

# **MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO**

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 5, 2018 9:00 am – 11:00 am

MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

## **1. Welcome and Introductions – Presidents' Report**

As we gather here this morning for the 2018 AGM, celebrating the 53rd Anniversary of the MBOA, my heart is heavy. There is one person who is missing and he is Fraser Hambly. Fraser passed away on Monday. Watching post after post go on Facebook, and then seeing a page created to Celebrate his Life left me speechless. The page was created by a former player, who has not picked up a bowling ball for 20 years. This speaks volumes to the way that Fraser impacted the lives of everyone he met. Reading the stories that so many people across Canada posted made me smile. Fraser was an amazing competitor, a tireless volunteer and a friend to everyone he met. He will be missed.

The MBOA continues to run numerous events during the season 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 3rd 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 MBOA.

Our membership is once again, down this 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 MBOA as unaffiliated Masters. We also saw some 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 posted a tentative schedule of dates for next season around the room. Once the schedule is finalized we will post it on our website and facebook page.

Our Elimination Draw continues to be our largest fundraiser. In the 2016-2017 season, our elimination draw sold out for the third year in a row. This season, we hope to duplicate that success, although I fear we will fall

short. 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 Christina. The draw will take place tomorrow here at the centre.

Our sponsors continue to be key supporters of our game. Our sponsors include Orleans Bowling Centre, Jeff's Bowl-O-Rama, Echo Bowl, NEB's Fun World, Phipps Bowling and Softroll, and Orillia Bowl. C4 Centre continues to sponsor the Seniors Tour and Elaine Freiday sponsors the Kings and Queens for the Senior events.

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 Christina Herbert, George Tughan and myself. This year Andrea Disher has also had to step down from her position on the Board. I will let Dave discuss that more in a few minutes.

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.

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 work on the areas of membership, tournaments and optimizing the operational process. As members of the MBOA, 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

- a. Dave presented to the members that he will be retiring as the Director of Operations as of March 2019. Andrea Disher was been named his replacement, and will be working in the office with Dave until his retirement to insure a smooth transition.

**2. Acceptance of the 2017 Annual General minutes through the zone meetings.**

Mover: Helene Croteau X3 Seconder: Bernie McMillan B1

**CARRIED**

**3. Acceptance of the financial statements for the period ending July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

- a. George Tughan presented the financials for the period ending July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
  - i. Phil Winter asked about clarification of the gift card line. This line also included the money raised from Pick the Red Headpin. In the past this information has been on two separate lines. This is why there is such a difference from past years to now.
  - ii. Bob Walters asked about the insurance cost. This insurance expense is not health insurance. This is to cover theft, fire, other damages or losses as well as liability coverage for the board of directors
  - iii. Rob Macdonald asked why there is a difference in the revenue numbers. This is because some adjustments were made for some amounts that were put into the wrong account and was changed after a previous report was posted.

Mover: Larry Palmby C Seconder: Michael Chorney H1

**CARRIED**

**4. Motion to accept the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 season.**

Mover: Elaine Freiday X2 Seconder: Matt Houston E1

**CARRIED**

**5. Elections.**

**First call for nominations:**

- a. Les Ham and Pat Hotte have asked to have their names taken off the list for nominations for the board.
- b. Brenda Walters has stated that she will not run for re-election. Andrea Disher has stepped down from the board to take on the Director of Operations roll. This year there will elect 3 positions for a 3-year term and 1 position for a 2-year term.

Slate

Christina Herbert

George Tughan

Nominations from the Field

B1: Bernie McMillan

H1: Sharon Rivers

**Second call for nominations: No further nominations.**

**Third call for nominations: No further nominations.**

**ELECTION RESULTS**

3- Year Term: Christina Herbert, Bernie McMillan, George Tughan

2-Year Term: Sharon Rivers

Motion to destroy the ballots:

Moved: Judy Begley

Seconded: Barb Chapman

**CARRIED**

6. **New Business (Motions/Recommendations)**

a. **BOARD MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2017-18 SEASON**

To increase the fee for each and every tournament by \$5.00. Of which \$1.00 will go to increased cost of MBAC fees, \$1.75 will go to national assessment, \$1.65 to lineage and admin costs and the balance to HST. This will apply to all tournaments in each and every division.

\$1.00 -> help cover increased MBAC fees  
\$1.75 -> national assessment  
\$1.65 -> for anticipated lineage cost increase  
.60 -> HST  
\$5.00

Moved by The Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Anderson

**Above motions was passed by the Board of Directors on April 8th, 2018**

- b. **MOTION BY E1:** Unaffiliated Master Bowlers bowling in the Mid-Winter Blues must bowl in a zone in which they live or currently bowl a league in.  
Moved Keri Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Macdonald

It is felt that this motion would be very hard to police on an office point of view. Also, because this is a mandatory tournament with such a full calendar with other tournaments around the same time, this is why the association is more flexible with the rules of where to bowl.

Carried X Defeated Withdrawn

- c. **MOTION BY D1:** Unaffiliated Masters must bowl Mid Winter Blues in the centre where they hold an O5 card. Example: Zone D is split into two zones. If an unaffiliated Master only plays in a league in zone D2 then they should play Mid Winter Blues in zone D2.  
Moved Jean-Guy Gagne 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank Newman

Carried Defeated X Withdrawn

- d. **MOTION BY E1:** If any Master has a legitimate reason NOT to bowl their Mid-Winter Blues in the zone in which they live or bowl, they must enter in the closet zone to their residence that has a different date.  
Moved Rob Macdonald 2<sup>nd</sup> Geoff Dunn

Carried X Defeated Withdrawn

- e. **MOTION BY P2:** To allow last year Juniors to enter and compete in the local Rookie Tour of the Mid-Winter Blues. This would create more awareness of the Rookie Tour to those who will be qualified as a first year Senior the following season. It would also increase the participation in this local event.  
Moved Tim O'Hara 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Gorman

Carried X Defeated Withdrawn

- f. **MOTION BY P2:** To allow last year Juniors to enter and compete in the Master Senior Event. In most cases at the time of the Master Senior, all YBC programs have completed their season and last year Juniors have graduated and have become first year Seniors. Hopefully, that will increase the numbers and awareness of the Master Senior Event.

Moved Tim O'Hara 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Scott

- i. It is suggested that the Juniors needing to hold off on registering to insure the Seniors that want to participate have a spot available for them. This could be done with a cutoff date, where after such a date then all remaining spots are available to bowler of age to participate.

X Carried                      Defeated                      Withdrawn

- g. **MOTION BY D1:** National Assessment becomes a FLAT RATE for all Masters, to be determined in the second half of the season. Our goal is to have \$35,000.00 for the season, and with 400 members this would be a cost of \$87.50 per member.

Moved Frank Newman 2<sup>nd</sup> Bekah Akerley

Carried                      Defeated                      X Withdrawn

- h. **Recommendation:** Zone H2: Bring back the Pro Am – It was a wonderful fundraiser and people looked forward to the tournament format.

- i. **Recommendation:** Zone P2: For the board to look at last years Juniors being allowed to compete in the entire Rookie Tour. Last year Juniors are ages 14 and some cases 15 at this time. This will allow Juniors in an area to experience the Rookie Tour and increase registrations. Some of these bowlers have siblings or parents already competing in the Master and Rookie Tour events.

**7. New business**

- a. No new business arose.

**8. A motion to adjourn the meeting**

MOVED: Jim Head

Seconded: Bob Walters

**CARRIED**

**List of Attendees**

Name	Zone	Name	Zone
Brenda Walters	Board – President	Joan Joudrey	J
Christina Herbert	Board	Ted Kormann	K1
George Tughan	Board – Treasurer	Bob Walters	E
Andrea Disher	Board – Secretary	Bernie McMillian	B1

Cindy Toll	Board	Jenn Gray	X2
Matt Kowalyk	Board	Steve Horan	X2
Tim O'Hara	Board	Rachel Horan	P2
Nathan Cooper	Board – Vice President	Phil Winter	G2
Neil Anderson	Board	Barb Chapman	J
Dave Johnson	Director of Operations	Sharron Rivers	H1
Jim Head	Tournament Director	Michael Chorney	H1
Helene Croteau	X3	Matt Houston	E
Catharine Sullivan	G2	Elaine Freiday	X2
Chris Anderson	H2	Doug Plummer	K1
Rob Macdonald	E1		
Larry Palmby	C		
Gail Marrier	C		