

2010 WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGM

Reduce our current Provincial tournaments to 3 that all lead to a National Championship. They would include Open, Youth Challenge and High Low Doubles where the top two teams go on to the Inter Provincial Tournament. The Triples, Executive and Holiday Classic would be run as Zone tournaments.

Reason: This would eliminate costs that are associated with Provincial tournaments such as travel, hotel and uniform costs. For the three tournaments being run at the zone level this would eliminate the trips and vouchers (Visa, Wal-Mart, and Canadian Tire) would be given to the winners. Amount of vouchers would be based on entries.

At the Provincial Open a Singles Stepladder for the Senior Team be adopted.

Reason: This would give the seniors bowlers an added incentive and would add more excitement to the step ladder finals.

At the High Low Doubles take the first and second place teams and give them trips to the south the same as it is now and let the third and fourth place team combine for the Inter Provincial Tournament.

Reason: This will allow 4 more bowlers the opportunity to travel and experience a National event.

At all Provincial Tournaments charge a \$ 25.00 assessment fee to cover lineage and banquet. This fee would not be charged at the Open or the Youth Challenge.

Reason: This would help reduce some of the costs to the Zones/DC's and help with the bottom line.

Increase the Zone/DC portion of the Association Executive Tournament to include all Zone/DC Board of Directors. For the League Executive portion each Zone/DC would run a separate tournament for all league executives and the top three from each roll off would compete at the Provincials. At the Provincials everyone will bowl together and 3 trips will be awarded.

Reason: This will allow more Zone /DC board members (who are the backbone of our association) the opportunity to compete at a Provincial tournament.

To have two tournament weekends for all provincial tournaments. The first weekend would be in late February and would include the Association Tournament and the High Low Doubles. The second weekend could be held later in the calendar and include Triples and Holiday Classic. One tournament would be held in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Reason: This would help relieve the problem of traveling in the winter months and free up a weekend on the calendar. We then can have a banquet and entertainment on the Saturday evening the same as the Association/High Low Doubles weekend. We would eliminate the Friday night reception.

Continue with the rolling average but based on the last 5 seasons of bowling (2005/06 to 2009/10).

Explanation: Membership lists for the 2009/10 season will be sent out early May to all zones to fill in the required 3 columns. This year you will submit the number of games bowled as well as the pinfall attained for all members, no matter the number of games bowled. Shortly an excel file will be sent to all Zones requesting assistance in determining if bowlers are the same person with 2 different membership numbers or in fact they are 2 different people. A new C5PBA membership system will be adopted next season to allow for the calculation for all games bowled by a bowler. Currently it is based on a membership number. It will be imperative that all files are returned in a timely manner so the renumbering of the membership can proceed.

Include all averages for Provincial tournaments into the average book.

Reason: This would give those bowlers who excel in tournaments a fairer average.

A brief discussion was held with regards to the economy and the HST and some felt we should leave the tournaments alone for now.

Reason: We all should keep this in mind when we discuss any of these recommendations and we will have a discussion period before we talk about any tournament motions.

The Board of Directors on an ongoing basis constantly looks at ways to improve the organization as well as the tournaments we run. During one of the workshops the Youth Challenge was discussed and was suggested we look at holding a Provincial round instead of the current regional round. We have asked the tournament committee to look at this before a recommendation can be made. Do to the fact Winter Games is run every other year we need to contact the Ontario Government to see if we would still qualify for funding. As soon as the committee reports back to the board we then will send the recommendation to the field.

The second idea the tournament committee has been asked to look at is amalgamating the Senior Open into the Open as a division similar to Men's, Ladies and Mixed. Again once the committee has had a chance to review this we will report back to the delegates as soon as possible.

Please feel free to discuss these two items when your boards review the other recommendations and the motions.

Set up the following three workshops for AGM. All workshops will be 45 minutes long giving all the delegates the opportunity to attend all of them.

Membership

Will exam all opportunities to expand our membership including youth, seniors and looking into our Ethnic communities. Look into ways to make our sport more attractive to these three groups.

- Look into a new optimum card (look at partnership not sponsorship with large companies such as Shoppers Drug Mart)
- Need to better market our sport

Volunteers

Will exam ways of increasing our membership as well as better education for our volunteers. Will also look into volunteer retention.

- Need to find newer younger volunteers to help combat aging volunteer base and burn out
- Need to better educate our volunteers
- Look into a mentoring program for our volunteers and coaches
- Look into advantage of a 2 for 1 membership for our League secretaries

Communications

Will exam how we all can better communicate from the board level to the local associations to our league bowlers? We will also be looking at new ways to promote our game to the public.

- Need to communicate better with our bowlers
- Look into Face book and Twitter
- Need better communications with our Proprietors