



MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In-Person Meeting at Nebs Fun World

Roll Call: Dave Johnson – J1, Elaine Freiday – X2, George Tughan – C3, Barb Chapman – J1, Bernie McMillan - B1, Brinley Hole – F2, Dj Villeneuve – C3, France Hotte – X3, Jim Head – F2, Nathan Cooper – J1, PJ Cole – D1, Rob Macdonald – E1, Andrea Disher – D1, Rachel Horan – X2, Steve Horan – X2, Pat Hotte – X3, Tilson Toll – X3, Benoit Croteau – X3, Helene Croteau – X3, Cindy Toll – X3, Cody Dibiasi – B2, Glen McDonald – B2, Brian Lawrence – B2, Eric MacLean – G2, Catherine Sullivan – G2, Phil Winter – G2, Myranda Winter – G2, Jim Ronaldson – T2, Kathleen Coombs-Ronaldson – T2, Russell Furlong – G2, Pearl Lum – G2, Larry Palmby – C3, Ted Kormann – K1, Adam Rainville – X1, Sue Rainville – X1, Natalie Patrick – X1, Jenn Gray – X2, Kevin Robins – D1, Vicky Robins – D1, Kile Robins – D1, Josh Robins – D1, Lindsay Richardson – D1, Rasa Roberts – B2

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dave Johnson, President

Good morning, thank you for attending our first in-person Annual General Meeting since 2019. We have had quite a year; I dare say like no other.

I'm sure everyone here knows me and I'm happy to report that I have survived my first year as President of the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario.

I'd first like to introduce our current Board of Directors and acknowledge the many hours they have spent these past few years, managing our association through a global pandemic. Bernie McMillan long time Board member, who helps with fundraising, many of our tournament events and is a zone delegate. Bernie's mom has also donated a beautiful quilt for our Master Senior fundraising table this year and I want to ask him to please extend our thanks and gratitude to your mom.

Brinley Hole, tournament committee, zone delegate and always willing to assist in running our tournaments no matter where they are. He has put on a lot of miles this past season to help us ensure our events ran smoothly.

Dj Villeneuve, our fundraising chair who manages our results, works hard with his committee bringing new thoughtful ideas forward and assists us at many of our tournament events. I have appreciated the time he takes when bringing new ideas and suggestions to our Board.

PJ Cole, a member of our finance committee helping to ensure we maintain our ability to operate during these lean times with his professional guidance in the field of finance.

Jim Head, a member of the 5 Pin Hall of Fame and our Tournament Director and Chief Judge of Play. Also, this year Jim will be a member of Team Ontario heading to Edmonton this summer for the MBAC Nationals

Rob Macdonald, a member of the tournament committee along with Nathan and Brinley who has assisted us in many events and developed spreadsheets for our brackets to help to quickly prepare them at our events.

France Hotte, our newlywed, and Finance Committee Chair with her background in finance, has managed our books this past season, performing and balancing the entries made by Andrea, and reconciling our books on a monthly basis.

Barb Chapman, our secretary who has spent many hours not just in our monthly Board Meetings or at our Tournament Events, but afterwards compiling the notes and listening to our zoom recordings to accurately document our discussions and decisions.

George Tughan, our Treasurer who has assisted far beyond finance this season, working to create swag tags for our Youth Events, and keeping his experienced and watchful eyes on our cash and especially managing our National funding to ensure we can keep our members costs reasonable for those who make our Team Ontario and head to Nationals.

Elaine Freiday, our Vice President who heads our membership committee and is very active with fundraising. She sits with me on the National Committee, is a member of our executive Board and you see her also at so many of our events.

Nathan Cooper is outgoing past president who oversaw our association through the early days of the pandemic with this Board. Coop has helped to guide me through my first year as President and I want to acknowledge his work with our association these past years. He is also a member of Team Ontario along with Jim who will travel to Edmonton.

Finally, Andrea Disher, the Director of Operations, who manages all the daily activities to ensure the association runs smoothly as well as our tournament events. It is a big job and her role since taking over from me when I retired has been seamless. She is also running the office for Bowl Ontario, and we may even have an expanded role for her with the Master Bowlers Association of Canada. Not sure where your energy comes from my dear but thank you for all of your work this past year.

We are pleased that we have managed through our season, and as many of you know we have gone far beyond what was required with COVID-19 protocols to try to ensure that our events have been safe for our players and tournament staff. We followed all guidelines and then went further this year. In the early part of the season, behind the scenes, we contacted every health unit before running a tournament event to ensure we had done everything required and more to safely conduct our tournaments. Initially we didn't allow players to change lanes and in our first event we even had players only using one of the pair of lanes they were assigned for the entire event. Gradually we added more players to a pair of lanes and allowed alternating lanes within a game. Finally, the structure today has players moving to a new pair of lanes after each game, however we are keeping both lanes together to continue to reduce the number of people you may come into close contact with. We also ensured and still do, that hand sanitizers are available at every pair of lanes, and we continue to keep the number of players on each pair down to no more than 7 or 8 whenever it is possible. As well early this season, we provided a full list of contact information to each proprietor, so they had the necessary tracking information if it was required by local health units.

I'd like to say that the Master Bowlers Association of Ontario took a leading role in the bowling world here in Ontario, to engage with our members keeping all of you informed, and with the Bowling Proprietors by working to meet their requirements and making sure to the best of our ability that the players who participate in our events had the very best opportunity to be safe.

Many members did not return this season, mostly due to the pandemic, but Elaine has been in contact with most of them to stay in touch. Many have said that they do plan to rejoin us next season as we all learn to live with Covid in the world. I'd also like to acknowledge that our Elimination Draw is sold out again, thanks to Elaine's efforts and that of our Fundraising Committee and chair Dj.

Our hopes and plans next season are to return to running our tournaments as we normally have, with match play again part of the tournament division events, full alternating of lanes as we're used to, so that players can be beside different lane groups after each game. We are also continuously listening to our members, to try to improve their experience in the MBO. We are still trying to develop ways to amalgamate the divisions during events to reduce the travel time and costs for many of our members who live farther away from the Toronto Area. Next season as well we have a new computer system to allow us to continue running our complicated events with the many pools and options that we allow. Our old systems were created in the 1999-2000 season and can no longer be maintained as they are so old, so an upgrade was needed. And we will restart the MBO Teen Tour, formerly known as the Rookie Tour, to bring YBC Seniors back into our events. They were excluded this year as we were very cautious in allowing anyone other than members to participate again due to our concerns with Covid-19 and our need to protect everyone.

So, as you can see, this Board has been very busy this past season and I'm very proud of the work we have done. I feel that we have a great and diverse group of people here, not just older folks like myself who have been around for a while and sometimes have become set in our ways, but as you can see, we have many younger members who bring new fresh ideas to our association. I hope this trend continues today as we make selections to the 4 positions open on this Board. This past season we began using videos to keep our information available to our members and the feedback has been positive in this effort. We will expand this type of messaging going forward by having the videos on our website as well for those members who may not be on Facebook or have not joined the MBO Group.

In closing, thank you for being here to attend this AGM and to all of our active members who have remained loyal and patient with us this past season, with all of its new protocols, the many changes in our schedule and adjustments we have had to make throughout this year. I look forward to next season and the challenge to rebuild our membership and get back to bowling with the YBC Seniors. We hope you will take the message back out to the field of bowlers in your area, to promote, educate and talk about the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario.

Thank you,
Dave Johnson
President

2. Acceptance of the 2021 Annual General Meeting minutes through the zone meetings.

Mover: Helen Croteau – X3

Secunder: Brian Lawrence – B2

MOTION CARRIED

First Call for Nominations from the Field

	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>Will Stand</u>
Jim Ronaldson	Kathleen Coombs-Ronaldson	Elaine Freiday	Yes
Kile Robins	Bernie McMillan	France Hotte	Yes

3. **Presentation of the financial statements** for the period ending January 31, 2022, as presented.

- George reviewed the July 31, 2021, Revenue and Expenses actuals, keeping in mind that very little activity occurred in the 2020-2021 season due to COVID 19.
- No questions were asked

- France reviewed the Forecast and Projected details for Revenue, Expenses, Net Profit and Loss as well as our Fund Balances for the 2021-2022 season
- France explained that we did not invest in any GIC's this past season as we were able to eliminate all bank fees by keeping our funds in our bank account. The cost of the bank fees is more than the interest we would have earned in GIC's. The one exception is the GIC that is used for collateral to secure the MBAO credit card.
- No questions were asked

Motion to accept the Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2021.

Mover: Larry Palmby – C3

Secunder: Kile Robins – D1

MOTION CARRIED

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

Mover: Brian Lawrence - B2

Secunder: Don Cunningham - B2

MOTION CARRIED

5. **Second Call for Nominations from the Field**
Third Call for Nominations from the Field

Elections – 4 positions available for 5 nominees

<u>Slate</u>	<u>Will Stand</u>	<u>Nominations from Field</u>	<u>Will Stand</u>
Nathan Cooper – J1	No	Jim Ronaldson – T2	Yes
Jim Head - F2	Yes	Kile Robins – D1	Yes
Dj Villeneuve – C3	Yes		

Elaine Freiday – X2 Yes

Each Nominee had an opportunity to address the attendees. Scrutineers were Nathan Cooper, Cindy Toll, Pat Hotte and Brian Lawrence

Nomination results and congratulations go to:

Jim Head, Dj Villeneuve, Elaine Freiday and Kile Robins

Motion: To destroy ballots and the tally sheet

Mover: Phil Winter – G2

Seconded: Benoit Croteau – X3

MOTION CARRIED

6. New Business (Motions/Recommendations attached)

BOARD MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2021-22 SEASON

To revise the MBO Dress Code to include the following paragraph. This revision should remain as members may still want the option to wear protective items (Mask, shields, etc.) even post pandemic. Members will be permitted to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during MBO events. In some cases, depending on public health and the host bowling centre, masks may be mandatory. Masks may not have any derogatory logos, sayings, or statements.

Motion moved by Tournament Committee

Seconded by Elaine Freiday

To change all Teaching Optional Events from 6 games to 5 games. This will be for the 2021-2022 Season and will be reviewed at the end of that season to determine if this is a permanent change"; will allow us to spend less time in the bowling centre and money as game costs for this coming year will be \$6; Dave explained that he no longer believes the point system that he was suggesting at the last meeting will work for Teaching events; it's all POA so the number of games doesn't really impact the results.

Motion moved by Tournament Committee

Seconded by PJ Cole

We hold off on the YBC Rookie Tour and evaluate if we can include them starting with MWB event in January 2022 even if we can run normal events"; for the safety of our younger players and see how our events are running first; they would bowl MWB and Eastern; they would bowl 10 games for Jake Tamamoto award.

Motion moved by Tournament Committee

Seconded by Elaine Freiday

Above motions were passed by the Board of Directors on July 20, 2021

Motion was brought forward to rename the Master's Rookie Tour to the MBO Teen Tour, effective with the relaunch in 2022.

Motion moved by Elaine Freiday

Seconded by France Charette

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on October 18, 2021

If only two events are held for the MBO Teen Tour, we recommend not awarding Bursary winners.

Motion moved by France Charette

Seconded by Barb Chapman

The Committee is recommending that we will not refund any National Assessment that has already been collected however, if the National events are cancelled, we are recommending that any further National Assessment money collected, will be allocated as prize money.

Motion moved by Rob Macdonald

Seconded by France Hotte

Above motions were passed by the Board of Directors on November 16, 2021

FMY and SMY Provincials be cancelled due to 50% capacity, even 2 shifts would be difficult to manage the number of people; we'd need a centre that's bigger than 24 lanes; possibly run a virtual event; cost savings and timing to eliminate Provincials would be helpful; trying to be aware of safety issues for all involved; vote on cancelling FMY and SMY Provincials for this year

Board voted all in favour

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on January 27, 2022

Given the change and the cancellation of the Provincial rounds of the Fall and Spring Master Youth Events, the MBO will be awarding a payout of \$100 for all Zone Master winners in both the Fall and Spring Master Youth events.

Motion moved by Finance Committee

Seconded by Brinley Hole

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on February 28, 2022

Tournament Fee Increase:

Due to the increase in suggested lineage rates by Bowl Ontario 5 Pin to \$6.00 per game for Adults and \$5.00 per game for Youth and Seniors, or more, the Board is recommending an increase to tournament entry fees for the 2022-23 Season.

Teaching Division would increase by \$10.00

Tournament Division would increase by \$15.00

Seniors Division would increase by \$10.00

MBO Teen Tour would increase by \$10.00

Motion moved by Finance Committee

Seconded by Dj Villeneuve

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on March 29, 2022

Question from the floor: Do these fees include the Fall and Spring Master Youth events?
The response by George was yes.

Phil Winter: This would make some bowlers lean toward playing unaffiliated vs. with the kids, especially if the Master is paying the full amount to play. He suggested maybe only increase the fees for these events by \$5 vs. \$10.

Kevin Robins: Some centres pay for the kids, some don't but Master still pays full amount.

Vicky Robins: COVID 19 has impacted the proprietors as well.

Nathan Cooper: Possibly discuss your situation with the proprietors or even the parents, maybe they would be willing to offer something for their kids to play.

Dave Johnson: feels that the proprietor should only pay for those Masters' that are regularly coaching the kids. The MBO still needs to pay for lineage, trophies, swag tags, including Liability Insurance.

Phil Winter also brought forward the suggestion to increase the fee for the Year End tournament, like that of the New Years as we are paying winners for both Men's and Ladies separately. With the extra payouts and the addition of extra games bowled at this event, increasing the fee would help cover both the increased lineage and increased prize money.

BOARD MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2022-23 SEASON

The Board of Directors have no motions for vote submitted for the 2022-23 Season.

ZONE MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2022-23 SEASON

MOTION BY G2: Change average calculation effective 2022-23 season for all divisions to be two (2) previous years of Masters game scores plus current games bowled in Masters events

Motion moved by Russell Furlong

Seconded by Catherine Sullivan

Rational for Motion – With Masters having health issues affect their ability to compete at a higher average it is taking longer for averages to adjust for those that do suffer health issues but still wish to compete on the tours regularly. Also, with the adjustments we have had to make during COVID to run our events such as bowling on the same set of lanes for an entire event it could be affecting a Master's average to be an accurate read of how they have been playing.

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

Catherine Sullivan provided some examples to support the rational for this motion. Due to COVID 19, the averages haven't been rolled since 2016. This is a 6-year difference and for the Senior's Division, it means they're now 6 years older.

Vicky Robins: Spoke about someone having an injury, therefore rolling every 2 years would be very helpful.

Rasa Roberts: COVID has created anomaly years and feels that going to 2 years is too much. You could have a very good year then can't compete the next year.

Dave Johnson: Explained how the 4 years decision was made. Some Masters only bowl the 2 youth events (6 games) and to have their averages roll every 2 or 3 years was felt to be too often, causing dramatic changes. It was approved that 4 years was the most appropriate for all members. If injuries are involved, then medical exceptions can be made. He used Brenda Pankoff as an example. She was a 240 average bowler, had an accident and became a 130 average bowler after a year of recuperating. She requested approval for her average to be lowered and it was approved.

Kevin Robins: He explained his injury and has been working on improving his medical situation however, things aren't going too well for him right now. Could he be considered for an exemption? The answer is yes, you can apply to the Board of Directors for an adjustment to recalculate your average.

This motion went to a vote: 14 in favour, 22 against – Motion Defeated

Further discussion regarding the above motion:

Nathan Cooper: This isn't something that happens every year.

Catherine Sullivan: What makes you feel someone is disabled enough to qualify for this exemption?

Jim Head: The Board doesn't make medical decisions; they would only look at the changes in their bowling average that may have occurred since their injury/illness.

Dave Johnson: Someone could intentionally bowl lower scores in their league to show an average lower than their actual Masters average. When making Nationals, they could present a lower average sheet to be used by the National program. We need to protect the field for all divisions.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2022-23 SEASON

The Board of Directors have no recommendations for the 2022-23 Season.

ZONE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2022-23 SEASON

Recommendation from D1:

To move tournaments around more to give more centres a chance to hold Provincial Events, even if it means an extra shift.

Response: There have been many bowling centres that have closed recently. We have very few large centres remaining as well. We would run a Saturday and Sunday shift before running 2 shifts in the same day. The Tournament Committee will take a closer look at this when setting up next year's schedule.

Recommendation from G2:

To reduce the number of medals given to teams so that youth only receive medals. Potential cost savings toward the profit/loss of the Association.

Response: George shared that the medals cost about \$7.95 each and we have been advised that some Masters would be very upset if medals weren't awarded to them as well. We need to look at a different way to save money.

Recommendations from X2:

More communication and NOT just Facebook. The Zone feels we cannot rely on Facebook as not everyone has it. Possibly the transcript of the video information could be emailed as well to keep everyone informed.

Response: Emailing the video would be very time-consuming and possibly too large to send that way however, we can put these on the website. To do this, it must go through YouTube. It's been put out their once and Dave hasn't had any YouTube feedback so far so this process will continue.

List of those Members (it won't be many), that require telephone notice of changes to schedule, should be kept at either the Office, the Board or Zone Delegate communicate with these Members.

Response: This is something that the Zone Delegate should be aware of and therefore handle as part of their role.

Fall Master Youth (FMY) and Spring Master Youth (SMY) Provincials. The idea we have this year of holding together is somewhat appreciated as some of our kids are very young and could potentially be bowling in both Provincials, consider one on Saturday and one on Sunday. If Masters have come from a distance (like X2), they are staying over anyway. This was the younger bowlers or less attentive bowlers will be able to fully compete.

Response: The Tournament Committee will review this when setting up the schedule for next year.

Recommendations from X3:

To keep FMY and SMY Provincials on the same weekend.

To keep MWB Provincials on Day 1 of Year End.

Response: We will see how things work out this year and consider all options when putting the schedule together for next year.

QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

Comment from D1:

With so many things going electronic in our lives, the Zone feels it is important to continue with that personal connection of reaching out to Members rather than just posting on Facebook.

Many Members are not on Facebook and receiving an email, phone call or mail will give a more personal connection to help keep those Members informed.

Response: This will be considered for next year.

Comment from X2:

Mid Winter Blues (MWB) will be interesting to see how holding the Provincial with Year End goes. X2 likes the idea. The other thought was "if" you have the FMY and SMY over two days, you could hold MWB the Saturday after the first event.

Response: As per recommendations from X2, the Tournament Committee will take this into consideration when developing next year's schedule.

Additional Comments:

PJ Cole: Zone D1 and D2 combined for MWB for the 2021-2022 season as there were issues with scheduling a tournament with few participants. We are hoping to proceed to run the Fall and Spring Master Youths as a combined zone for 2022-2023. We are asking that the Board considers amalgamating D1 and D2 to be "Zone D" moving forward.

Dave Johnson: We are planning to consider doing some zone realignment during the summer. We hope to be able to align more closely with Bowl Ontario.

Phil Winter: His zone would prefer the Fall and Spring Master Youth badges vs. the swag tags.
Response: The Board felt that it would be better if we followed along with the Bowl Ontario swag tags. That way, all the awards for the youth are in one place. Also, some have complained about sewing/ironing on badges as they often don't do well after several washes.

Vicky Robins: One son had badges and the other had swag tags. She was not impressed with the swag tags however she wasn't going to sew on anymore badges either.

Kathleen Coombs-Ronaldson: Kathleen shared her zones' concern that the Fall and Spring Master Youth medals were no longer available.

Response: No, this isn't the case, but the number of medals were prorated based on the number of participants in the events. For example, if you had 5 teams bowling, you weren't going to get the full slate of medals.

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

7. Motion to Adjourn

Mover: Bernie McMillan – B1

Seconded: Cindy Toll – X3

MOTION CARRIED

Coaching Selection for the 2021-2022 MBAC National Championships:

1st Teaching Women

2nd Teaching Men

3rd Seniors
4th Tournament Women
5th Tournament Men

Wild Card for Seniors:
2022 – Women’s POA
2023 – Men’s Scratch
2024 – Women’s Scratch
2025 – Men’s POA