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2009 AGM WORKSHOP REVIEW

Following are your replies to our AGM Workshop. You will find a number of good suggestions that your Zone/DC might use to help your bowlers as well as to strengthen our sport. As I said in my last email we took a number of your suggestions and have already implemented them and we thank you for these suggestions. At the end you will find your recommendations that you can discuss during this season with your executives and if you wish to pursue them you can change them to motions that we can vote on at the 2010 AGM.

Just to remind everyone that during General Meeting #3 we discussed a number of your recommendations that were changed to motions and were voted on and passed. We then took a break and the Board of Directors decided in the best interest both financially and logistically that we would take "all" the recommendations back to committee to look at the financial implications. We asked for a show of hands and everyone agreed that it was in our best interest to take a closer look at these recommendations.

AGM and SAGM how can we make these more affordable and yet keep them productive?

- Remove the SAGM and replace it with a Zone/DC President and one other executive member to be held in Toronto (at sports centre if possible)
- At this meeting you can discuss the AGM motions to make sure everyone has the same interpretation as well as Auditors report
- Move items from the SAGM to the AGM to add more effective use of time. For example Appreciation and Service Awards
- Reduce AGM to 2 ½ days
- Drop the trips for the Executive Tournament and replace them with a trip for two to the AGM with all expenses paid. This would include their registration fees as well as any activities they wish to participate in such as monkey golf.
- Motions and Recommendations to the office by March 1st with a better explanation and examples so everyone better understands them. They will then be returned to the Zone/DC Presidents April 1st.

Tournaments: How can we cut costs and do what is best for our members?

- Group Triples and Booster Club Tournament (this has been done for the 2009 – 2010 Season)
- Remove the dances from all tournaments except the Open
- Replace the dance for the High Low Doubles and Executive Tournament with some type of entertainment
- Create an Ontario Tournament Weekend, where all tournaments could be run on one weekend, with entertainment for everyone on the Saturday night
- If there is odd Zones at the Open on the Wednesday night select a pacer team consisting of Youth Challenge National team members or YBC bowlers
- Change 1 tournament to a mail in tournament
- More fundraising at tournaments. For example if you have a Tournament Weekend sell backwards bonanza tickets. Raffle off TV or similar gifts along with 50/50 tickets
- Run a POA and Scratch Pool at all Provincial Tournaments

Amalgamation:

- Create a Zone Amalgamation Committee consisting of an O5 Board Member, an O5 Office Staff and a representative from each Region
- The committee would do a feasibility study on whether this is best for the organization as well as all the members
- Report back to the membership with their suggestions at the AGM
- Maybe we can establish this committee at our SAGM and they can have their recommendations for the 2010 AGM

What works well in your Association that can be passed onto other Associations?

- Local Associations must be more visible to its members
- Must maintain a good working relationship with their proprietor
- Must find local incentives for new members. Example free Pizza or discount at local restaurants
- Membership Incentives paid by the Zone/DC
- Better communications between Leagues, bowlers and Associations
- Free membership for League Secretaries for leagues that are 100%. Paid for by the Zone/DC
- Free bowling for 3 weeks to new members. To be paid by the Zone/DC and maybe with the help of the Proprietor
- Zone/DC to sponsor a YBC team in a Mixed League or a Strike 13 Tournament
- Maintain a good working relationship with the Leagues. For example give each league a gift basket they can raffle off to its members at the first of the year. Maybe a gift certificate that can be raffled off during their annual turkey roll

- Post all Zone/DC winners names at the bowling centre. If the house has a provincial Winner have someone from the Zone/DC there the night when they bowl and make an announcement
- Would like to establish a Liaison person for each Zone who would be responsible to communicate with the DC's and Leagues on such things as coaching clinics, new fundraising programs

Advancement of bowlers:

- Advancement of bowlers from the Zone/DC round to the provincials be increased depending on venue. This is already being done for the 2009 – 2010 season
- Advance more teams from the League Round to the Zone/DC round. This is being done for the 2009 – 2010 season
- If a Zone/DC has 50% participation in tournaments they will send one team directly to the Provincials. If they do not have 50% participation they will be combined with another Zone/DC and the host (based on higher participation) will automatically advance 1 team to the Provincials

Financial concerns:

- Change the way the invoices are going to the field
- Have all the invoices go out by Nov 1st
- Add a column to the invoice requesting when the invoice is due
- Would like to see the O5 Board of Directors be more proactive in collecting receivables
- When a Zone/DC owes a lot of money a O5 Director attends one of their monthly meetings to discuss their financial responsibilities
- If a Zone/DC or individual falls 90 days in arrears the O5 President or his delegate along with a staff member convene a special meeting to address the problem

Again the first 3 points are being put into effect for the 2009 – 2010 season. The balance of your concerns will be addressed as per your request.

Recommendations for the 2010 AGM:

- To replace the SAGM and replace it with a Zone/DC Presidents meeting to be held in a central location (possibly sport centre). This meeting will be for all Zone/DC Presidents along with an alternate. At this meeting discussion of all the passed motions to be discussed so everyone has the same interpretation as well as the Audited Statement will be reviewed. Appreciation Awards and Service Awards to be presented at AGM
- Create an Ontario Tournament Weekend that will consist of all tournaments. On the Saturday night a banquet with entertainment will be held for all competitors
- Drop the trips for the Executive Tournament and replace them with a trip for two to the AGM including all expenses
- If a Zone/DC has 50% participation in a tournament they advance 1 team directly to the provincials. If they do not have 50% they will be combined with another Zone/DC and the host (based on higher participation) will automatically send a team to the provincials.
- Change 1 tournament into a phone in provincial tournament
- Establish a Liaison person for each to work with the proprietors as well as work closely with the DC's in their zone along with the leagues. Communications that can be passed from O5 to this person would include up to date coaching courses as well as any new Fundraising ideas
- To change the AGM motions and recommendations to be sent to the Provincial Office March 1st and be sent back to the Zone/DC Presidents April 1st

Again these are your suggestions so please review them and if you want to change them into motions please submit them to the O5 Office.

Again thank you for your participation in the workshops.

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