

# **ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **CONVENTION 2006 - COMMITTEE MEETING #2**

**Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Chair:** Rheal Champagne

<b>Directors/Staff/Field :</b>	Dave Post	John Cresswell
	Harold Stoddart	Gary Burkholder
	Mike Kyte	Al Hong
	Rhonda Gifford	

**Recording Secretary:** Terry Macdonald

### **A CALL TO ORDER**

Rheal Champagne called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

### **B COACHING – Rheal Champagne**

Rheal asked everyone to turn to page 25. He wanted to emphasize from his report that the new NCCP program consists of a new Community Sport Initiation which was piloted in Alberta and Ontario earlier this year and was given final government approval in May 2006. In Ontario we now have three Master Learners Facilitators: Denis St-Onge, Dave Johnson and Dave Post. The next step for the community coach will be the training of Learner Facilitators (old course conductors) which will begin within the next 3 months. Two courses will be given in Ontario, the date and times and locations have yet to be determined. Rheal congratulated again Martin Talbot of Hamilton on his selection as the O5PBA Elite Coach of the Year. He also congratulated Margaret French of York Simcoe as O5PBA Grassroots Coach of the Year. The names of both provincial Coaches of the Year have been forwarded to the C5PBA for consideration nationally. He would like to thank all Zones who submitted their nomination forms this year, but would like to see all 15 zones participate next year.

### **C TOURNAMENTS – Harold Stoddart**

Good morning Board of Directors, fellow bowlers, ladies & gentlemen. At this time it is my pleasure to introduce the tournament committee. Dave Post, John Creswell, Rheal Champagne, Gary Burkholder, Mike Kyte, Al Hong, and Rhonda Gifford. Thank you to all for your help year after year.

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 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. Please continue to keep them coming. We would also appreciate hearing from you on what we are doing well so 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. (see page 104-108 in the convention book). Also congratulations to the Triple Winners (page 107): Huronia Bayfield Bowl – Evalie Lebreton, Roger & Debbie Brancati. Also congratulations to the mixed team for their bronze medal and to Elizabeth Nicol for her silver medal at the Nationals.

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. This is the third year for the Open Seniors and it continues to grow. Thanks to all those zones that put the extra effort forward this year to enter a team.

New this year was the Triples Tournament and it was a success, even though it had some teething problems.

In the back of your convention book are forms for Tournament Sanction, Perfect Game policy & Game report, Order forms for Booster and Strike it Big are also in the back of your book.

#### **D     GREEN BOOK**

Harold referred everyone to page 31. There was a course scheduled but there were only 2 interested people. He is going to try to setup another in the spring. Also, for those who are due for recertification, please get your paperwork into the office or we may send out a letter that indicates that you are not certified.

#### **E     TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING**

Harold asked everyone to review page 36 and reviewed this report

#### **F     GREEN BOOK – Harold Stoddart**

Harold referred everyone to pages 91 through 98

Lyll Gordon of Bramalea brought up the Triples Tournament. He indicated that the Provincial Team Tournament allowed his house to advance 100 bowlers whereas the Triples only allowed them to advance 54 bowlers to the zone round. He wondered how we could consider this successful. He also wanted to know if others felt the same.

Harold said that the success was measured by way of increased entries overall, and that the

tournament made money.

## **ONTARIO \$10,000 SHOOT-OUT**

### **Garrison 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

#### **MOTION**

**That the \$10,000 Shoot-out tournament be discontinued, effective 2006-07 season.**

Moved by Glen McGhie; seconded by Danny Williams of Hastings. He was sorry to put the motion on the table but feels that we just can't afford this anymore.

Brenda Hamilton asked why it was a burden if our membership fees were increased when this started, and \$1 was to go towards the costs. If our membership is 17,000, then there is more than enough to cover. Al Hong indicated that there were additional costs besides the \$10,000 payout. Brenda asked did they come to \$7,000, which should be the profit? No.

Jim Marshall of Smiths Falls stated that although it was not in fact losing money but that we would have faced an increase anyway. If this passes, the \$10,000 can be used for something else.

John Cresswell indicated that before this, we had a big decline in membership. The requirements made sure that membership money was in faster because of deadlines. If we drop the tournament then we will go back to problems of previous years, where money will dribble in without the deadline.

Christina Wheatley of Ontario Durham stated that the prize payout is no longer doing what it was intended to do. Surely the office could come up with some other incentive to ensure that membership funds are sent in on a timely basis.

Vince Amelotte of Orleans commented that we feel that there are too many tournaments anyway, from yesterday's planning session.

**Motion was carried.**

### **Merivale 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

#### **MOTION**

**This motion was not in the book, also concerning deleting the \$10,000 Shoot-Out, It was withdrawn by Mike Heney.**

## **Garrison 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

### **MOTION**

**That the \$10,000 saved from the cancellation of the tournament be used by the O5 to offset operational costs due to membership decline.**

Moved by Glen McGhie; seconded by Danny Williams. Glen indicated that this was just a housekeeping issue. He did not want to see a reduction in the cost of a membership that the funds could still be used to offset the costs of running our organization.

Motion was carried.

## **Smiths Falls 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

### **MOTION**

**Eliminate the \$10,000 Shout-Out Tournament.**

Motion was withdrawn by Mary Jane Quenville.

<b>LEAGUE EXECUTIVE TOURNAMENT</b>
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## **Garrison 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

### **MOTION**

**That the League Executive 5 Pin Championship (PST) be cancelled.**

Moved by Danny Williams; seconded by Glen McGhie. They believe that this tournament is a thank you to the local executive but believe that if they could keep their assessment for this tournament and get their own prizes, they could run it locally instead.

Lori Beesack of Bramalea asked that if it was removed, what would be given back to these executives. It doesn't make sense to delete it.

Jim Marshall of Smiths Falls agreed that it was a thank you to the league executives. Yes is may cost the local zones and DC's, but he believes that this thank you should remain.

Motion was defeated.

## ONTARIO OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### **Garrison 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

#### **MOTION**

**That all teams, Men's/Ladies/Mixed at the Ontario Open consist of 5 bowlers each with a Coach and that there be no substitutions of players during competition.**

Moved by Glen McGhie; seconded by Danny Williams of Hastings. The idea was to try to give more incentive to the bowlers going to the Open. Too many have hard feelings concerning the substitution rule.

Harold asked if this could be changed to a recommendation so that it can be taken to the Nationals as they are a 6-person team. Glen agreed.

Christina Wheatley of Ontario Durham said she could understand where this motion came from but that A) all 6 are still part of the team; B) each person understands going in that they may have to sit on the bench; and C) that to reduce the teams to 5 reduces and diminishes the purpose of the coach, whose job is to do the substitutions. She said that it is the team's responsibility to ensure that they pick a coach who will make the necessary substitutions as needed.

Alice Koehn of Grand River indicated that a lot of bowlers may not participate if the reduction were to occur because then the Open would be just like any other tournament.

Mike Stoddart of Astra pointed out that if the 6<sup>th</sup> bowler were to be taken away, you would be taking away the 210 – 220 average bowlers – fewer bowlers would play.

Jim Marshall of Smiths Falls asked what would happen if someone were to become sick or get hurt? Harold indicated that there already is an emergency spare rule in place.

Dave Post indicated that we had discussed this yesterday. Although we are no longer voting on this, he asked for a show of hands: all present indicated that they prefer 6-person teams.

Jen Donovan of Bramalea indicated that she has been a substitute on numerous occasions. Based on the results of Dave's poll, she did not feel that this recommendation should go to

Nationals at all.

Lori Beesack of Bramalea asked how this recommendation could be taken to Nationals when there is clearly no support from the field.

Dave indicated that it would not be taken to Nationals, based on the poll results.

### **Garrison 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That all qualifiers for the Ontario Open from each Zone, (5 bowlers per team) be entered in the Singles competition. Scores from the Team play, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 game blocks to be used for the event. The Provincial O5 Tournament Committee to determine the break down to the Stepladder Final.**

<b>ONTARIO OPEN SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>
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### **Huronion 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

#### **MOTION**

**In the Seniors Ontario Open, that the age for female participants be lowered to 45 years and over as of December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Moved by Chris Moore; seconded by Ron Mackie. Chris indicated that their zone only had 2 females attempt qualifying, and is looking for increased participation with the lower age.

Brenda Hamilton of Central Ontario pointed out that when she made this up, she felt that 50 was a good age. The population is aging, and there will soon be more players.

Joanne Ellison of Ontario Durham indicated that her zone only had 2 ladies as well, but certainly thinks that women do not want to be called "senior" at 45.

Gord Winger of Hamilton indicated that if it were changed, men would soon be wanting the same.

Harold Stoddart pointed out that if this change were to occur, there would be some zones that would not be able to field a full regular contingent.

Motion was defeated.

## **Huronion 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

### **MOTION**

**In the Stepladder Final game for the Seniors Ontario Open, that it is determined whether or not the 1<sup>st</sup> place qualifying team has to be beaten once or twice by its opponent by reverting back to the games played between these two (2) teams in the qualifying round. (i.e. if the team playing the 1<sup>st</sup> place qualifying team had already beat them in the qualifying round, then there will be one (1) game only. If they lost, then two (2) games will be required.**

Moved by Ron Mackie; seconded by Chris Moore. They indicated that this has happened and that because this division does not go to Nationals, why do we have to keep National rules?

Brenda Hamilton of Central Ontario does not want to see it changed. This division should be treated the same as all of the other teams.

Tim O'Hara of Metro Toronto was a part of this very situation a couple years ago. He felt that the better team won and doesn't think it should change.

Motion defeated.

<b>TOURNAMENTS GENERAL</b>
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## **Garrison 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

### **MOTION**

**Elimination of Zone/DC's prizes and increase the prize structure at the Provincial Finals.**

Moved by Glen McGhie; seconded by Danny Williams. They think that if we eliminate the prizes at the local levels then the prizes could be upgraded at the provincial level. The problem is that all roll-off's do not get prizes. The bowlers want to know why some do while others do not.

Mike Stoddart of Astra said we talked about this yesterday and he would like to see prizes

stay at the zone/DC level.

Heather Cresswell of York Simcoe said that she would like to make an amendment to the motion: **Eliminate prizes at the Zone/DC level.** Motion seconded by Kim Kehoe.

Chris Moore of Huronia indicates that the prizes need to stay. That's where all of the bowlers will see. Only 1% of bowlers advance to provincials – that's not right.

Vince Amelotte of Orleans indicates that the prizes are there for all to see. If you don't advance to provincials, you'll never see any prizes. Further, chances are you're not going to bring home a prize in any event. Therefore, locally, there is nothing to see.

Christina Wheatley of Ontario Durham thinks that the prizes at the house level are kind of embarrassing. What her zone is interested in is experimenting with the O5 and their prizes – give money to the zones/DC's, instead so that they can buy their own prizes. They don't see a lot of usefulness in the prizes, and many people really don't want what's being offered. For example, who wants a little yellow radio?

Tim Brooks of Bay of Quinte pointed out that the grass roots bowlers still want the "little yellow radio" whereas the more experienced bowlers probably do not. We also need to keep in mind that some zones/DC's can't afford to go out and buy their own prizes – they need those prizes in an attempt to get and retain new bowlers.

Lyall Gordon of Bramalea reminded everyone that the issue is the lack of consistency with respects to the prizes is the issue of this motion.

Amended motion defeated.

Original motion defeated.

## **Smiths Falls 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

### **MOTION**

**Eliminate merchandise prizes for O5PBA tournaments and replace them with gift cards i.e. Canadian Tire, Wal-Mart etc.**

Moved by Diane Anderson-Gibbs; seconded by Jim Marshall. She acknowledges that this was reviewed yesterday, but thought that the structure used was rather high.

Al Hong indicated that the zone round of the High-Low Doubles takes about \$4,000 or approximately \$80 per roll-off. Every 1<sup>st</sup> prize must be the same. Some zones/DC's only get 1 prize while another may get 8 – completely dependent on entries.

Diane thought that the money could be used more equally. Al commented on the perceived



value of the prizes – if a radio costs \$15, but is worth \$29, then this is better than a \$5 gift card. He admits that he hates shopping and the shipping of prizes.

The decision is in the field but need to keep in mind perceived vs. actual value. Diane asked the floor for their opinion. She then asked if numbers could be made available with respects to different payout.

Harold asked if she would consider changing to a recommendation so that we can look at the numbers and come up with some figures for Semi-Annual? Agreed.

Jim Marshall of Smiths Falls repeated Diane's sentiments.

Christina Wheatley of Ontario Durham indicated that we should also look at the usefulness of the prizes. How many people already have a DVD player, yet that was one of the prizes offered recently. Has the cost-effectiveness also been taken into consideration? Did the example Al gave also include postage costs? No. This is something else to look at. Gift cards allow people to buy whatever they want.

Harold pointed out that it is hard to buy prizes that people don't already have. The "floor" called out that's why gift cards are a better alternative. He said we'll look at it for Semi-Annual.

## **Orleans 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

### **MOTION**

**The prizes for any and all tournaments provided by the O5PBA be on site prior to the first scheduled tournament date designated by O5PBA for Zone/DC/House Rounds complete with applicable winners report packages.**

Moved by Vince Amelotte; seconded by Paul Sprague. He comments that if prizes are late, no one sees them at the zone/DC round anyway. They need to have beforehand.

Al commented that he was really looking at the Holiday Classic tournament only. Based on zone/DC's meeting of dates, we can't get the information to ship out at the same time. Some of the problems are caused by yourselves – not meeting entry deadlines. We ship out as soon as we get all the information – we're only as quick as the slowest Zones/DC. We're caught in the middle.

Rhonda Gifford noted that prizes go out later because the entries still come in. Once she has 105 entries, the winner's reports go out to the field. Prizes are not until later, as dependent upon number of actual entries.

Vince said his issue was actually with senior's tournament where there are no prizes, but they did not receive the reports until a month later.

Harold asked if they would consider changing to a recommendation, to be reviewed? Yes.

### **Orleans 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Closer scrutiny of required packing methods and appropriate labelling (fragile) be considered to avoid unnecessary replacement action, shipping costs and delayed prize presentation, or possibly give the prizes out to the executive at the Semi-Annual Convention.**

### **Orleans 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That an alternate date for the tournament scheduled for the beginning of the year be considered or have a contact person available in the office to facilitate the tournament requirements at least one week prior to the scheduled date.**

Vince Amelotte just wanted to add that the High Low Doubles is the tournament at issue, as there is not one in the office over Christmas and this tournament takes place the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in January, again when there is no one in the office.

### **Smiths Falls 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

#### **MOTION**

**Lower the age of eligibility from 19 to 16 for O5PBA bowlers.**

Moved by Diane Anderson-Gibbs; seconded by Jim Marshall. This was discussed yesterday, and she agrees that 16 may be a bit young, which the floor agreed with. She acknowledged that there were liability issues. However, there must be ways to work around issues if a winner is under 19.

Harold Stoddart reminded the floor that there is drinking at zone/provincial rounds. If a 16 – 18 year old wins a trip, what if they decide to take their 16 year old girlfriend? This could create other issues and possibly trouble.

Christina Wheatley of Ontario Durham said that we would have to look at liability/insurance issues. Need to consider flexibility – what is the coach's responsibility? There are still minors – looking for trouble. Would there be a need for special insurance? We don't want

to increase costs or the assessment to the zone/DC.

Chris Moore of Huronia felt that there would be no doubt that membership would definitely increase. Why can't we put in rules that if a minor won a trip, would get some amount of cash instead?

Kammi Burman of Smiths Falls indicated that perhaps it could be stipulated that the minor had to bring a parent.

Jim Marshall of Smiths Falls indicated that his leagues do allow underage to bowl – they are made aware that they are not eligible to go beyond league rounds. In the case of draws, if a minor won, then they have to take a parent with them. Otherwise they have to hold the trip until they are of age.

Diane Anderson-Gibbs of Smiths Falls amended the motion; seconded by Jim Marshall.

### **AMENDED MOTION**

**Lower the age from 19 to 18 years of age.**

Amended motion carries.

Al Hong indicated that he would like to ask Marlene Hyatt, BPAO, her opinion as it is his understanding that we don't like to step on each other's toes. Also need to keep in mind that this will allow some individuals to bowl in the YBC Nationals as well as the Open nationals in the same year.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAROLD!!**

## **Smiths Falls 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

### **MOTION**

**To have the rail used by the Blind Bowlers be approved by O5PBA and the C5PBA as part of equipment used by the bowler.**

Moved by Mary Jane Quenville; seconded by Diane Anderson-Gibbs. Their concern was that if their 100% blind bowler had qualified to advance, they would not have been able to use their rail as it is not certified.

Al Hong asked if the rail had ever been submitted for approval? Mary Jane did not believe so. Al indicated that it would have to be submitted for approval, along with drawings and portability issues explained. Once reviewed and approved by the committee, then would no longer be an issue. His only concern might be portability – cannot interfere with the game.

Rheal Champagne asked if she would consider changing to a recommendation? Yes.

Jim Marshall of Smiths Falls emphasized that we need to accept this and that we should be fully supportive of this.

## **Garrison 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

### **MOTION**

**Allow the Zone and DC's the flexibility to conduct tournaments within the guidelines of the Secretary handbook, to ensure no overlap of events and still meet the rules of each event, i.e. Averages and completion dates. For example League Executive, High-Low Doubles and TruCa\$h Holiday Classic are bowled between October 17<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Moved by Glen McGhie; seconded by Danny Williams. They would like to see the starting dates altered to allow them the flexibility to start at their convenience. The completion dates would remain the same.

Harold indicated that the starting dates are where they are to allow new bowlers to get enough games in to participate. 3 years ago flexibility was given when the windows were put into place.

Jackie Hawkins of Kawartha Lakes said that if you have any kind of trouble running your tournament, just call Rhonda in the office – she is very flexible and good, and this is really not a problem.

Harold asked if Glen would consider changing this to a recommendation? Yes.

## **Garrison 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

### **MOTION**

**That all DC's that are 100% in membership and tournaments entries be given direct entry into the Provincial Finals.**

Moved by Glen McGhie; seconded by Danny Williams.

Rhonda indicated that the DC's already have advancement directly to provincials for PST and High Low Doubles. As for Holiday Classic and Triples, both go to regionals, so don't see how this could be done?

Christina Wheatley of Ontario Durham asked about direct to regionals then? Rhonda indicated that this already happens. Christina then commented on DC's with 100% membership. She put forth an amended motion, seconded by Joanne Ellison.

### **AMENDED MOTION**

**All DC's with 100% membership and with minimum of 200 members and 100% tournament entries advance directly to provincial tournaments.**

Dave Post pointed out that due to numbers, there would only be about 3 houses in the province that could host that size of a tournament – approx 42 teams.

Amended motion defeated.

Glen McGhie withdrew original motion.

### **OTTAWA VALLEY**

#### **MOTION**

**That the format for breaking a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the regional round of the Youth Challenge be changed to one complete game instead of ninth & tenth frame.**

REASON: The winners are advancing to Provincial Championship/Ontario Winter Games and we feel that basing it on only 2 frames is not enough and that a full game would be a truer winner.

Moved by Iris Heney; seconded by Doug Connerty.

Mike Stoddart of Astra noted that most bowling centres don't have the additional time and there could be scheduling conflicts. Bowling centres have other commitments. Further, the finals with only 2 frames, are quick, very exciting and it doesn't keep everyone at the lanes all day.

Diane Anderson-Gibbs of Smiths Falls agrees with Ottawa Valley. If time is the issue, then just start the tournament earlier.

Harold Stoddart indicated that 2 years ago we had a 3-way tie – to make this change would basically result in another round robin.

Dave Post indicated that we did have this change 3-4 years ago. Travel was the issue on a Sunday, in the winter. Some kids don't get home until 11:30 or midnight. If start earlier, then extra burdens on the zones as would then have to put kids up the night before.

Iris Heney indicated that as the zone putting forth the motion, they are not adverse to this.

Motion carries, 44 to 34.

Christina Wheatley put forth a recommendation to expand the window for holding the zone roll-off of the Youth Challenge. However, it was clarified by Rhonda that the flexibility that she was seeking already exists.

Recommendation withdrawn.

**G     RULE BOOK**

John Cresswell referred everyone to page 90 in the convention book. As there have still been no reprints of the book recently, please go to the O5 website – there is a downloadable version available there. We are recommending that Rule 24(d) Section A be reviewed and changed from elimination to a foul. The issue is that once a bowler is warned about using someone's personal balls, the next time they can be eliminated from the tournament. This seems rather harsh. John asked for a show of hands for support. The majority agreed.

**G     ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Rex Dorkings, seconded by Gord Winger.

**CARRIED.**