

MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In-Person Meeting at Nebs Fun World

May 6, 2023



Roll Call: Dave Johnson – JKL, Elaine Freiday – X, George Tughan – C, Barb Chapman – JKL, Bernie McMillan - B, Brinley Hole – F, Dj Villeneuve – C, France Hotte – X, Jim Head – F, Kile Robins – D, PJ Cole – D, Rob Macdonald – B, Andrea Disher – D, Rachel Horan – X, Steve Horan – X, Helene Croteau – X, James Montague – F, Abbey Dunn – E, Melissa Downey – E, Geoff Dunn – E, Rosa Roberts – B, Shawn Russell – B, Bob Pellow – B, Lynn Kilborne – B, Glen McDonald – B, Brian Lawrence – B, Cody Dibiasi – B, Liam Ostrom – X, Ted Kormann – JKL, Tracy Smith – D, Rich Vassos – D, Bill Stockill – D, Bob Walters – E, Brenda Walters – E, Lisa Groombridge – GP, Ken Groombridge – GP, Myranda Winter – GP, Phil Winter – GP, Nicole Villeneuve – C, Vicky Robins – D, Josh Robins – D, Lindsay Richardson – D, Adam Rainville – X, Brad Gaudreau – D, Laura Barton – D, Davin Florent – JKL, Pat Hotte – X, Kevin Cox – B, Ryan Johnson – F.

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Dave Johnson, President

Dave offered his opening comments, welcoming everyone to this year's meeting. He advised the attendees to feel free to ask any questions.

Dave confirmed who he was to any new members and introduced the Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 season. He started off by thanking the Board of Directors for all of their hard work this past season. It has been challenging. He explained that some of our Board meetings can be quite vocal and challenging as there could be as many as 12 different views about something, all coming to the table at the same time. It always ends with a decision that everyone is able to work with.

Our Board of Directors are as follows:

Bernie McMillan is a long time Board member, who helps with fundraising, many of our tournament events and is a zone delegate.

Brinley Hole, tournament committee, zone delegate and always willing to assist in running our tournaments no matter where they are.

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.

PJ Cole, a member of our finance committee. He is helping to ensure we maintain our ability to operate 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.

Rob Macdonald is our Chair of the Tournament Committee who reviews and advises any suggestions/changes that the members bring forward regarding how the tournaments are run. He also assists us in many events.

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France Hotte, our 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 monthly.

Barb Chapman, our secretary who has taken notes to prepare our monthly Board Meetings Minutes and worked various Tournament Events

George Tughan, our Treasurer, has kept his experience 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 Dave on the National Committee, is a member of our executive Board and you see her at so many of our events.

Kile Robins is our newest member of the Board who was voted in at our last AGM. He has been working closely with Elaine on the Membership Committee this year.

Finally, Andrea Disher, the Director of Operations manages all the daily activities to ensure the association runs smoothly as well as our tournament events. She is no longer running the office for Bowl Ontario, so she is now able to have a better Work/Life balance. In addition to the MBO position, she has accepted a position with the MBAC, to assist with the stats for the National events. Thank you for all that you have done for us.

I'm sure we are all pleased to be back to our pre-COVID bowling protocols and happy to say that our membership is higher this year than what we projected. It's also been nice to see so many Teen Tour players attend this past season.

I'm also pleased to report that our Elimination Draw is sold out again, thanks to the Board's effort as well as Elaine's and the Fundraising Chair, Dj.

I feel that we have a great and diverse group of people here. We have many younger members who bring new fresh ideas to our association. I hope this trend continues today as we make selections for 4 positions that are available on this Board for the upcoming season. Last 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 our active members who have remained loyal to the MBO. I look forward to next season and the challenge to continue to rebuild our membership. 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

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2. **Acceptance of the 2022 Annual General Meeting minutes through the zone meetings.**

Mover: Brian Lawrence - B

Seconded: Helene Croteau - X

MOTION CARRIED

Elections

Slate

Brinley Hole

France Hotte

PJ Cole

Rob Macdonald

Nominations from the Field

Ken Groombridge

3. **Motion to accept the Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2022 as presented by France** (see attached)

Mover: Adam Rainville - X

Seconded: Bill Stockhill - D

MOTION CARRIED

First Call for Nominations from the Field

	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>Will Stand</u>
Lindsay Richardson	Barb Chapman	Rob Macdonald	Yes
Nicole Villeneuve	Kevin Robins	PJ Cole	Yes

4. **Motion to accept the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 season.**

Mover: Lindsay Richardson - D

Seconded: Laura Barton - D

MOTION CARRIED

5. **Presentation of the financial statements** for the period ending July 31, 2022, as presented.

- France reviewed the July 31, 2022, Revenue and Expenses actuals.
- 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 2022-2023 season
- No questions were asked

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Second Call for Nominations from the Field Third Call for Nominations from the Field

Elections – 4 positions available for 7 nominees

<u>Slate</u>	<u>Will Stand</u>	<u>Nominations from Field</u>	<u>Will Stand</u>
Brinley Hole – F	Yes	Ken Groombridge – G	Yes
PJ Cole – D	Yes	Lindsay Richardson – D	Yes
France Hotte – X	Yes	Nicole Villeneuve – C	Yes
Rob Macdonald – E	Yes		

Each Nominee had an opportunity to address the attendees. Scrutineers were Tracy Smith representing the Seniors Division, Davin Florent representing the Tournament Division and Ryan Johnson representing the Teaching Division. Jim Head was to oversee all votes and results.

Nomination results and congratulations go to:

PJ Cole, France Hotte, Rob Macdonald and Lindsay Richardson

Motion: To destroy ballots and the tally sheet

Mover: Phil Winter – G2

Seconder: Pat Hotte – X

MOTION CARRIED

New Business (Motions/Recommendations attached)

BOARD MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON

To continue the agreement with Quebec Masters, that any Member living in Ontario must be inactive for at least two seasons before being eligible to play Masters in Quebec.

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

The first eight games qualifying at Club Tour count to your aggregate and only those eight games will count towards the Perfect Game Pool.

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on January 24, 2023

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BOARD MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

That a credit card fee be added to all credit card transactions based on the following chart:

Charges between	Fee
\$0 - \$50	No charge
\$51 - \$100	\$1
\$101 - \$200	\$2
\$201 - \$300	\$3
\$301 - \$400	\$4
Greater than \$401	\$5

Credit card charges are continuing to increase, and we still want to allow members to use this method of payment while trying to keep our expenses down. Other options of payment are cash or e-transfer, and neither would be impacted by this transaction fee.

Moved by the Finance Committee

Seconded by Jim Head

- It was suggested that the MBAO charge processing fees
- The O5 and Bowl Ontario no longer accept credit cards
- If we charge the bowler for using their credit card as above, we must stay within the law
- Various sources of communication to the members, will be updated (E.g. Facebook, membership and renewal forms as well as the website.

Approved by Brian Lawrence – B

Seconded by Bob Pellow - B



Carried



Defeated



Withdrawn

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

To allow MBAC National shirts from another Province to be worn in MBAO events. This does not include souvenir shirts.

Moved by Jim Head

Seconded by Rob Macdonald

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Carried Defeated Withdrawn

- Very brief discussion as all agreed

ZONE MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON

MOTION BY ZONE E: To allow alcohol halfway through a tournament except youth events.

Moved by Martin Talbot

Seconded by Geoff Dunn

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

- There was a lengthy discussion about how this could be rolled out
- Who handles the policing of this if someone goes overboard; how much constitutes overboard
- Does the MBAO have any legal responsibility; if there is a problem, it's possible that other bowling centres won't want us back
- If there's an exception for alcohol, what about drugs; it's felt that this may already be happening
- We should hold up to professional standards
- We should consider obtaining legal advice on how to handle this
- If approved, then consider implementing a maximum number of drinks (e.g. two each)
- Changed to recommendation by Geoff Dunn so that further research/investigation can be made specifically around who is responsible should something unforeseen happen. Some felt it was the bowling center, others felt it would be the MBAO as it was our event

MOTION BY ZONE GP: All Teaching Division events – allow the opportunity to use the better of two days if they choose to play both days of an Optional Event for Aggregate purposes. (similar to New Years Classic)

Moved by Russell Furlong

Seconded by Ken Groombridge

Rational for Motion – Since we allow this option at the New Years Classic, why not allow it for all Teaching Division events. Plus, there would be a number of Masters that would choose to play both days of the Optional Events which would generate more revenue for the Association. One point was that a Master may not be feeling well on the Saturday and not play to their optimum, but after an evening of rest, feel better the next day and play much better, thus they could be helping their Aggregate Standing by having this option.

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Carried Defeated Withdrawn

- The price would remain the same
- Could potentially mean more entries overall
- May make for too many players on a lane; maximum is six on a lane
- There may not be room on the second day if many choose not to bowl the first day; there is a limit to the number of bowlers per day
- Could really cause some complications
- Some members may not be able to afford to play the second day

MOTION BY ZONE GP: Move the New Years Classic to a bowling centre that has capacity to hold the tournament greater than 144 bowlers.

Moved by Jason Davidson-Thoms Seconded by Russell Furlong

Rational for Motion – To try to avoid bowling with six bowlers on a lane.

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

- The Tournament Committee is already aware of this and will most likely be moving this tournament to Ottawa in November
- This will become the Mixed Triples tournament

MOTION BY ZONE X: Triples tournament format be brought to Ottawa tournament weekend. Orleans provides more lanes (32), versus the current (24) from Towne Bowl. This would allow the opportunity to spread out the players to avoid having six players on a lane.

Moved by Cindy Toll Seconded by Pat Hotte

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

- See comment above

MOTION BY ZONE E: To change bottoms of the dress code to include all black pants except joggers, sweatpants, jeans, and cargo pants. There must be no sheer material.

Moved by Melissa Downey Seconded by Abbey Dunn

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

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- There was a discussion on this and the following two motions. This motion was approved, and the following motions were withdrawn

MOTION BY ZONE JKL: To amend the dress code to Ladies pants to include Yoga Pants or Capri style provided they are loose at the bottom of the legs. Legging or pants with elastic ankles, draw strings or jogger styles are not allowed. Yoga pants cannot have any sheer material and must be completely black.

Moved by Dave Johnson

Seconded by Laura Spoelstra

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

MOTION BY ZONE X: We would like to introduce Sports Pants and Yoga Pants into the allowable dress code for both Men and Women. Either the Sport or Yoga cannot have cuffs at the ankles (like track pants) or fitted down the leg and at the ankle (like leggings). Material for these pants must be sport or dry weave type material. Normal Track Pants or Leggings that are sweatshirt type material will not meet the criteria being aimed for here.

Moved by Rachel Horan

Seconded by Natalie Patrick

Carried Defeated Withdrawn

It was agreed by the attendees that the MBO Board of Directors will review the following recommendations and report back at the beginning of our next season.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ZONES

Recommendation from Zone X:

Move the Ottawa tournament for Tournament and Teaching Divisions to November, rather than March / April. As it appears the Open is now going to be in Ottawa as it has been there three years now, it is quite costly for bowlers from Central and Western Ontario to attend this tournament and the Open which are usually within two weeks of each other. November is not normally as costly a month on bowlers.

Recommendation from Zone B:

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For Mid Winter Blues Zone – to extend qualifying into March and / or allow Teen Tour and Masters to bowl on different dates. Provincials are not until May and coordinating a free weekend among all the organizations including Masters, O5, YBC and Club Tour is difficult in January and February (not that March is that much better).

Recommendation from Zone X:

Tournament Division: Like the format of the first event in Midland/Collingwood, however when having back to back eight game blocks, Tournament Division should be allowed to drop one of those eight game blocks as their low set. Currently the only drop that can occur is the Club Tour OR Spring Classic. More Flexibility around Aggregate qualifications should be considered, as an example noted above. Several members found Midland/Collingwood difficult to attend either because of work or personal commitments which put them out for the season as they were not eligible for Nationals. The early start time of the season took many off-guard as the Tournament Division first event has been November for many years now. Ottawa event on the calendar should be MANDATORY.

Recommendation from Matt Wallace
(Player) & Elaine Freiday

Secunder: Victor Collins (former Tournament
Player)

Recommendation from Zone GP:

If Year Ends stay split, bowlers must declare prior to the Year End weekends which actual Aggregate they are playing for. This year there appears to be a number of Tournament members playing both the Tournament Aggregate and Teaching Aggregate. When was the decision made to change this from happening because in previous years, early on when the hybrid membership was offered, a Master needed to declare which of the two Aggregates they were playing for prior to Year End. There is no question of players playing in either of the Tournament or Teaching Division event to win prize money, but when it came to Aggregate, they were kept separate.

Recommendation from Zone GP:

We would like to see if there is a way to have enforcement of the “no moving” from your current lane until everyone is done situation. Many times lanes are finishing at different times so bowlers are taking their bowling balls and such off the rack and heading to their next set of lanes which is creating chaos in the playing area for those bowlers still trying to finish their games so they can move onto their next set of lanes. If there was some kind of announcement at the beginning of each tournament that no one should be removing bowling balls off the lanes and heading to their next set of lanes until all are completed it would help minimize some of that chaos. Consider adding a penalty for those that continue to ignore that request.

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Recommendation from Zone GP:

Our Zone once again would like to put a recommendation forward to change the average calculation process. Or recommendation for the 2023-2024 season and going forward is for all divisions to be calculated based on the two previous years of Masters game scores plus current games bowled in Masters events. Yes, this is a recommendation for this year as it was a motion last year. Some of the feedback received at last years Annual Meeting was that the current process was used to help protect the field especially those members which only play the two Master Youth Event each year. We looked through the previous four years of Aggregate Standings, and the total number of Masters (Ladies and Men) which only played the six Youth Event games was less then 30% each year, so if the rationale is to protect the field, how is this correct when 70% of the field plays a number of events each year beyond the two Youth Events? Also feedback last year was that it was not fair for a bowler to carry a high average because they have one strong year. Actually, using the current average format means that said bowler will carry the higher average longer because that high year is kept in their calculation for four years, not just two; again, meaning we are not seeing the true average for said bowler since they have the anomaly year in their calculation.

Coaching Selection for the 2023 MBAC National Championships:

1st Teaching Men

2nd Seniors

3rd Tournament Women

4th Tournament Men

5th Teaching Women

Wild Card for Seniors:

2023 – Men's Scratch

2024 – Women's Scratch

2025 – Men's POA

2026 – Women's POA