NEB's Fun World, Georgetown Bowl, Phipps Bowling and Softroll, and Orillia Bowl. This year C4 Centre came on board as the sponsor of the Senior's Division Tour and Fraser Hambly is sponsoring the Tournament Division Year End. We would like to take this moment to thank all of our sponsors on behalf of our membership and the board of directors.

During this AGM, we will be electing 3 members who will represent you for the next 3 years and 1 member who will represent you for the next 2 years. The board members up for election are Barb Chapman, Elaine Freiday and Bob Walters. All three have declined to run again this year. We thank them for their countless hours of work on the board and for the membership. This year Jodie Barker has also had to step down from his position on the Board for personal reason. We thank him for his service on the board and hope to see him return in the future.

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 year, both via conference calls and in person meetings, as well as at some of the numerous events we run during the year. If you are passionate about our sport and association and are willing to commit your time and effort 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 9:30pm here tonight. Please join us for a few drinks and the Elimination Draw. There will be a cash bar.

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 in the future will strengthen our association. We will continue to work on the areas of membership, tournaments and optimizing the operational process. As members of the MBO, we must continue to be ambassadors for the game and our association. The best marketing tool we have is our members themselves.

Thank you,

Brenda Walters
President

2. Acceptance of the 2016 Annual General Meeting minutes from the zone Meetings

MOVER: Doug Plummer K SECONDER: Neil Anderson H2

CARRIED

3. Acceptance of the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2016 as presented

George Tughan, the MBAO Treasurer, presented the financials for the period ending July 31, 2016 to those members present at the AGM. There were no questions.

George then presented the budget for the 2016-2017 season and highlighted a few concerns. Fundraising is down, but a lot of our fundraising comes at the Master Senior. The Revenue over Expense line contains revenue from the Master Senior, with no offsetting expenses at this point. Printing is higher than budgeted due to the move to our own office and having to do more offsite printing. Ring expense is also over budget. We normally award 1-2 large diamonds in a season, and so far this year, we have awarded 5.

Motion to accept the Financials from the period ending July 31, 2016

MOVER: Pat Hotte X3 SECONDER: Bernie McMillan B1

CARRIED

4. Motion to accept the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 season.

MOVER: Donna Taylor B1 SECONDER: Tim O'Hara P2

CARRIED

5. Elections:

First call for nominations:

Jenn Gray nominated Andrea Disher from the floor, seconded by Austin Toll and Andrea accepted.

Barb Chapman, Elaine Freiday, and Bob Walters stated they will not run for re-election. Jodie Barker has stepped down from the board for personal reasons. This year we will elect 3 positions for a three-year term and 1 position for a two-year term.

Slate

Nominations from the Field

H2 - Neil Anderson

X3 – Pat Hotte

P2 - Tim O'Hara

X3 - Cindy Toll

D1 – Andrea Disher

Second call for nominations: No further nominations

Third call for nominations: No further nominations.

Scrutineers:

Jim Head, Bob Beaucage, Bernie McMillan and Brian Lawrence.

ELECTION RESULTS:

3-Year Term: Cindy Toll, Neil Anderson and Andrea Disher

2-Year Term: Tim O'Hara

Motion to Destroy the ballets:

MOVER: Austin Toll X3

SECONDER: Sharron Rivers H1

CARRIED

6. New Business:

BOARD MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2017-18 SEASON

- 1) Motion by Board of Directors: Reduce the membership fee for Unaffiliated Masters from \$190.00 to \$150.00 per year.

Unaffiliated membership was \$70.00 above the Affiliated Membership which was allocated to prize fund of our two Master Youth events. However, with more and more centres closing, the board feels that this amount should be reduced to help out the members who have no other choice but to join as an unaffiliated member.

- 2) Motion by Board of Directors: Eliminate the cost for members to play the Hybrid allowing all members to participate in either the Tournament or Teaching Divisions and have their scores eligible for either or both Aggregates.

The Hybrid Fee was added to the prize fund for Year End events, divided equally between the Teaching and Tournament Division. The Board feels that since this Hybrid option has been available, many players have played in both divisions and in order to reduce costs, we feel it is time to remove the \$40.00 fee and allow all players to attend any event of their choice and have their scores count as part of the aggregate for that division.

- Bob Beaucage asked how these motions would affect revenue. They will not affect revenue, but will affect prize money.
- Bob Beaucage asked if the Board felt these two motions would encourage members we have lost to rejoin. Nathan Cooper answered yes, based on the feedback from the surveys the Tournament Committee has sent out.
- Doug Plummer asked for confirmation that a Senior's player, who pays the \$120.00 affiliated member fee will now be able to play for all 3 aggregates if they play all compulsory events for each division. The answer is yes.

- 3) Motion by Board of Directors: Effective the 2017-2018 season, to increase the cost for an Associate Member from \$50.00 to \$60.00 and this cost would now include the purchase of an Elimination Draw Ticket.

Currently the Associate member does not include the Elimination Draw Ticket and only provided the member with credit toward the years of service award.

Above motions were passed by the Board of Directors on April 3, 2017

- 4) Motion by Board of Directors: Effective the 2017-2018 season, the no-show fee for missing any event will be eliminated.

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on April 18, 2017

ZONE MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2016-17 SEASON

Motion by Board of Directors: Effective the 2017-18 season, Associate Members will be allowed to apply to coach at the MBAC Nationals and if selected. They will be required to pay an assessment of \$150.00 as a non-active member of the association as well as the Team Assessment as a member of our National Team.

- Tim O'Hara asked if there is a cut-off date to pay membership by. The answer is no there is no cut-off date.

Moved: Nathan Cooper (Tournament Committee Chair) 2nd: Board of Directors

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by H1: Change Mid Winter Blues to Option 3, running it as a 2 Day Optional Event similar to other Optionals.

Moved: Sharron Rivers 2nd: Michael Chorney

MOTION DEFEATED

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ZONES

Recommendation: Zone D1: Unaffiliated Masters must play Mid Winter Blues in the zone where they bowl.

Recommendation: Zone F1: Do not schedule Tournament and Teaching Events on the same weekend. This loses the attractiveness of the Hybrid Option.

Recommendation: Zone P2: Could we award gold, silver and bronze medals to the Rookie Tour winners at each event?

Recommendation: Zone B1: If the Mid Winter Blues prize structure changes, the minimum payment should be at least \$50.00 for everyone who qualifies for the Provincials.

Motion to Adjourn:

MOVER: Ted Kormann K1 SECONDER: Brian Lawrence B2

CARRIED

Attendees:

NAME	ZONE	NAME	ZONE
Brenda Walters	Board	Peggy Ham	H1
Nathan Cooper	Board	Les Ham	H1
George Tughan	Board	Chris Anderson	H2
Barb Chapman	Board	Helene Croteau	X3
Elaine Freiday	Board	Benoit Croteau	X3
Matt Kowalyk	Board	Marie-Pascale Croteau	P
Bob Walters	Board	Cindy Kormann	K
Dave Johnson	Dir. Of Ops.	Phil Winter	G
Jim Head	Tourn. Dir.	Myranda Winter	G
Larry Palmby	C3	Andrea Disher	D1
Cindy Toll	X3	Jennifer Gray	X2
Frank Newman	D1	Austin Toll	X3
Brian Lawrence	B2	Donna Taylor	B
Ted Kormann	K1	Sharron Rivers	H1
Tim O'Hara	P2	Michael Chorney	H1
Paul Hewitt	H2	Fraser Hambly	P
Sandra Stewart	H2	Judie Tughan	C3
Neil Anderson	H2	Doug Plummer	K
Bernie McMillan	B1	Pat Hotte	X3
Bob Beaucage	F2		