

MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY, May 8th, 2021 – 2:00 pm
Conference Call**

Roll Call: Nathan Cooper-K1, Elaine Freiday-X2, George Tughan-C3, France Charette-X3, Dj Villeneuve-C2, Rob Macdonald-E, Kile Robins-D1, PJ Cole-D1, Jim Head-F2, Melissa Llewellyn-F2, Bernie McMillan-B1, Brinley Hole-F2, Andrea Disher-D2, Barb Champan-J1, Dave Johnson-J1, Irvine Lywood-L1, Vicky Robins-D1, Kevin Robins-D1, Barb Delaney-X2, Brian Lawrence-B2, Brenda Pankoff-B1, Bill Stockill-D2, Don Cunningham-B2, Larry Palmby-C3, Pat Jepson-A1, Sue Wiken-Senior, Phil Winter-G2, Myranda Winter-G2, Stephen Thompson-B2, Linda Thompson-B2, Josh Robins-D1, Victor Collins-X1, Steve Horan-X2, Christina Carey-J1, Rasa Roberts-B2

1. Welcome and Introductions – Nathan Cooper, President

Good afternoon. Welcome to the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Master Bowlers Association, celebrating our 56th Anniversary.

I would like to begin our meeting by taking a moment of silence in memory of those Members we lost this past season: Steve Hill, Elio Chiodo and Dee Dee Haynes-Ridley.

This season has been completely different than any before. The Board has worked extremely hard to minimize our expenses, which will be outlined in our Financial Reports later in this meeting. We have also relied more on our Zone Delegates than ever before, to speak with Members in their Zones to encourage Associate Memberships.

This season we have 167 Associate Members. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and dedication to the MBAO. I would also like to thank Elaine Freiday and Melissa Llewellyn for the countless hours they spend making phone calls and sending personal emails to former Members to bring to their attention to the importance of Associate Membership to our Association. Rob, PJ, and Kile also stepped up in an extraordinary way by taking on duties of the office. Thank you! Andrea, I know this year has been challenging, so thank you for your patience and understanding this year.

Although we were unable to hold our normal fundraising initiatives at tournaments, we had a strong year overall. We could not have had the overall success we achieved without the generous support of Brenda Walters with the Thirty-One Fundraiser, Raffles, and those beloved duck races. In addition Phil Winter and Matt Wallace introducing us to the Hockey Pool Fundraiser that will be wrapping up soon. The biggest bonus this season was our elimination draw being a Sell Out. Thank you to all Members, former Members, friends, colleagues and family who supported this draw. It cannot go without saying a special thank you to Board Members France Charette, Melissa Llewellyn, Elaine Freiday, and myself who tirelessly worked for the sell out! We will continue to look at other fundraising initiatives from May through August, keep an eye on your email and or check out the MBAO Facebook Fundraising Group

Brenda set up for us. Thank you again for everyone who has generously supported our fundraisers this season.

Normally at the AGM we would post a draft Tournament Schedule for the coming season. As you all know, this has not been a normal year. The Tournament Committee has been, and continues to be, working towards some plans for next season. It is extremely difficult to plan for the unknown. Until we know more of what the fall will entail, we will not be providing you with a document at this time. As soon as we can make informed decisions about next season, we will update the Membership via email and Facebook and by mail for those Member who do not have electronic devices.

As you all know, Nationals in Edmonton, Alberta has been deferred until 2022. In view of this deferral, the rotation for locations hosting Nationals has been altered a little. The new rotation is: Edmonton, Alberta; St. John's, Newfoundland; Winnipeg, Manitoba; British Columbia, then Ontario. We are now expecting to host Nationals in 2026.

The Board of Directors of the MBAO is made up of 12 Board Members with 4 Members coming up for election every year for a 3 year term. In your package, you will find a list of those Board Members as well as Nominees from the Semi-Annual Meeting that are seeking election to the MBAO Board. As usual, we will be accepting nominations from the floor shortly. Melissa Llewellyn has chosen not to seek re-election at this time. The Board would like to thank Melissa for her time and contributions to the Board. Melissa, you were a huge part of our success this year, you will be missed. Being a Director takes time and dedication and is sometimes not easy. Expect to spend approximately 6 hours per month on meetings depending on how many committees you join. In addition you may have responsibilities to complete for your committee, as well, to the time running our tournaments. This season there were even more time commitments required of Board Members as our normal avenues for Membership and Fundraising were not available to us. Those of you running for the Board today, please do not take this decision lightly. A commitment to the Board of Directors 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 3 or 4 months.

In closing, we the Board thank everyone that has taken the time to ask questions and give us suggestions towards what our upcoming season will involve. We continue to value your input, questions and thoughts so please keep them coming. 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. As Members of the MBAO, we must continue to be ambassadors for the game and our Association. The best marketing tool we have continues to be our own Members.

Thank you,
Nathan Cooper
President

2. Acceptance of the 2020 Annual General Meeting minutes through the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Mover: Kile Robins D1

Seconder: Irvine Lywood L1

MOTION CARRIED

3. Presentation of the financial statements for the period ending March 30th, 2021 as presented. *Please note the July 31st financials of the previous season is usually accepted here. These were accepted at the 2020 AGM in August, 2020.*
George asked France to go through the Financial Statements

Revenue:

-France Charette outlined the Forecast Column and the Projected Columns

Reminded the Elimination Draw numbers were as of March 31, 2021 so the Sell out is not indicated

-Membership numbers is as well lower than where we finished.

Expenses: Most of these are the monthly expenses the board incurs. We also included a projection of the \$810 that will payout of the hockey pool and the \$6000 of elimination draw, again this number is currently higher.

Net Profit and Loss:

We have currently show a profit as of March. However a forecast / projection show an overall loss anticipated.

Fund Balances: - shows the 2020-2021 Balances as of March 31, 2021.

Question:

Dave Johnson J1 – operating loss of \$13,988.10 – this is not on any other reports as this is the cashing out of GICs to ensure we had money in the bank to cover our monthly expenses. The balance of this is sitting in our bank account.

Brenda Pankoff B1– what is left in the Boettger/Hambly

Elaine Freiday X2- Clarified for Brenda that the Boettger/Hambly fund GICs were the GICs that were actually up for renewal at the time, as we move into next season, assuming things return to semi-normal. We will be reimbursing this fund accordingly. These GICs are in the general fund/Bank Account.

Andrea Disher D2- Explained why the GIC's were cashed. While being laid off running to the bank was not an option to make sure there was enough money in the account to pay the monthly re occurring bills.

George Tughan C3- Asked for the bank balance as of March 31, 2021.

Currently balance \$20,768.23 @ March 31, 2021 – Rent still to pay, Elimination Payout Out, Hockey Pool, (approx \$11000, to be spent), hopefully approx \$9,000 to be put back in the Beottger/Hamby fund.

No Motion as these were just be presented. Annual financials were already passed.

4. Motion to accept the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 season.

Mover: Brian Lawrence B2

Second: Don Cunningham B2

MOTION CARRIED

5. Elections

Slate

Nominations from Field

George Tughan - Yes

J1: Barb Chapman - Yes

Bernie McMillan - Yes

J1: Dave Johnson - Yes

Melissa Llewellyn - No

Kile Robins - Yes

First Call for nominations from the Field

Second Call for Nominations from the Field

Third Call for Nominations from the Field

Each Nominee spoke to the Meeting Attendees

This year you are going to send an email to the office with your votes. We have, Andrea who will be reading off the votes that come in. Board Members PJ, DJ and Rob in the office as Scrutineers.

DAVE, BARB, GEORGE, BERNIE

Motion: To destroy ballots, tally sheet and empty Delete folder.

Mover: Brian Lawrence B2

Second: Don Cunningham B2

MOTION CARRIED

6. New Business (Motions/Recommendations attached)

BOARD MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2020-21 SEASON

Criteria for Graduating YBC Rookies will be adjusted for the 2020/2021 Season. In view of COVID-19 Pandemic, any graduating YBC Rookies that would like to join our organization this year would pay an Associate Membership and should the season resume the difference is required. Alternatively, if they do not join this season their Rookie / Graduate YBC Season would move forward to the next season we bowl.

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on October 27, 2020

To maintain the coaching selection order from the 2020/2021 season to the next season with a National Championship.

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on January 28, 2021

To maintain the Seniors Division Wild Card rotation from the 2020/2021 season to the next season with a National Championship.

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on January 28, 2021

To cancel the remaining scheduled events of the 2020/2021 season.

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on January 28, 2021

BOARD MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2020-21 SEASON

To allow the Board the autonomy to make changes to the Tournament Schedule, aggregate qualification, or formats, including potential amalgamation, as deemed necessary to meet Provincial and Regional Guidelines, including local Health Unit restrictions. This autonomy will only apply throughout the duration of the current COVID-19 pandemic or other future health crises as identified by local, provincial, or federal authorities.

Motion by Membership Committee

Seconded by Bernie McMillan

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

MOTION CARRIED

To change Provincial Tournament Wins/Ring program for the Teaching and Tournament Divisions to the following:

300 Members or above in the combined Teaching & Tournament Division: cover ring/diamond/10th win cost up to a maximum of \$300

Under 300 Members in the combined Teaching & Tournament Divisions: cover ring/diamond/10th win cost up to a maximum of \$200

*As has happened in the past, Regional winners are not entitled to this program. This has not changed.

Motioned by Kile Robins

Seconded by Elaine Freiday

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

Brenda Pankoff B1– Why is the regional winners listed – this has never been listed in the past.

Nathan Cooper K1- That in case we have regional tournaments, the winners of these tournaments will not be entitled to a provincial win or a ring.

Elaine Freiday X2- Going ahead due to COVID we were looking at possibly having regional tournaments or events until we can run provincial events. With new Masters they may not know these stipulations.

Phil Winter G2- Wondering what the actual cost of the rings are in comparison to the motion. Also is the 300 Members for the whole Association or each division.

Nathan Cooper K1- Currently the Association covers the cost of a ring in silver, if the Member wants to upgrade to gold or white gold the balance owing is charged to the Member.

Elaine Freiday X2- Clarified that it is 300 Members for Teaching and Tournament combined.

Dave Johnson J1- Before the pandemic the cost of a silver ring was approximately \$350 plus tax. The cost of a gold ring depends on the size of the winners hand.

France Charette X3- Confirmed this was NOT including Seniors.

Christina Carey J1- Requested clarification in the motion to specifically state that it is Teaching and Tournament divisions

MOTION CARRIED (2 VOTES AGAINST)

ZONE MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2020-21 SEASON

MOTION BY B2: To extend the discount of the Masters membership dues to YBC bowlers who graduated out of the program in 2021 for the upcoming 2021-22 Masters season. Bowlers must have been registered in a YBC program for the 2020-21 season.

Moved by Rasa Roberts Seconded by Brian Lawrence

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

Nathan Cooper- The Board covered this with a motion that it had already passed.

WITHDRAWN

MOTION BY B2: To allow responsible and limited consumption of alcoholic beverages during non-youth tournaments, in reference to the Membership Information Booklet, Rule 4a found on page 7.

Can also add – Over consumption will result in penalties as currently set out in Rule 4a.

Moved by Jim McIntyre

Seconded by Dan Balcom

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

Nathan Cooper K1- The Association was going to try this at the Seniors #4 event in 2020 at Hopedale Bowl until COVID forced the cancellation of the event.

Dave Johnson J1- Some players tend to relax more with a couple of drinks and tend not to be so nervous. This means they could bowl better. There is other bowlers who do not like to drink while bowling. Also worried about the policing aspect of this, which could put a strain on the Board.

Christina Carey J1- Concerned about policing, as the motion is left open to interpretation as to what someone may believe is acceptable consumption and someone else might be thinking completely different. Its a mind altering stimulate just like marijuana and could affect people differently.

Could also put the proprietor's liquor license in question.

Elaine Freiday X2- Would like to see our current rule tested before we move to opening it up to no having a sponsor.

Barb Chapman J1- Wanted to make sure that this does not include any Youth or Rookie Tour events.

Andrea Disher D2 - Noted that it would only be allowed at: New Years Classic, Year End, Seniors. Henry Fehr would not be included.

Rasa Roberts B2: Quick note the Motioner is a Senior, could we look at this just for the Seniors.

Christina Carey J1– Best place to try it in the Seniors Division. However if we had youth working these tournaments for volunteer hours for high school this could pose a problem.

Andrea Disher D2 – You do have a right to change the motion if you would like.

Rasa Roberts B2 – Does not feel that the motion needs to be changed.

Andrea Disher D2 – It was planned for the Hopedale Seniors Event in April 2020. It is our hope to do this test run again when we resume play.

Andrea Disher D2 – Asked Don if he wanted to change the motion or keep it the same.

Don Cunningham B2- Would like us to vote on the Motion.

MOTION DEFEATED (unanimously)

MOTION BY B2: Bring back the Pro-Am tournament in some form.

Moved by Brian Lawrence Seconded by Rasa Roberts

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

Brian Lawrence B2– Has been looking for a sponsor in the London area but has not been successful.

Andrea Disher D2 – Agreed, yes, we require a sponsor in order for this to fly, would it affect our Elimination Draw, Where would it fit in the calendar.

Worried that the cost of a Pro Am ticket would deter people from buying an Elimination Draw Ticket as the cost would be for a league bowler and not a Master.

Rob Macdonald E- Most Masters who take Elimination Draw tickets are selling them to league bowlers and not other Masters.

Christina Carey J1- We have to be mindful about how many times we ask people to buy tickets. For example Elimination Draw or Pro Am.

Yes scheduling would be an issue. Does the Association put something like this in the front half of the year and other items in the back half?

Yes we need a sponsor but the days are gone when we find one big sponsor. Maybe some small sponsors would be good or a tier system to give different sponsors recognition.

WITHDRAWN BY BRIAN LAWRENCE

MOTION BY B2: Make the Mid Winter Blues tournament a provincial tournament with no house round like the Western / Central / Eastern. This would eliminate the need for numbers to cover costs.

Moved by Brian Lawrence Seconded by Rasa Roberts

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

Bernie McMillan B1– Not everyone wants a provincial, people like this tournament being local. Currently we have approximately 200 entries, a provincial event we receive 120 players. That would mean that the Association would lose out on at least 80 entries for the National Assessment.

Elaine Freiday X2- Pointed out what happened in Ottawa last time the tournament was ran. There was 53 entries with six going to provincials. Yes this included the Rookie Tour but the

National Assessment collected helped the Association. Also with a house round it saves on travel that some people do not want to do unless absolutely necessary.

WITHDRAWN

MOTION From Semi-Annual: To move forward the Mid Winter Blues Motion that was passed at the 2020 AGM to the 2021-2022 bowling season.

Motioned by Dave Johnson (J1) Seconded by Brian Lawrence (B2)

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

Motion from the 2020 AGM:

Combine both genders fro Mid Winter Blues Zone qualifying rounds using the current formula to determine the number of qualifiers that move onto Provincials. This would also apply to the YBC Rookie Tour bowlers.

Andrea Disher D2 - Read the motion from the August 2020 AGM.

Dave Johnson J1– Does this apply at the Provincial level as well as Regional?

Elaine Freiday X2- Yes that was her understanding they would be combined for numbers and prize money.

Jim Head F2– Yes if the 2021/2022 season is a complete season, than yes the genders would be combined at both the Regional and Provincial Levels.

MOTION CARRIED (2 VOTES AGAINST)

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2020-21 AGM

- 1) An "Aggregate Only" season beginning with a "regional format" and possible resuming Provincial events if the Health situation warrants it.
- 2) A proposed change to Aggregate requirements, Tournament (30 games), Teaching (20 games) Seniors (10 games).

Elaine Freiday X2- It's important to add in the recommendation on the Aggregate change while we are in a limbo season. Once we get back to normal, obviously we would adjust things back to the way that we do them now.

Christina Carey J1- Clarifying that these recommendations are for the 2021/2022 season.

Nathan Cooper K1- That is correct.

Jim Head F2- As it states it would be an Aggregate only season for the upcoming season that starts hopefully in September.

The Aggregate only would allow The Association to run regional events if we can. Those events would be held locally depending on health region.

Would not be able to travel to a different health region or zone.

The cost would be greatly reduced as the Master would only be paying lineage and National Assessment. There would be no prize fund.

If the regional event wanted to run pots, it would be the responsibility of the individual running the tournament.

This is an attempt to run a season to qualify a contingent for Nationals. If we went to Nationals without running any events it would cost the Association \$44000.

With these events being run locally it would allow the Association to combine all three divisions at a house/regional round.

The Master would pay more in National Assessment if they choose to play in more than one division, but only one set of lineage.

Would not include any youth tournaments,

Nothing is written in stone for the upcoming season. We are just trying to offer options and possible solutions.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ZONES

None.

QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

None.

Don Cunningham B2:

- How about where everything stood at the end of the last Aggregate season?
- Like what if we cannot get a season in and have to go to Alberta and can't bowl a season – would these be considered.
- Don would like us to consider this.

Dj Villeneuve C2- If we include the Aggregate from last year, we have to take into consideration of bowling centres that are no longer in business. Also there is the potential of having new Masters or Masters from other provinces that have moved here join. This would put them at a disadvantage with not being able to count the same number of games.

Andrea Disher D2- Last season has not been labelled as final for simply fact that what if we only get in half a season next year and have to use last year for the remainder.

Nathan Cooper K1- Another reason we did not close off last season was that we did not know what this season was going to look like.

Elaine Freiday X2- Where the Aggregate stood at the end of 2019/2020 season, the Board is going to look at this and determine if it fits or does not fit. If we have to go to Nationals in

Edmonton in 2022, and cannot bowl a season, what are we doing to field a contingent? This is what needs to be discussed.

Dave Johnson J1– It depends on when we can get back to play. Consideration of averages. We usually roll averages at the end of the year. How are we going to calculate averages.

Christina Carey J1- Brought up the fact that we provided them a commemorative shirt. She does not want to see the scores come forward.

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

7. Motion of Adjournment.

Mover: Christina Carey J1

Second: Larry Palmby C3