

# **ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS ASSOCIATION**

## **CONVENTION 2004 – COMMITTEE MEETING #2**

**Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Chair:** Harold Stoddart

<b>Directors/Staff/Field:</b>	Jennifer Guay	John Creswell
	Dave Post	Rheal Champagne
	Al Hong	Rhonda Gifford
	Paul Brown	Walter Knapp

**Recording Secretary:** Mickey McNeil

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Harold Stoddart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Good morning Board of Directors, fellow bowlers, ladies and gentlemen. Year after year we receive from the field, motions, recommendations and letters of concern regarding certain situations that have arisen during league play, roll-offs at the Zone Regional or Provincial levels. In all cases we try to come up with agreeable solutions that will satisfy all concerned, but still retain the integrity of the game. Overall, it means that you and your tournament committees are not content to sit back but are actively seeking ways to make this organization run better. Please continue to keep them coming. We would also appreciate hearing from you on what we are doing well so that we may be able to use the good points to enhance our other events.

At this time I would like to congratulate the tournament winners as listed on pages 99 to 102 in the Convention Book. Also, congratulations to the Ontario Men's team Gold and Ladies team Silver medal wins at the Open Nationals in Quebec in May. Also, congratulations to Jim Thorpe for his Gold in the Singles.

The Tournament Committee is focusing on making improvements not only to tournament formats, but also to scheduling timelines and fine tuning of rules and regulations. For example: This was the first year for the Open Seniors and it was a resounding success and we expect more Zones to participate this year. Thanks to all those Zones that put the extra effort forward this year to enter a team. And thanks again to Brenda.

Also this year we held the \$10,000.00 Shootout and Strike It Big and they were also overall successes.

New this year in the Green Book and Secretary's handbook will be a withdrawal form to be used by all that withdraw from the tournament.

The dress rule for Provincial tournaments has been addressed. Not only does the zone and DC have a responsibility but now the bowler also does by signing the dress code letter. The fine for non-compliance is now \$50.00.

### **GREEN BOOK**

Harold Stoddart reviewed the Tournament Report outlined on pages 89-90 in the Convention Book.

The 2004-2005 edition of the Green Book will be printed after all the tournaments have been reviewed and approved at this convention. Each Association will receive three (3) copies of the "Green Book". In addition, the O5PBA will forward a copy to all proprietors in our member houses. These will be distributed in mid-September just prior to the start of the tournament season. The office will have a limited number of copies for purchase. The Green Book will also be available for downloading on our website at [www.o5pba.ca](http://www.o5pba.ca).

The following events will be held for the 2004-2005 bowling season:

- a. Ontario Open 5 Pin Championships
- b. High-Low Doubles 5 Pin Championships
- c. Youth Challenge/Ontario Winter Games
- d. Association Executives' 5 Pin Championships
- e. League Executive 5 Pin Championships
- f. Truca\$h Holiday Classic 5 Pin Championships
- g. Ontario \$10,000.00 Shoot-Out
- h. Provincial 5 Pin Team Championships
- i. Ontario Senior Citizen's 5 Pin Championships (Singles and Mixed Doubles)
- j. Strike-It-Big Tournament
- k. Ontario 5 Pin Booster Club Championships

The Tournament Committee made the following recommendations:

- a. High-Low Doubles 5 Pin Championships – use the first fifteen (15) games for qualifying
- b. \$10,000.00 Shoot-Out – use the first nine (9) consecutive games for qualifying
- c. Provincial 5 Pin Team Championships – use the first fifteen (15) games for qualifying
- d. League Executive tournament may have to have a price increase in order to fulfill the mandate to not run a tournament at a loss.

Wendy Dingman – Huronia, asked why not just go with the first five (5) or eight (8) weeks and Doug Connerty of Ottawa Valley also thought the weeks would be better

Harold stated the fifteen games complied with the fact that it had to be completed by a certain date and also that the High Low Doubles format had to comply with the National format.

Doug Connerty of Ottawa Valley wanted to know the criteria for the Rookie selection at the Open. He felt it should be in writing so everyone knows the format. Jennifer Guay advised that the individual scores, matches won and the results of the first five games of the singles were used to determine the Rookie of the Year; she also stated that the format could be set down on paper.

Doug Connerty of Ottawa Valley asked how successful the Strike-It-Big tournament was. He advised that the wording on the tickets were a problem in their area. Al Hong suggested that the wording on the tickets for the coming season could read "\$5,000.00 to use towards bowling"

Iris Heney – Merivale 5 Pin asked if we knew what the increase would be. John Creswell advised that it would have to be reassessed and we would not know the amount until next year. Jennifer Guay suggested running it as a regional round only to curb the cost.

Wendy Dingman – Huronia wondered if the Zones would agree to allow this tournament only to run at a deficit. Doug Connerty – Ottawa Valley felt that if we continued to raise the cost, we would lose more bowlers. Jennifer Guay indicated that an increase will probably not take place, but if it was absolutely necessary, could the board do so. Iris Heney - Merivale wanted to know if the Zones would be given advanced notice on how much. Brian Whalen wanted to know if the increase if necessary could wait until the semi-annual and was told that would be too late. Jennifer Guay suggested a limit of 25% or \$50.00 as a maximum plus GST with appropriate notice. This was agreed upon by the floor.

<b>TEAM TOURNAMENT</b>
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**MERIVALE 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MOTION #1**

<b><i>That the number of bowlers on the teams be reduced to five (5) instead of six (6)</i></b>
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Moved by: Fred Hudson  
Seconded by: Iris Heney

**REASON**

The amount of time it takes to bowl a game with six (6) on a team. Bowlers find it too long.

**Discussion:**

Wendy Dingman – Huronia remarked that many teams consist of couples and it would be difficult to determine who should be removed.

Christine Wheatley – Ontario Durham wondered how many leagues still have six (6) member teams

Diane Anderson – Smiths Falls remarked that the cost would be greater because of the increase in teams

Harold Stoddart advised everyone that the drop in entries has been drastic. Many zones are finding it difficult to field six (6) member teams. The tournament committee is recommending supporting this motion or next year there may not be a tournament at all.

**Motion – Carried****MERIVAL 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MOTION #2**

*That teams with less than six (6) bowlers shall add bowlers from those non-qualifying ones. The bowler with the most pins over at the end of the five (5) weeks qualifying round that did not qualify to advance would be the 1<sup>st</sup> chosen to make up the six (6) bowlers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> most pins over would be the next chosen and so on until all qualifying teams have a roster of six (6) bowlers.*

Moved by: Fred Hudson

Seconded by: Iris Heney

**Reason**

It seems to be a fairer way. Bowlers like it. The present format is open to interpretation.

**Discussion:**

The motion was amend by the Mover and seconder.

**AMENDED MOTION #2**

*That teams with less than five (5) bowlers shall add bowlers from those non-qualifying ones, the bowler with the most pins over at the end of the five (5) weeks qualifying round that did not qualify to advance would be the 1<sup>st</sup> chosen to make up the five (5) bowlers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> most pins over would be the next chosen and so on until all qualifying teams have a roster of five (5) bowlers.*

Moved by: Fred Hudson

Seconded by: Iris Heney

**Original motion was defeated**

Amended motion was defeated.

BOOSTER CLUB

**ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

***To have the number of games at the Provincial Championships reduced from five (5) games to three (3) games***

**Discussion**

Brenda Fraser – Niagara felt that three (3) games did not give sufficient time to determine an average.

**MAPLE RIDGE 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

***To have the Provincial tournament modeled after the Pro-Am. At the Provincial level, the prizes are awarded as cash instead of merchandise prizes.***

**Discussion:**

Brian Whalen – Maple Ridge suggested we look at the numbers in order to generate more revenue

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

**MAPLE RIDGE 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MOTION #1**

***The Open qualifying rounds be extended to January***

Moved by: Brian Whalen

Seconded by: Bev Chandler

**Reason**

To help alleviate the monetary stress before Christmas

**Discussion:**

Mike Gill – Ontario Durham felt that if an extension would generate more entries maybe it could be extended.

Joanne Campbell of Hamilton talked against the motion

Russ Davies – Garrison Lanes wondered if the date could be moved back to November

Harold Stoddart commented that he personally was still paying off Christmas in January. He also mentioned that any Zone can ask for an extension from the office on an individual basis.

**The motion was defeated.**

**MAPLE RIDGE 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MOTION #2**

***Have the playoffs for the team competition be the Paige format instead of the current stepladder format***

Moved by: Brian Whalen

Seconded by: Bev Chandler

**Discussion:**

Brian Whalen – Maple Ridge felt that it would enable the better team to advance

Iain MacLean – Kawartha Lakes explained the Paige format and agreed with the motion

Harold Stoddart explained that the format is presently per the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

**The motion was defeated.**

**TOURNAMENTS - GENERAL**

**MERIVAL 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MOTION**

***That the offending bowler be responsible for paying the fine before they participate in the event that they have qualified for.***

Moved by: Mike Heney

Seconded by: Fred Hudson

**Reason**

The bowler having signed the Waiver Form is aware of the rules and has agreed to them. Therefore, the Zone or D.C. should not be held responsible.

**Discussion:**

Jennifer Guay indicated that the motion does not read as what was intended by Mike Heney.

## **AMENDED MOTION**

***That the offending bowler be invoiced directly, with copies to the Zone or D.C. for the event they have qualified for if responsible for a dress code violation.***

Moved by: Mike Heney  
Seconded by: Fred Hudson

### **Discussion:**

Mike Heney – Merivale 5 Pin did not feel that the Zone or D.C. should be held responsible.

Chris Moore – Huronia felt the Waiver Form should indicate the bowler's responsibility for the fine or suffer suspension in the next season.

Joanne Campbell – Hamilton advised that their bowlers sign a form indicating they are responsible for any fines levied against them.

Wendy Dingman – Huronia did not feel that the Zone or D.C. required a copy.

Jim Hanagan – Grand River wanted to know if the bowler could still bowl and was told yes.

Wendy Dingman – Huronia thought that the bowlers should be notified before starting to bowl.

Harold Stoddart told her that it would be impossible since not all the bowlers are in proper dress when they register.

Joanne Campbell – Hamilton advised that their bowlers get a letter advising of the dress code at the time they receive their shirts.

**Amended Motion was carried**  
**Original motion was defeated.**

## **MAPLE RIDGE 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION** **RECOMMENDATION**

***When booking hotels for tournaments, have the hotel set up certain floors so that all the bowlers can be together. This could possibly help with the noise level of everyone running up and down the stairs and elevators.***

### **Discussion:**

Brian Whalen – Maple Ridge felt that keeping the party goers together would help everyone.

Harold Stoddart advised that since we book 250 of 300 rooms it was impossible to do what was being suggested. Also, some bowlers request king size beds, double beds, smoking rooms, etc...

## **MOTION FROM THE FLOOR**

***Any bowler indicating they will be attending the banquet, and do not do so, will be invoiced for the cost of the dinner personally.***

Moved by: Russ Davies – Garrison Lanes  
Seconded by: Doug Plummer – Bay of Quinte

### **Discussion:**

Rosemary Davidson – Mikes Lanes suggest that the Zones and D.C.'s should charge the bowlers up front and then give the money to O5.

Jim Hanagan – Grand River wanted to know who would police.

Al Hong will control the invoicing.

### **Motion carried.**

Jim Marshall – Smith Falls wanted to know when it was decided to drop the welcome parties from the tournament as it was not noted in any of the minutes. Jennifer Guay advised that it was the result of a survey done last year and discussed via slide presentation at a committee meeting at the Annual Convention. Jim felt the tournament directors should have been advised and again recommended better communication.

Russ Davies – Garrison Lanes wanted to know if all Zones offered the Senior Division of the Open to their bowlers. They were unable to advise their bowlers before the roll off started and therefore bowlers arrived and did not bowl. Harold Stoddart mentioned that in order to be able to have the knowledge before hand, they would have to pre register and not have the walk ins.

Brenda Hamilton – Central Ontario mentioned that again the registration forms for the Open did not advise of the Senior Division. She felt with this information on the form, the bowlers would know about the possibility of a Senior Division, Al Hong advised that the additional line could be added.

Mike Taylor – Ontario Durham want to know how many Zones tried to field a senior's team. Harold Stoddart advised that at the Semi Annual with a show of hands, 12 Zones said they could field a team and 8 showed up. Harold also felt that we would have 12 teams next year.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Brenda Fraser, seconded by Iris Heney at 11:00 a.m. Carried.