

# **ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **CONVENTION 2007 – DISCUSSION FORUM #2**

**Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Chair:** Dave Post

**Directors:** John Cresswell      Rheal Champagne      Mike Cregan  
Harold Stoddart      Mike Kyte      Mickey McNeil  
Gary Burkholder      Terry Macdonald

**Secretary:** Mike Wilson

### **A      INFORMATION SESSION #3**

Christina Carey spoke on behalf of the newly formed Youth Advisory Council whose primary focus will be to provide a voice for the youth segment of our members and to assist our organization attract and maintain this needed segment in our sport.

Mike Wilson and Terry Macdonald will be the committees Board Advisors with Christina as the Committee chair and Nicole Nibbs as the Vice Chair.

The immediate primary focus will be implement change to insure the viability of the sport by getting young people involved in some way. Marketing has been identified as a major component or vehicle to accomplish this. Additionally, by the use of our partners, educational base (schools) and youth volunteers being involved at the local level.

### **B      COMBINATION OF ASSOCIATION & LEAGUE EXECUTIVE TOURNAMENTS**

Rheal outlined items that were discussed this morning.

It was thought that these two events could be merged together to create a single Executive Tournament.

Could this event maybe be run during the Hi Low (on the same weekend). Another thought was could we place a time frame on running the event (a period of time between which the even could be run).

Also, another rule that was considered was that a decentralized association could have the option of running this event during regular league play or as a one day roll-off. The zone association must conduct this tournament as a one day roll-off only, but in either case the winners would be declared by pins over average basis.

Possibly the provincial finals for this event could be left at the SAGM timeframe, and

maybe the zones could possibly try to get more executives to stay for the semi annual meeting the next day.

Brenda Hamilton, Central Ontario – asked if the divisions (President, Secretary, Treasurer) are they staying or going. Rheal indicated that once the tournament was run in the house you would advance the top three POA.

Lori Beesack, Bramalea – asked if there would be one trip or four trips with divisions at the Provincials. Rheal replied that there won't be any divisions.

Nicole Nibbs, Bramalea – asked for clarification as to how many trips there would be available at the Provincials (three or four). At the provincials, participants would be playing for one of three trips.

Dave Post explained how while looking at ways to combine some of the tournaments a suggestion was brought forward was to take the League and Association Executive tournaments and combine them. The idea was to take all your league executive bowlers and your association executive bowlers and either run in league play or by a separate tournament.

Jim Marshall, Smiths Falls – will the present assessment for the PST be done with it (increased, decreased or done away with) by combining these two tournaments. Dave replied that there will be one assessment based on the number of trips everyone determines there to be.

Lori Beesack, Bramalea – as association executives we will do it in our in house round competing against our league executives. Whose is going to run our event? We can't compete if we are running it. Harold said you could run it during league play.

Glen McGhie, Garrison – combining the two events together is a good idea but we don't want to interfere with our SAGM meeting by having our delegates driving a long distance to a meeting that could last three or four hours. A solution could be to send two bowlers from your association executive and two from your league executives. In that way you still have your association delegates there to represent your association at the meeting.

Lori Beesack, Bramalea – asked for this discussion to be tabled until after the funding discussion is complete.

Dave Post stated that feedback was needed on the merits of the 3 tournaments the logistics and numbers can be worked out after.

Vince Amelotte, Orleans – combining the 2 events means that association executives that work at running the tournament will be unable to participate. In essence, by combining the two we have effectively eliminated one.

Dave Post replied that the tournament can be run during league play so that all can participate and not tie up valuable lane time on weekends.

Mike Heney, Merivale – questioned turn out for SAGM if Association Executives fail to qualify for the tournament.

Rosemary Davidson, Mikes – suggested keeping the two events but run the provincials for each on the same day.

Dave Post stated that you would have to decide which division to bowl in league or association executive.

Rosemary Davidson, Mikes – recommended only providing one trip to the winner and a voucher for them to bring a companion who would then pay for their own trip

Harold Stoddart pointed out that many winners may not be able to financially afford to do so.

Diana Bicknell, Hastings – leave the existing formats in place for both events and then they advance to one provincials for 3 winners regardless of originating event.

Harold Stoddart pointed out that this was fine as long as it funded in a way so that the tournament does not run at a loss. It will also require changing the qualifying dates for the league executive in the event that you have a new league executive.

John Cresswell asked for a show of hands to combine the two tournaments into one for 3 winners and John Cresswell and Mike Cregan to work out the numbers – AGREED

### **C. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

Rheal outlined the items that were discussed this morning.

It would start at 9:00 am and finish at 3:30 pm all in one day so no overnight accommodation would be required. It would be done in 4 regions to minimize travel. Estimated cost would be \$25-\$40 per association.

A need has been identified to have all tournament directors receive a standardized level of training to effectively conduct events, similar to lane certification where a final exam is written.

Doug Plummer, Bay of Quinte – asked what if a tournament director does not want to take the course, are they then not allowed to run tournaments?

Dave Post stated that yes they will not be allowed to run a tournament if they have not attended the workshop.

Christina Carey, Ontario Durham – want to clarify that two from each association will be certified the first year and then more in subsequent years?

Dave Post replied that yes more workshops will be held in the future so that additional

people could be certified.

Christina Carey, Ontario Durham – asked what if a situation arose where no certified tournament director was available and a non certified person was required to run the tournament?

Dave Post replied that certified tournament directors from neighbouring associations could be available but anything is possible. In the event that this situation arose, notify the office.

**MOTION: TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS WORKSHOP  
PUT FORTH BY DOREEN KYTE; SECONDED BY JOANNE ELLISON**

#### **D. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

Now that combining the league executive and association executive – will backburner this event for this year.

#### **E. SHARE THE WEALTH**

John Cresswell clarified the concept of the tournament.

Propose that we sell kits of 100 tickets at \$5.00 each. Twenty five tickets will be pulled and those people would bowl to be eligible to advance to provincials. Each kit will generate \$150.00 of revenue for the local association and \$200.00 to the Provincial office for the Provincial finals.

Potentially have 200-300 at the provincials but great opportunity for local associations to raise funds.

This tournament will compete with the Strike It Big and will replace the Strike It Big.

Judy Begley, Metro Toronto – commented that Strike It Big works in her zone not the booster – so they would lose the Strike It Big?

John Cresswell stated that we can't provincially run both as the Strike It Big is declining and this tournament will further erode into the Strike It Big revenue. Can't have a few associations run the Strike it Big and post a huge financial loss on this event.

Vince Amelotte, Orleans – less than half the associations are involved with the Booster and the Strike It Big is not going well either – how can this tournament be better?

Dave Post stated that the immediacy of selling the kit you have a roll off right away.

Paul Bauer, Grand River – states that this will lose the sales base because the tickets

are sold now only to bowlers.

John Cresswell stated that all ticket purchasers are eligible to win prizes

Christina Carey, Ontario Durham – wanted to know if you hold two winning tickets can you designate some to bowl on the other ticket?

John Cresswell stated that there is no opposition to the appointment concept if that is what is decided.

Jim Marshall, Smiths Falls – wanted to know what would happen if an association can't sell out a complete kit.

Dave Post replied that it will cost the associations nothing if they can't sell out a kit.

<p><b>MOTION: TO MOVE FORWARD WITH REPLACING THE STRIKE IT BIG WITH THE CONCEPT OF SHARE THE WEALTH TOURNAMENT PUT FORTH BY GERRY FARRELL; SECONDED BY ED SODTKA</b></p>
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**F. 2<sup>ND</sup> CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

None

<p><b>MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS PUT FORTH BY SHIRLEY HONE</b></p>
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