

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

CONVENTION 2014 - GENERAL MEETING #1

Thursday, June 12th, 2014

President: John Cresswell

Secretary: Mike Wilson

Directors: Rheal Champagne Terry Farrell
Mike Kyte Brenda Hamilton
Winnie Spires Kevin Jepson

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Good evening and welcome to the 48th Annual Convention of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. Here we are again, at Cleveland's House in the Muskoka's. My name is John Cresswell and I am the President of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. I have to thank the Board of Directors, the Office Staff and all you the members of our association for your support and understanding as we progressed through this past season together.

To start off, I call on Mike Wilson to do Roll Call.

Mike Wilson did roll call. There were 47 voting delegates present.

II PRESIDENTS REMARKS

Hopefully the weatherman will be cooperating with us as we progress through the next couple of days. If required the agenda will be adjusted based on the weather.

I would like to give you some updates of activities of our organization since we last met. Working with the government of Ontario, and based on the mandate of the members at our last convention, the Board of Directors have proceeded with the formation of a new "Bowling Federation of Ontario" and are currently awaiting approval from the government about the registration of the name. New website names have been registered to be used with the new organization and the Constitution and by-laws continue to proceed towards completion.

Our government representative was changed back in the early part of this season and

with her approval we once again approached the other organizations to become equal partners of a new Federation instead of a new organization that the 3 organizations were merged into. This federation would be similar in structure to that of the Canadian Bowling Federation. 5-Pin, 10-Pin and Proprietors all 3 groups represented equally. Informal talks have continued to take place and we look forward to the other groups coming to the table to participate as we move forward with the new Bowling Federation of Ontario.

Later this evening you will hear from the vice president of Bowl Ontario. A couple of weeks ago O5PBA addressed the delegates at the Bowl Ontario convention held in Niagara Falls, Ontario and I thank Rheal Champagne for going to represent the O5PBA on short notice, as I was unable to do so.

On the bowling front, Team Ontario managed by Terry Farrell descended upon the province of Alberta, the city of Calgary and the Chinook Bowl-o-drome. During the 18-21 game qualifying round, Team Ontario had 2 firsts, a fourth, a sixth and seventh place qualifying. The Mixed Team bowled in the first game of the team stepladder and was victorious to advance to the next step. After a close match they accepted the Bronze medal as the team from Manitoba was a little better and advanced to win the Gold medal. The Ladies Team bowled 2 games and was unable to hold the top qualifier position and finished with a Silver medal to the Alberta Ladies Team. In Singles Mitch Davies the top qualifier also had to bowl 2 games but could not hold off the momentum of Gary Hamm from Manitoba and had to settle for a Silver Metal as well. Mitch averaged 273.5 during qualifying and finished with a 275.8 average in the finals. This year's Open Championships was not good for any of the top qualifiers, as every team and both singles events ended with the top place qualifier being defeated twice. Ontario was well represented on the All-star team as well with Karole McDonnell, Kristi Lampman on the Ladies All-star team and Wade Thompson (with us here this weekend) making the Mens All-star team, congratulations to all on your accomplishments.

For next year, Neb's Funworld, Oshawa, Ontario will be the host centre for the Open National Championships and your Board of Directors is already actively planning for this event. Numerous volunteers will be required to assist with this event, to ensure it is a great success. Please let me, or any of the board, know if you are interested in assisting with this event to be a complete success in 2015.

Ontario was host to the Youth Challenge Nationals this year at Sherwood Centre in Hamilton, Ontario. It did not matter to Mother Nature about all the plans put together by the host committee to show the visitors to Ontario one of the great natural wonders of nature, Niagara Falls. She decided it was more fun to play with travel plans of the bowlers coming in from the East Coast so we could not go to Niagara Falls. Originally having 21 flights planned to arrive at Pearson Airport and be transported to Hamilton, staying at the Sheraton Hotel, numerous flight changes were made due to the severe weather and snow on the east coast and in the end after 72 flight changes and other travel arrangements being made by both the C5 executive and the volunteer executive in the provinces effected, the last of the bowlers, after travelling for more than 36 hours,

arrived at Sherwood Centre just in time to throw practice balls and start bowling the adjusted schedule for the Youth Challenge Championships. My hat is off to the volunteers who assisted with this event. This group of people were more than willing to spend hours driving back and forth from Hamilton to Toronto, getting up before the birds on more than one day and dealt with being told one thing and then 20 minutes later given a new thing to do. In one instance we had 8 more people show up than what we were expecting; I can just imagine the look on my wife Heather's face when the group from BC arrived. After she picked her jaw up off the ground she called me and said, ummm, we got 8 more people than you said would be here, my reply no ^%\$#, stop pulling my leg with everything else I don't need this as well. As it turns out it was real and van drivers and airport greeters helped me coordinate getting these extra people to Hamilton.

I ask you to stand when your name is called to allow everyone to see who the Committee was, Co-chair – Brenda Hamilton, Terry Farrell, Mike Kyte, Rheal Champagne, Gerry Farrell, Heather Cresswell and myself as the other Co-Chair. Thank you all.

This year has been a very busy year for myself as the President as I took on numerous additional responsibilities of the vacated Event Coordinator position within the organization. My business partner at TRG Computer Solutions is positive I am a part-time employee and fulltime volunteer for the O5PBA.

Government funding is at the end of the second year of the Tri-Annual cycle and I would like to personally thank Terry Farrell for all her work in preparing reports required by the government about the use of the funds given to us. I know for a fact again this year, many late nights and early mornings have taken place for her over the last month ensuring the documents required were submitted and any additional paperwork asked for by our government representative were also submitted. Thank you Terry for all your effort.

It is the Board of Directors understanding we will be receiving approx. 92-95% of grant funds we received this past year, but cannot confirm this until our review has been completed by the government representatives for 5 Pin Bowling.

2 years ago, in an effort to cut down on some of the administrative work done by the office staff and allow them to concentrate on spending more time during the work day working on LTAD and other areas of our association, the booking of hotels was removed for all events except the Senior Citizen Championships for the 2013/14 season. Overall I must say the members of our association took this very well and we had very few issues come up that would not have come up on a regular basis in the past when booking hotel rooms.

Shortly, Terry will be discussing the budget for the 2014/15 season. This is a draft budget that will require changes based on discussions and decisions made this weekend. You the delegates are the voices of the members in your association and as

such you are responsible to let us know what needs to be done to ensure this organization continues for many years to come.

Many of the highlights of the 2013/14 season are documented in the winners section of the Convention Book found on pages 55-58 or on the o5pba.ca website. Please review the tournament winners at your leisure. A couple of the tournaments took place after the printing of the book and Mike Kyte will update you on the winners of the Senior Citizens, Booster Club and Triples Championships tournaments tomorrow during Discussion Forum.

Since we last met here at Convention in June 2013, we have lost some great volunteers and/or Hall of Fame members, I would please ask you to stand for a moment of silence to recognize their passing:

David Peirce, June Gregg, Ernie Roggie, Bob Price, Sandy McKay, Joanne Blades, Betty Crump, Ed Holland, Ken Britton, Jim Lacey, Dianne Spencer-Moss, Lynda Knapp, Diane Creamer.

My apologies, if I missed anyone.

At this time I would like to introduce the Board of Directors and Office staff,

Vice President – Rheal Champagne,
Treasurer – Terry Farrell,
Secretary – Mike Wilson,
Tournament Director – Mike Kyte,
Membership – Winnie Spires,
Audit and Marketing – Brenda Hamilton,
Record Scores and Average Book – Kevin Jepson
and myself President – John Cresswell,

Ladies and Gentlemen your board of Directors.

5 Pin has some of the best office staff in the business.

Rhonda Gifford – Program Coordinator,
Jackie Henriques – Financial Coordinator

Ladies and Gentlemen your office staff.

Now, before we get going, I would like to say “We might not always agree with other people’s comments, but we must respect their views and allow them to say their thoughts, as they will do for us when it’s our turn. At times we must put our personal thoughts and agendas aside and do what is best for our organization as a whole”.

With that said I thank you, and I look forward to a great Convention. A couple of additions to the agenda:

- Tonight, we will be hearing from 1 guest speaker, Bowl Ontario. This will be done right after the Appreciation Awards.
- Friday – Incentive Report – is Winnie Spires
- Saturday – Workshops – Start at 1:45
- Tournament Directors Seminar added

Could I have someone make a motion to adopt the agenda for this AGM.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA WAS PUT FORTH BY BRENDA FRASER; SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HONE. CARRIED.

III REVIEW OF DRAFT SEMI ANNUAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 3rd, 2013

Page 2, should read “Review of Audited Financials ending July 31st, 2013”.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AMENDED NOVEMBER 3rd, 2013 SEMI ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES WAS PUT FORTH BY PAUL BAUER; SECONDED BY KEITH TIPPIN. CARRIED.

IV FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Terry Farrell presented the draft budget and took questions from the floor.

Marilyn Van Belois asked on behalf of Middlesex Elgin President Brenda Pankoff the following questions:

- a. Revenue for membership is down but C5 membership remains the same. Is Ontario’s membership to the C5 based on numbers or a fixed amount. Terry indicated that provincial memberships are based on lane beds.
- b. Bonding and Charter fees increased, why? Terry indicated that associations are charged \$85 every 5 years (name charter renewal) and this coming season we have a larger amount of associations coming up for renewal.
- c. Meeting expenses looked to have been increased, why? Terry indicated that we are doing more conference calls over physical meetings, but the increase is due to Zone/DC visitations and C5 meetings.
- d. Why have we added \$3500 increase in coaching? Budgeting for Learning Facilitators for the Competitive side in the upcoming season.
- e. Membership and grant figures are down, so will we be reviewing the staffing payroll figures to see if savings can be incurred there? No.

Sue Burns of Hamilton asked if it would not look better for grant purposes if we did submit a deficit budget. Terry said it is something to consider.

Paul Sprague asked if the deficit is comprised of the decline in membership revenues and the decrease in the grant value for next year. Terry indicated yes.

V **SERVICE AWARDS**

On a yearly basis we recognize our volunteers for attaining different years of service. Tonight we will award 5, 10, 15 and 20 year service levels and at the Banquet on Saturday evening we will recognize 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service.

5 YEARS:

Nicole Mans – Dunneville
Cecilia Stroeder – Ontario Durham
Darla Gooding - Hastings
Gary Richardson – Bay of Quinte
Vito Caggiano - Victoria
Loraine Fleming – Metro Toronto

10 YEARS:

Paul Bauer – Grand River
Ivan Nottingham – Lindsay
Lori Nottingham - Lindsay
Stan Baarda – Dunnville
Elaine Goulet – Hillside
Mike Belanger – Hillside
Kim Kehoe – York Simcoe
Mary Rasmussen – Bradford
Margaret Andic – Bradford
Paul Lord – Middlesex Elgin
Joan Boyce - Garrison

15 YEARS:

Sally Baril – Victoria
Don Cunningham – Middlesex Elgin
Joel Pressey – Middlesex Elgin

20 YEARS:

Terry Farrell – Hamilton
Karen Hofstede – Dunnville

That's 22 people receiving awards between 5-20 years of service. On Saturday evening, 8-25 year, 1-30 year, 2-35 year and 1-40 year awards will be given out.

Volunteers are the backbone of this association and my thank you and congratulations to each and every one of you for your time and commitment to the sport of 5 Pin Bowling.

VI **APPRECIATION AWARDS**

I ask Rheal to present the recipients with their awards.

Last year we saw a flood on appreciation nominations come in and this year was almost the opposite. As of the deadline we had only received two submissions. It was decided to accept a couple of submissions that arrived shortly after the deadline as well this year.

Our first recipient is a dedicated volunteer with his local association, for the last 5 plus years. Always putting 100% into everything he does, he makes sure the job gets done properly, accurately and on time. Rick Montovani from the Kingsway 5 Pin Bowlers' Association is our first Appreciation Award recipient for 2014.

I ask Larry Lutz to accept for Rick and present to him at a suitable time.

The next recipient's association submitted the following. We'd like to put forth this person to receive an Appreciation Award. This person has been working tirelessly with the Association since 2002. Her mom got her involved but her love of the sport has kept her involved. She has held numerous positions during this time, including Coaching Chair, Average Book Chair, a member of the Scholarship Committee and Historical Book committee. Most importantly she is very involved in our fundraising efforts and she is our current Treasurer. She is known for saying "Don't spend any money!" at every board meeting.

Brenda Walters from Hamilton 5 Pin Bowlers' Association has her foot in many projects but she still ensures that she dedicates the time necessary to keep their association financially stable. Thank you Brenda for all you've done and all you continue to do!

I ask Norm Macdonald to accept for Brenda and present to her at a suitable time.

Having served on the board for 11 years and house rep for many more, our next gentleman was our Booster Club Chairperson this year. Not only did he manage a complete sell-out of the tickets, but our year-end tournament was the biggest held in our zone. Having battled cancer for the last couple of years, he still managed to volunteer at the bowling centre, look after a league, help with the YBC program and be present at most of our meetings throughout the year. With appreciation and pride we would like to nominate Glen Marling from the Huronia 5 Pin Association for a well-deserved appreciation award this year.

I ask Ron Mackie to accept for Glen and present to him at a suitable time.

This next person has been involved in bowling at the league level for many years.

Someone suggested that her organizational skills could be put to good use and she joined the local board in 2005. Since then she has been, and continues to be, the Average Book Chair, the Awards Chair, and most recently the Booster Club Chair. She is also currently one of their Vice Presidents.

Sue Burns from Hamilton has assisted with numerous fundraising efforts, including hockey games (their favorite Chuck-A-Puc with a friendly in-house competition), product sales, hockey tickets, raffle tickets and their all-important bowl-a-thons in support of Kids Help Phone in the past and now Special Olympics. Sue has attended this annual AGM for a number of years in order to help better our sport as a whole, always looking out for the best interests of all bowlers. Sue's efforts to promote bowling in the Hamilton area and Ontario are sincerely appreciated. Thanks Sue!

Congratulations Sue, on your Appreciation Award for 2014

Our last recipient has been a member of Central Ontario before the amalgamation with Lake Ontario back in 1997. This person had to resign from the board due to increased work commitments, but she came back to the Central Board five (5) years ago at which time she assumed the Treasurer's duties. She remained in that position for two (2) years, at which time she took over the responsibilities of the Presidency. By now you should have figured out its Jodi Myers. Now in her third year as President, she has continued to be a leader for our Zone and a driving force for COBA. Jodi has initiated many excellent programs and continues to build our Board of Directors with younger volunteers who in turn bring new and innovative ideas to our Board of Directors. Jodi continues to work in all areas for the betterment of 5 Pin Bowling. She is always available to each and every board member and will listen to all ideas and ensures that all the ideas are brought forward to be discussed at the next meeting. Jodi is well appreciated by both her Board of Directors and our bowlers and we feel she is most deserving of the award.

Congratulations Jodi, on your Appreciation Award for 2014.

Congratulations to all 5 recipients on the recognition of your peers as a person worthy of an Appreciation award.

VII **GUEST SPEAKER**

Bowl Ontario Vice-President Bryan Bridgett addressed the delegates.

On behalf of Bowl Ontario, I extend greetings from our President Filippo Corradi who sends his regrets not being able to attend tonight but I'm happy for the invitation to be here for your Annual General Meeting in beautiful Muskoka.

By now I trust you know in part who I am and hopefully you know my stance with 5-pin bowling to some degree based on Mr. Cresswell's recital of my biography. I am here tonight to give a speech on behalf of our board of directors and all of the bowling centre operators across Southern Ontario comprised of 70 pure five pin centres, 9 pure ten pin centres and 15 split centres. Our numbers in membership have declined in recent years due to centre closures and other for other reasons, some beyond our control but we still remain to be a strong corporation with some hard working people improving systems, dealing with fundamental issues more effectively and efficiently, lowering costs for our AGM, and we now offer a 2% savings for proprietors who wish to pay their dues by April 30th for the following season. Strategic planning and direction planning is in place for a Bowl Ontario as it finds the board of directors needs to decide or discover what type of board it will be for the future; as we are full time operators in our centres it doesn't make sense for the Board to be a "working board".

In early May of this year we sent 30 five pin and 10 tenpin YBC bowlers along with their coaches and chaperones to Winnipeg to bowl in the National Finals and to celebrate Youth Bowling Canada's 50th anniversary. Southern Ontario came home with a gold and one silver in team competition along with a gold in the Junior girls singles division

for 5-pin. In tenpin, both the Junior girl and Junior boy singles competitors captured a bronze medal. The same repeated in the Senior singles completion where it saw Southern Ontario grab the gold for both the boys and the girls respectively. The Southern Ontario tenpin combo teams both snagged the gold medals as well. Highlight I seen was Miranda Panas, the Senior girls singles representative from Southern Ontario (St. Catharines) averaging just under 233 for 21 games in the tenpin side.

Since Bowl Ontario's Annual General Meeting in May 2014, the events and accomplishments in no particular order of importance are as follows:

- 1) Lee Hanley co-owner of Georgian Bowl Collingwood and director on our board was voted to a one-year term to serve on the Bowl Canada Board effective immediately.
- 2) Bowl Ontario held a successful AGM in Niagara Falls. To encourage members to attend this important meeting, the AGM was changed to a one day event (compared to a two day event in previous years), registration fees for the voting delegate, one guest and all children were waived and lunch was provided free of charge to all attendees.
- 3) The process of restructuring the association into two separate legal entities: one for the sport of 5 pin bowling and one for the sport of tenpin bowling were voted on and passed.
- 4) One new director Candace Bryan of Markham Bowl was appointed a director on the board effective immediately
- 5) Bowl Ontario has attained legal assistance to revise and has almost complete to update its outdated bylaws and to comply with the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations act
- 6) In December 2013, Bowl Ontario agreed to offer the Saluting Wounded Warriors fundraising Campaign at a provincial level. This campaign was created by Ed Sousa, Operations Director at Classic Bowl (60 lane tenpin centre) and the founder of Knockdown Cancer campaign.
- 7) improved the performance of Bowl Ontario and continue to add value to its members by lowering operating costs (e.g. eliminated expensive mailing equipment, using appropriate accounting software, obtained better insurance coverage at a lower premium and reduced risks by adding "Declaration of conflict of interests" to the agendas
- 8) Bowl Ontario played a role in Bowl Canada's AGM last week in Winnipeg helping them attain a new fresh outlook board with new ideas moving forward
- 9) We are currently working on a new market branding for bowling (more cool, up to date, more fun etc..

Currently the Bowl Ontario board is made up of 5 members who serve as President, Vice President, treasurer, secretary and one director. Our full time office administrator Marc Meconi has taken on a huge role in the office taking on all the daily tasks with programming and administration (YBC being at least taking up 75% of his time) keeping tournament deadlines, working with our YBC zone delegates and proposed to our board some necessary cost savings as well with equipment, less mail outs etc...

As Bowl Ontario is experiencing some major reconstruction with the two sports

becoming two separate legal entities, we still wake up every morning, look at ourselves in the mirror and ask many questions such as: Is what I'm going to do today going to be productive or counterproductive? Is there something I should be changing or modifying? Is my business something I'm happy to be walking into everyday? Do people enjoy what we do or what we are trying to accomplish?

In my opinion the bowling business is a major part of our lives, our families' lives, our communities, our schools, the many other associations tied in with our business. This is what helps my heart beat every day.

In closing for us all to survive and go on with our daily lives in this tough industry, we need to bond, communicate, keep everyone in the loop of things, help each other come up with new innovative ideas for our bowlers and youth alike. Like any type of relationship, there needs to be trust and I give you my word from our office we are here for not just us and you, we're here for everyone.

Once again I would like to thank the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association for inviting me here tonight. Lastly, thank you, the passionate zone delegates, O5 office and board for providing our 5-pin bowlers fun & competitive tournaments at the zone and provincial levels as well as a professional level run tournament leading to a National final every Easter weekend providing a whole lot of excitement for the bowlers and supporters!

I will gladly take any questions that anyone has tonight at the chalet, email me or call me. I would be honoured to hear from anyone or all of you.

John thanked Bryan for attending our meeting.

VIII **FIRST CALL FOR ELECTIONS**

Now it's time for the first call for nominations to the Board of Directors. In the past if there were only enough people nominated to fill the positions the nominees were automatically acclaimed and did not have to give a speech. As was started two years ago, nominees who let their name stand will be required to do a short 2 minute speech.

This is to allow the other delegates and guests the opportunity to get to know the nominees a little better. This year 3 directors will be elected for a 3 year term and 1 director for a 1 year term.

President John Cresswell called Vice-President Rheal Champagne to come forward to make the first call for nominations.

Incumbents John Cresswell, Terry Farrell and Brenda Hamilton have agreed to let their names stand.

Gerry Farrell, seconded by Norm Macdonald put forth Sue Burns of Hamilton from the floor at this time. Rheal indicated that the second and final call will be taken during

General Meeting #2 on Saturday morning.

A motion was put forth by Larry Palmby; seconded by Jodi Myers to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Carried.