

MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, May 11th, 2019 – 9:00 am

**Oshawa, Ontario
Durham College – Room SW209**

1. Welcome and Introductions – Nathan Cooper, President

Good morning. Welcome to the 2019 AGM, celebrating the 54th Anniversary of the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario (MBAO).

At this time, we are going to take a moment of silence for Members that we have lost since the end of last season: Larry Winter, Sid Morris, Betty Jones, Mickey McNeil, Laurie Brellisford, Bill Lutes, and Rookie Tour member Jake Tamemoto.

The MBAO continues to run numerous events during the season in a professional manner and this begins in the office with our Director of Operations, Andrea Disher, together with Dave Johnson who has been providing his guidance throughout the season. This work continues outside the office with our Zone Delegates and the various tournament staff we have utilized throughout the season. This season also marks the 4th year for Jim Head as Tournament Director for the Teaching and Tournament Divisions, and Nathan Cooper's 1st year as Tournament Director for the Seniors Division. Our programs would not be as strong without ALL of these individuals and we are grateful for their efforts on behalf of the MBAO.

The Board of Directors on behalf of ourselves and our Membership would like to recognize and thank Dave Johnson for serving as the Director of Operations for the past 10 years. A special thank you for training Andrea diligently in how to run the MBAO. We wish you well with your retirement.

During the 2018/2019 season, we were a little bit surprised to find out that our membership has grown since last year, albeit by only a few members. This is great news considering that 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 or finding a new program with which to volunteer. We also saw a number of new Members join, which seems to be a reflection of the quality of tournaments we are running.

The MBAO continues to maintain these excellent programs and is constantly looking at new ways to keep encouraging new Members to join. We have posted a tentative schedule of dates for next season around the room. For those of you who are not aware, we are one of three bowling organizations that are fighting for weekends to hold tournaments. The plan is to meet with Bowl Ontario, and O5PBA once again in June/early July to visit the calendar dates together. Once the schedule has been finalized we will post it on our website and Facebook page, hopefully by the middle of July.

We are on the move again! As most of you are aware, the MBAO moved out of the Sports Alliance when it disbanded several years ago. At that time, we took up office space in Pickering (which was the most cost-effective location we could find), and changed our mailing address to the current Bowmanville address. The office and mailbox locations were for the convenience of our departing Director of Operations Dave Johnson, saving him sitting in traffic on his commute to Wynford Drive and the DVP. As of mid-June 2019, we will be relocating our office to St. Catharines, with a new Post Office box in St. Catharines to be determined. This will save our Director of Operations a two hour drive to AND from the office, which will not only allow for a more productive Director, it will also take a lot of driving stress off her shoulders as well. The new office and mailing address locations will be distributed to the Membership together with the renewal documentation emails.

Our Elimination Draw continues to be our largest fundraiser. In the 2018-2019 season, our elimination draw is sold out. This was the best year in my memory on the Board for sales and I am sure that all of you will be sad that Elaine will not be able to sell you a ticket when she brings you money from a singles pot. The draw will take place tonight at Durham College, in this room at 8:00pm. A reminder to all, our Pick the Red Headpin Fundraiser will continue with another draw during this event. As well, the Master Senior Prize Table and Raffle also aid in the fundraising to cover the day to day costs of running our Association. It is not too late for donations to the Prize Table provided they are given to Cindy Toll by end of tournament tomorrow.

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 & SoftRoll, Gratton Lanes and Skyview Lanes. C4 Centre continues to sponsor the Senior's Tour and Elaine Freiday sponsors the King and Queen of the Lanes for the Seniors' events.

As you know the Board of Directors of the MBAO is made up of 9 Board Members with 3 Members coming up for election every year for a 3 year term. Members up for election this year are Tim O'Hara and myself. In November 2018, Matt Kowalyk stepped down from his position on the board, and Elaine Freiday, as a past Board member, stepped in to his position on an interim basis to help get us through the balance of this Season. This year we will be revisiting our Constitution with a motion to increase the number of elected board members from 9 (maximum 10), to a maximum of 12. If passed, this would mean we have 6 Board positions to fill at this year's AGM. (4 Directors @ 3 Year

Term, 1 Director @ 2 Year Term and 1 Director @ 1 Year Term). We will visit the formal Motion directly after I am finished my speech.

Being a Board member takes time and dedication, and is not an easy task. For those of you running for the Board today, please do not take this decision lightly. Your commitment will be needed for:

- monthly Board meetings and other meetings throughout the year, both via conference calls and face-to-face meetings.
- Committee Meetings
- Committee Work behind the scenes
- Staffing our numerous events through the bowling calendar.

This commitment will require you to miss your regular bowling night on occasion. We try to have meetings on different weeknights throughout the season which means you would potentially miss one bowling night every 5 meetings.

In closing, we the Board value your input, questions and thoughts. We know we cannot please all our Members all 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 MBAO, we must continue to be ambassadors for the game and our Association. The best marketing tool we have is our own Members. Thank you,

Nathan Cooper
President

2. Motion to Amend the Constitution (full details outlined in the Motions Section of this document.)

MOTION CARRIED

3. Acceptance of the 2018 Annual General Meeting minutes through the zone meetings.

Mover: Dj Villeneuve C Seconder: Ted Kormann K
CARRIED

4. Acceptance of the Financial Statements for the period ending July 31st, 2018 as presented.

- Question from the floor regarding etransfers: Incoming etransfers are free, credit card transactions have a fee which is a percentage depending on the card company used.
- MBAO can only receive etransfers, we cannot pay out tournament winnings via etransfers as two signatures are required on all outgoing transactions.

Mover: George Tughan C Seconder: Ted Kormann K
CARRIED

5. Motion to accept the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 season.

Mover: Rob Macdonald E1 Seconder: Judy Begley P2
CARRIED

6. Elections

Slate

Nathan Cooper
Tim O'Hara

Nominations from Field

F2: Jim Head
J1: Joan Joudrey

Nominations from the Floor

Rob Macdonald E: Moved by Pat Hotte X3, Seconder Barb Delaney X2
Dj Villeneuve C: Moved by Nicole Villeneuve C, Seconder Pat Hotte X3
Melissa Llewellynn F2: Moved by Jason Kamienik F2, Seconder Aidan Brown F1
Elaine Freiday X2: Moved by Bernie McMillan B1, Seconder Barb Delaney X2

Scrutineers: Jason Thoms G2, Pat Hotte X3, Barb Delaney X2
Vice President, Christina Herbert counting votes.

3 Year Term

Jim Head
Nathan Cooper
Dj Villeneuve
Elaine Freiday

2 Year Term

Tim O'Hara

1 Year Term

Rob Macdonald

Motion to Destroy Ballots.

Mover: Barb Chapman - J1

Seconder: Larry Palmby - C

7. New Business (Motions/Recommendations attached)

Note: As passed at the 2009 Annual General Meeting, if someone has a Motion and cannot make the Annual General Meeting, the Zone Delegate or Alternate Delegate may present the Motion.

BOARD MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2018-19 SEASON

Seniors Division Team Event (Currently event 3), the players have requested this Event change from a 4 player Team Event (POA) to a Hi-Low Doubles Event for the 2019-2020 season. This change would be reviewed at next years Seniors Division meeting with the potential of rotating between a 4 Player POA Team Event and a 2 Player Hi-Low Doubles POA Event.

Above Motion was passed by the Seniors Division on Mar 9th, 2019

Tim is permitted to continue to wear the sublimation shirt at MBO Events. If any other Master Bowlers are interested in purchasing one of these shirts, they must go through the MBO office. The new shirt will be purchase at a price determined by the MBO, which will include the cost of the shirt, shipping and appropriate licensing fee.

Above Motion was passed by the Board of Directors on Mar 25th, 2019

Rookie Tour being changed to count 3 out of 4 Tournaments, with Mid Winter Blues being a MANDATORY EVENT. Starting with the 2018/19 Season Mid Winter Blues **MUST** be included in your Aggregate total.

Above Motion was passed by the Board of Directors on Mar 25th, 2019

BOARD MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2018-19 SEASON

MOTION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Motion to **Amend the Constitution** by increasing maximum Board number from 10 to 12.
This Motion is putting forth a request to amend "Page 1, Article 3" which presently reads:

"The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors of not less than three (3) and not more than ten (10) of whom a majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Notwithstanding vacancies the remaining Directors may act if constituting a quorum."

All other Pages and Articles of the Constitution will remain unchanged.

Motioned By: George Tughan C

Seconded By: Neil Anderson G2

X Carried Defeated Withdrawn

Purpose for motion is to have maximum number of Board Members to assist with workload and with tournament staffing. We only have one Board Member that is retired. We are also hoping to increase the breadth of knowledge across the Board of Directors.

- a. Ryan Groombridge F1: Is there a certain number of Board Members that is regulated by MBAC?
- b. Response from the Floor: No, each Province has their own requirements
- c. Barb Delaney X2: when we had a larger membership, we were able to get along fine with 9 Board Members, why now do we need 12?
- d. Responses from the Floor: Previously there were two Staff in the office both full-time.
- e. Elaine Freiday X2: It is all well and good to consider increasing the number of Board Members to help cover Tournaments, however the problem will not be resolved based on the current list of Nominees. The Seniors Division is the hardest division to find workers for, and of the Nominees listed in your Agenda, ALL of them bowl Seniors, and Nathan is Judge of Play. So if all five of these people were voted in, the problem of staffing still exists.
- f. Christina Herbert J1: Trying to keep cost to the Membership down so more Board Members will help. We are the only Organization with a paid employee. When Andrea/Dave are required to work a full weekend of an event, these are billable hours to our Association.
- g. Tracy Smith D1 – is every Board Member required to work Tournaments and if so is there a specific amount?
- h. Christina Herbert J1: Everyone was signed up for three Tournaments and that seems to be working. With exception of Tournaments like New Years Classic, Year End and of course Master Senior when we require additional staff.

- i. Dj Villeneuve C: Does not have an issue with increasing the number of Board members, however doing so may not change anything in terms of getting people out to work tournaments.
- j. Christina Herbert J1: the Board of Directors needs to take a more proactive approach to the running of the Board as well as work within the office. Additional Board Members will assist in making this happen.

CARRIED

MOTION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

National Assessment: Increase the Player/Coaches National Assessment from \$150.00 to \$200.00 effective for the 2019/2020 Season. This will be reviewed "as needed" on an annual basis.

Motioned by: George Tughan C

Second by: Bernie McMillan B1

X Carried Defeated Withdrawn

CARRIED

Discussion:

National Assessment is raised through two avenues,

- First is Tournament Fees. The amount of National Assessment Revenue raised is driven by the Total participation of all our events.
- National Assessment charged each participant/coach who is attending Nationals. Currently @ \$150.00.
- Last increase to the National Assessments Charged for National Participants was 2015.
- In order to budget going forward to carry us through 2024 which is the year Nationals returns to Ontario.
- Would like to make this increase now rather than wait until we go to B.C. and the cost will be huge to get there and compete.
- Dj Villeneuve C: What is meant by "as is on as need basis"
- Bernie McMillan B1: Responded confirming we would need to review the actual numbers each season to determine what the assessment will be for the following year. During this review we can determine if an additional increase is needed or not.
- Dave Johnson J1: spoke regarding flights, and how/when they are booked. The office begins looking in October/November. Normally deal with West Jet as they are inexpensive, and MBO has a very good relationship dealing with them. Just cannot book too early as we need to have money in the MBO bank account in order to put down a deposit and we don't have that money until October/November from Renewals and Registrations.
- Ryan Groombridge F1: How do other provinces compare to that price point.

- Several in attendance chimed in on items they knew: Example, Saskatchewan \$500.00, Northern Ontario 5 in a room, etc., further explanations as to how other provinces do things.

MOTION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

YBC Graduate New Member Fee will be increased from Zero to 50% of the Current Membership Classification they choose to join. This change will take effect as of 2019/2020 season. This Fee does not include the Mandatory Elimination Draw Ticket purchase.

Motion By: George Tughan C Seconder: Neil Anderson G2

X Carried Defeated Withdrawn

CARRIED \$50.00 Affiliated / \$65.00 Unaffiliated.

MOTION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Bursary Award be renamed the Jake Tamemoto Bursary Award, effective the 2018/2019 Season:

Motioned by: Nathan Cooper, President Seconder: MBO Board of Directors

X Carried Defeated Withdrawn

Discussion around this Motion as to the affect it would have to the Boettger Fund by renaming the Bursary award. It was confirmed to the Floor the Boettger Fund was left to the MBO and requested to be used in promotion of our Organization. The Bursary is only one element we use this money for. Years of Service Pins, Andrea's Salary until Dave's Retirement, covering fiscal losses are just a few.

CARRIED

MOTION BY F2: Teaching Division Masters should not be required to have their name and their bowling centre name on their shirts for Master Youth Events.

Moved by Kathleen Coombs-Ronaldson, 2nd by Nick Ridley

Carried Defeated X Withdrawn

WITHDRAWN: NO REPRESENTATIVE FROM F2 WAS PRESENT

ZONE MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2018-19 SEASON

MOTION BY K1: The Masters' Association pay \$50.00 towards a ring that is won by a Seniors Division player that year. Moved by Ted Kormann, 2nd Doug Plummer

X Carried Defeated Withdrawn

Ted Korman K1: Seniors in his opinion contribute more money than any other division but receive less than any other division. Possibly overtime increase the amount contributed going forward in order to be brought on par with the other divisions.

Neil Anderson G2: Had brought it up to the Board that maybe we could paid 50% (current cost is approx \$400.00).

Dave Johnson J1: We need to be aware of our bottom line after recording a loss last season.

George Tughan C: Greater control over the Teaching and Tournament Rings. This may need to be reviewed going forward.

Ted Kormann K1: Seniors pays more and we see far less from the Association. If there is a problem with providing money for Seniors Ring then we need to review what is done with 5 & 10 year winners on the Teaching/Tournament side.

Morgan Glover H1: What do you mean by Seniors pay more?

Ted Kormann K1: Seniors Division pays more based on National Assessment

Brenda Walters E: Pointed out to all those present at the AGM, Membership and Renewal payments are used to cover the cost of Rings for the Teaching and Tournament Divisions. Seniors membership is \$75.00, compared to \$120.00 for the other two, therefore Seniors do not pay more. As for National Assessment, this is taken from Tournament Entries only. (Lineage, prize money, National Assessment) Need to look at how many Seniors only members we have to see if it is true that Seniors actually do pay more...does not disagree

Ted Kormann K1: We as Seniors are paying more into National Assessment.

Brenda Walters E: Seniors can qualify for both Scratch & POA with one National Assessment Fee

Dj Villeneuve C: Would recommend that instead of specific dollar amount look at percentage like 10 or 20% to start. Maybe larger tournament fees could increase to cover

VOTING TOOK PLACE ON THIS MOTION: FOR: 18 AGAINST: 15

CARRIED:

MOTION BY K1: For an absent bowler in the Fall or Spring Master Youth event, the team will receive 90% of the absent players average. Moved by Mike Greenlee, 2nd Doug Plummer

Carried Defeated X Withdrawn

WITHDRAWN: NO REPRESENTATIVE FROM K1 WAS PRESENT

ZONE MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2018-19 SEASON

MOTION BY X2: Teaching and Tournament Divisions of the MBO be amalgamated so both Divisions bowl on the same weekends and at the same bowling centre. (Incorporate the three Tournament events with the three Teaching Option events)

With that everyone would have the option of bowling each Division if they choose as well as have the opportunity to qualify on either of the National Teams provided Aggregate requirements are met. The New Years Classic would remain as one event for both Divisions. Year End would/could continue to keep both Divisions separate, however you could open up the Peterson Points to those bowlers who choose to specifically bowl that format

Whether or not you have to declare which Aggregate you are qualifying for prior to Year End could be left up to the Tournament Committee and Board to determine.

Effective date of the change, 2019-2020 Season.

Moved by Matt Wallace

Seconded: Yanick Proulx

Carried

Defeated

Withdrawn

MOTION CHANGED TO A RECOMMENDATION BY ELAINE FREIDAY, ZONE DELEGATE X2

Elaine Freiday: Presented the Motion as understood from conversations from Matt Wallace. Ideally wants to be able to count one set of games to count for both Tournament and Teaching.

DJ Villeneuve C: There is no longer any fee for Hybrid. If we change the formats so everyone only bowling 6 games – would ideally be losing money. Are you playing two tournaments / not enough information. Personally, DJ can bowl but chooses not to. What would be accomplished by Amalgamating???

Rob MacDonald E: Amalgamation to Rob: Means it would be the same tournament and the same prize funds. Looking at the Aggregates...is there going to be a minimum number of games mandated by the MBAC. (Christina: NO – we bowl the highest number)

New Years (commenter unknown): Might be screwed if you are tournament division. Andrea makes sure all Tournament Division are already registered with the balance of spots being filled with teaching.

Christina Herbert J1: As a board – we need to have more feedback and hold Adhoc committee. Christina was chair / Bernie / Phil Winter / Brenda Pankoff / Brenda Walters / Tracy Ormiston / Matt Houston / Neil ??? (look at the list from her minutes)

CONS

- Cost:
- Number of games:
- Playdowns:
- 24 lane centers – harder to get those tournaments for entire weekend
- May need multiple shifts
- Scratch: are they all playing at the same time
- Sponsorship money: Smaller centers (really doesn't apply)
- Rookie would we have room for them?
- IF Amalgamating – where would the scratch pool go?
- Possibly teaching players intimidated by higher end bowlers
- Clear if tournament comes to teaching / won't play and vice versa
- Jason:

Phil Winter G2: asked Christina to list the Pros of Amalgamation so the Members present had all information discussed from the meeting.

PROS:

- SAVING of staff
- Larger pools to draw from
- National assessment – one pot to draw
- Players wanting to bowl more elite will have free weekends to do so
- Format – change to make options
- Cost effective – carpooling/hotel sharing

Christina Herbert J1: Own opinion she would like to see them kept separate at least until such time as it is absolutely required.

Ryan Groombridge F1: 1. Teaching you have POA and Both / do the tournament players want to pay both. 2. What about rookies

Andrea Disher: If we have one tournament and try to keep Tournament Division separate, there will still be two computer staff or one staff entering scores twice

Phil Winter G2: Tournament division how will this affect Master Youth Events, there are already issues with finding kids to bowl with Masters.

Brenda Walters E: Board has done a great job at combining both tournaments over the past few years...If this motion passes the board has 2 – 3 months to put together a complete change in the tournament schedule – highly recommends this change to a recommendation.

Kevin Robins D: Needs to be a stronger motion rather than all over the place with specific direction and specific facts to go

CHANGE TO RECOMMENDATION: BY ELAINE AS ZONE DELEGATE

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ZONES

Recommendation: Zone B1: Zone members would like to see the MBO promoted more. The feeling is we don't promote ourselves enough as an organization. More promotion on Facebook would show the rest of the province and country how well we are doing. Also results posted on the Facebook page would be a good idea.

Christina Herbert J1: Is willing to take on ensuring this is looked after going so that more information is available on Facebook or other social media outlets.

Tilson Toll X3: Asked if we could promote on other social media platforms

Nathan Cooper: We are getting better and we are working on getting more efficient

Recommendation: Zone H2: A request was made to post all Tournament information and any changes at the alley's, including the YBC Rookies

Zone Delegates need to ensure all members in their respective Zones are kept informed regarding any changes to these rollofs

Recommendation: Zone P2: Inquire if Phipps Bowling could change their crests for the Master Youth Events to swag tags similar to the YBC tags.

Phipps does not order the crests, the MBO does. The Board/Office will inquire with at the earliest opportunity, as they are the Sponsor and need to be a part of this decision

Recommendation: Zone H1: Requesting Zone Realignment. The Members and two Zone Delegates from H1 and H2 are suggesting a realignment to move Springwater Lanes in Elmvale from H2 to H1. The reason is currently the only program in H1 with YBC are Bowlerama Barrie. Circled Pine and Orillia Bowl do not have a YBC Program. All Masters in H1 were in favour of this move and approval was also given from the H2 Zone Delegate.

Andrea Disher will review with parties involved.

Recommendation: Zone K1: From Ted Kormann, that the Association eliminate the big diamond for Members who with their fifth event and eliminate award for tenth win as well.

WITHDRAWN

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ZONES

Recommendation: Zone Z2: Zone Z2 are requesting to join with Zone B2. Reasons for this is that the Proprietor at C&D Lanes is no longer willing to pay for his Masters to be Members of our Association. Only two, Kristi and Andrew Lampman, would continue if they have to pay their own way. This would leave Z2 with only five or six Members in the Zone.

Discussions with our office about joining with another Zone were held and combining Z1 and Z2 was discussed, however the Z2 Masters said that it is a much shorter distance for them to go to London (B2) instead of Brantford (Z1).

This item has been left with the MBO office and our Board to discuss and approve. No final decision has been made by the C&D Lanes Proprietor and if he changes his mind and continues paying for the Masters, then the Zone would prefer to remain as is.

Kristi Lampman will keep us informed.

Stephen Thompson (Zone Delegate for B2) has been informed and would welcome the Masters from Z2 without reservation.

Andrea Disher will review with parties involved.

QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

Question: Zone F1: Will there be any changes to the 2019-20 season to combine Tournament and Teaching Divisions. POA side of the MBO is thriving while the Tournament Division scratch side is suffering big time. **NO, not at this time.**

Question: Zone F1: Will locations for our events will be changing next season. Some Members were not happy with Peterborough this year at the Central. If moving to a smaller than 24 lane centres is split shifts an option e.g. Saturday AM, Saturday PM, Sunday AM. **NO, we will be continuing to use 24 Lane centres as long as we can.**

Question: Zone F1: asking if the Central Classic can be rotated between Peterborough and Cobourg year to year with the Seniors Tour. When Seniors have Cobourg, Teaching Central would have Peterborough and then swap these centres the next year. The Zone realizes that moving centres can be hard considering sponsorships. **Cobourg only has 20 lanes for an event, not 24. Also, the Mall in Cobourg has been purchased. The 2019/2020 Season may be the last for this bowling centre.**

Dave Johnson noted he was informed Parkway was going to be going through some extensive repairs and should be a viable 24 lane centre at some point in the coming year.

Motion to Adjourn:

Mover: Tilson Toll – X3

Second: Pat Hotte – X3

CARRIED