



## CENTRAL ONTARIO FIVE PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MAY 8, 2019



### **Board Members Present:**

Bob Beaucage, Rheel Champagne, Brenda Hamilton, Wade Thompson, Lyall Gordon, Connie Hannah, Jessica Cyr, Ian Gawel, Lori Beesack, Melissa Llewellyn, Maria Istvanic

**Board Members Absent:** Kevin Jepson

**Guests:** Andrew Pike, Pam Wiebe, Marilyn Gordon, Mike Iannozzi, Bobby Torraville

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** - *Bob Beaucage*

Good evening, and welcome to the Central Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Annual General Meeting.

Thank you all for attending. As members of our organization, this is your opportunity to get involved, share and discuss ideas to make our zone and the greater organization stronger.

Let me introduce your board of directors:

- Vice-President, Lane Certification Agent and Shirts – Rheel Champagne
- Treasurer and Historian – Wade Thompson
- Secretary and Hall of Fame Chair - Brenda Hamilton
- Coaching Co-coordinator – Melissa Llewellyn
- Membership Director - Lyall Gordon
- Awards and Record Scores Director - Connie Hannah
- Average Book Director - Kevin Jepson
- Publicity – Lori Beesack
- Tournament Director – Jessica Cyr
- Fundraising – Ian Gawel
- Director at Large – Maria Istvanic

And myself, President, Bob Beaucage.

I am very proud of the work that your board of directors does, and would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support again this year. The entire board is an example of great teamwork and dedication to the sport of five pin bowling.

With the strong support of our volunteers and proprietors, we had another successful bowling season, both on and off the lanes, as you will see from the reports to follow.

Let's remember to be respectful of each other, this is a venue for everyone to share their ideas. You may not like someone's idea, you are free to express your opinion about that idea, but let the discussion be professional and respectful.

Without further ado, let us start by reviewing the minutes from last year's AGM. Copies are available for our guests.

**Motion to accept last year's amended minutes as read – Connie Hannah and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyall Gordon. Carried.**

### **TREASURER** – *Wade Thompson*

COBA is in a very good financial position, sitting at a book balance of \$21,427.97 as of this report. There are still some costs left to come for this fiscal year, including the O5 Annual Convention, and the Donation to the SOO from last year's Golf Tournament, which I project to be around \$6400. In addition to our bank balance, we also have \$10,402.50 in a reserve fund invested with Ian Gawel, through Desjardins Financial Security.

Thank you to the board for your continued support.

**Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Pam Wiebe and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Gawel. Motion carried.**

### **TOURNAMENTS** -- *Jessica Cyr*

We had 9 tournaments this year

- League executive (centre bowl - November 3)
- Youth challenge (skyview lanes - November 25)
- Ontario Open/senior open
- Week 1 (streetsville bowl - December 2)
- Week 2 (brampton bowl - December 9)
- High low doubles (hopedale bowl - January 12)
- Holiday classic (skyview lanes - January 27)
- Provincial triples (brampton bowl - April 6)
- Booster club (hopedale bowl - march 22)
- Booster club (skyview lanes - April 17 & 24)

We saw an increase in the League executive (23 this year), Holiday Classic (229 up 39) triples (230 up 17) and the booster club at hopedale with 20 bowlers at the event (up 4). We saw a decrease in the High Low doubles (248 down 16), the Youth Challenge (35 down 3) and the Open (38 down 1) and Senior Open (5 down 11)

We participated in the O5 executive tournament. There was no charge to the bowlers and lunch was provided to say thank you for all they do.

Congratulations to everyone who won at the provincial levels - the ladies open team took gold, and Aaron Glover made the nationals team at the Youth Challenge.

I would like to say thank you to the board for all your help this season, the proprietors for hosting and helping everything run smoothly. Also a huge thank you to Janice Graham and Rob Taylor for stepping in to help out as needed during the season.

### **MEMBERSHIP** -- *Lyll Gordon*

Central Ontario's total membership for 2018/2019 was 656 bowlers. This represents an increase of 52 members over last season. Membership was comprised of 19 leagues in 5 bowling centres, as well as 9 individuals and 13 life members. We added 2 new leagues this year, a Triples league at Brampton Bowl with 29 members and an SOO league at Skyview Lanes with 23 members.

The breakdown by centre is:

Streetsville Bowl	2 Leagues	79 Members
Centre Bowling Lanes	3 Leagues	88 Members
Brampton Bowling Lanes	3 Leagues	99 Members
Hopedale Bowl	5 Leagues	170 Members
Skyview Lanes	6 Leagues	198 Members

The breakdown by members is as follows:

Tournament members	144
Regular members	209
Senior members	10
SOO members	231
YBC under 18	6
Graduated YBC senior members	3
Duplicate members	53

A total of 613 Membership Application forms were filled out and returned to the Association. This represents an overall compliance rate of 93.4%. This is a great improvement from last year's total of 63%. We did not receive any forms from the 9 individuals, as well as the 13 life members.

I would like to thank all of the COBA Board Members, as well as all of the league secretaries for their help and support this past season.

#### **AWARDS** -- *Connie Hannah*

This year Central Ontario changed their logo. A contest was run and Michael Iannozzi from Skyview Lanes Bolton was the winner. He was awarded a jacket with his design on it. Congratulations to Michael.

The awards were well received this year especially the gift cards. Also positive feedback was received on our new logo. There was some delay with the awards as towels had to be made with the new logo and this took time but all awards requests were honoured.

#### **RECORD SCORES** – *Connie Hannah*

Plaques were received from O5 for scores in the Special Olympic Division. These were distributed to Strikes R Us and Strikes R Us TOO at Centre.

Currently I am receiving Record Scores from Leagues and these will be compiled and forwarded to O5 by June.

I would like to sincerely thank my fellow Board members for their support and assistance.

#### **LANE CERTIFICATION** - *Rheal Champagne*

All lanes were completed as per schedule, and all reports were sent to O5 prior to the deadline. Rheal is currently mentoring Melissa Llewellyn re lane certification.

**COACHING CO-ORDINATOR** -- *Melissa Llewellyn*

I'd like to begin by thanking the board for the opportunity to act as Coaching Coordinator for the 2018 - 2019 season.

The season began with nominations for the Ernie Roggie Grass Roots Coach of the Year as well Dave Post Elite Coach of the year. The board nominated Glenn Wieland for Ernie Roggie Grass Roots and Brinley Hole for the Dave Post Elite coach of the year. Glenn won the Ernie Roggie Grass Roots Coach of the Year! The plaque was presented to him in front of the Hopedale YBC in November.

Coaches were selected in November for Youth Challenge. We had six coaches on the list for the teams to pick from. The Men's team selected Dee-Dee Haynes Ridley, the Ladies selected Bob Beaucage and the Mixed selected Marilyn Gordon.

In December we saw coaches picked for the Open. Men's team selected Brinley Hole, Women's team was appointed a coach from the Ontario 5 Pin, Bruce Whidden, Mixed team selected Marilyn Gordon and the Seniors selected Debbie Hole.

In February we hosted an Intro to Community Coach Course. Rheel Certified 15 new coaches. The course was held at Centre Bowling Lanes. I would like to thank all the people who volunteered their time to assist with the on lane portion. We also had individuals on a wait list. Those individuals were emailed to inform them of a coaching course in March at Quinte Bowl.

In April we nominated Debbie Hole for the Jim Donovan award. The award was presented at the Central Ontario Hall of Fame dinner this past April.

Thanks again to the Central Board for providing help to make the year a successful one. I will be working on updating the coaching list with current names, address and phone numbers. As well as setting up a Community Coach Course and Intro to Competition Course throughout the upcoming season.

**AVERAGE BOOK** -- *Kevin Jepson*

Thank you to our President Bob Beaucage and all fellow Board members for working alongside you and helping out with the various duties required for our zone association during this past 2018-19 bowling season.

The average book takes a lot of cooperation and I would be remiss if I did not thank ALL the member league secretaries and proprietors for their efforts in compiling and submitting the year end averages for each and every bowler in their leagues. Instead of a printed Zone Average Book (*where we distributed printed copies to each member league and member bowling centre*), again this season, we posted a PDF digital version of the Average Book which could be viewed or downloaded from our Zone's website. In addition to the complete copy of the overall membership bowler averages and association information and tournament schedules, etc. we also distributed each individual league's membership listing containing their bowler averages to the league secretary/tournament director to accommodate their needs in dealing with averages for tournaments and record score purposes. This past season saw a condensed streamlined version of the Average Book from those published in previous seasons. In order to comply with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (**PIPEDA**), there is limited information that can be published online. All bowlers are listed in the average book, but we can no longer publish lists specific to each bowling center and league or to indicate their location. If anyone would like further details on our digital Average Book ... please don't hesitate to talk with me.

Last year's Average Book included 21 current or recent (in the last three years) past member leagues and consisting of 774 bowlers and their averages.

As we did last season, for the coming 2019-20 season, in order to make it easier for each league secretary, I will be preparing a separate league spreadsheet for each league from the master zone average book spreadsheet received from the provincial association. These spreadsheets contain all required data so that all the league secretary will have to do is input each bowler's season pinfall and games bowled for their league only. This will be sent to each league secretary and to the bowling centres during the week of May 13<sup>th</sup> to be completed and returned by no later than Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. I will send a reminder out to those not returned during the last week of May and hopefully ALL our member leagues year-end averages for this past 2018-19 bowling season will be complete by the time O5PBA Convention is upon us. These statistics are due back to the O5PBA by no later than the convention date on June 13<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>. Earlier submission deadlines were imposed five years ago so that the average books can be prepared and printed in time for the start of a new bowling season. So it is planned, failing any unexpected delays, that league secretaries and bowling centres will receive their copy of the average book at the start of the 2019-20 season by September 1st. Each bowler's 3 year rolling average will also include scores and games played at the various Zone and Provincial Finals of the Association's annual events as well as other events sanctioned by organizations such as Master Bowlers Association events.

I would also like to thank everyone for allowing me the latitude to recover from my surgery during the past season and being able to participate in meetings using the conference call network rather than in person. It has been great working with our team of volunteers. I believe our zone is in very capable hands under the leadership of our President Bob and all the right folks in the right portfolios for best success and management of our association! I am sure that Mickey will be watching over us to keep the ship afloat thru the many smooth waters and of course also thru the rough waters too.

#### **HALL OF FAME** -- *Brenda Hamilton*

The Central Ontario Hall of Fame Dinner/Dance was held on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. At this event, we inducted one individual into the Legends category of our Hall of Fame:

#### **LEGENDS DIVISION - Mickey McNeil**

We made it a celebration of Mickey's life and all she has done for the Central zone and 5 pin bowling in general of the years. Thanks to Bob Beaucage for putting together a great presentation.

I would again like to thank everyone who helped out at our Dinner/Dance on April 5th. There is a lot of planning that goes on behind the scenes to ensure this event runs smoothly, and all of the board are commended for their time and effort in ensuring that everything ran seamlessly. Also our volunteers from the field, Laurie Fries and Orrie Karas for helping to set up and tear down after the event. Also to Rob Taylor for his assistance in the tear down

The Hall of Fame spreadsheet of individuals already inducted and potential future inductees, has been updated as of this date and will be uploaded to our website

#### **HISTORIAN** -- *Wade Thompson*

The history section of the website is in the process of being updated with this season's Open champions. I have also developed a spreadsheet that tracks individual performance in the Open Championships. The spreadsheet currently covers Central Ontario from 2004 to 2019, but I hope to expand the scope of this spreadsheet in the near future.

Thank you to the board for your assistance and input throughout the year.

### **PUBLICITY** -- *Lori Beesack*

The Fastlane newsletter and the COBA Facebook page were utilized extensively to inform the membership of upcoming events and past results. The first newsletter of the year was shared many times to other zones and was seen by over 900 people.

Posting the newsletter to the Facebook page has increased visibility of our zone.

At the Provincial Open Championships, many of the stepladder games were live streamed to support the sport. This allowed many members watching for results at home the ability to follow along real-time and receive updates via the chat.

### **FUND RAISING** -- *Ian Gawel*

This year was a year to re-evaluate our efforts as many of the events from years past were not well supported.

We organized our first hybrid doubles tournament that was held February 2, 2019. The tournament was well received with 51 teams participating. The tournament raised \$219 for COBA. We will plan to organize two tournaments during the 2019/2020 season. Dates to be determined.

The Open players fundraised this year and from their efforts donated \$280 back to COBA that will be utilized to help with the Golf Tournament.

Our final event for the year is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament partnered with Special Olympics Canada, being held Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. We are currently working to fill the tournament and at this time have interest from many teams wanting to participate. We will be working to finalize the raffle table, hole sponsors and gift bags. It is looking to be another great event.

For next year it would be time to start to look at some new events to be organized that will have participation from many of the COBA members.

I would like to thank everyone for their participation and support in the events we ran this year.

### **BOOSTER CLUB** - *Lyll Gordon / Jessica Cyr*

#### **Skyview Lanes** – *Lyll Gordon*

Skyview bought a 75 Kit. They will be participating again next year. The tournament winner was Len Martin and he will advance to the Provincial round.

#### **Hopedale Lanes** – *Jessica Cyr*

Hopedale bought a kit of 75 and will be participating again next year. The tournament winner was James Montague and he will advance to the Provincial round.

### **ELECTIONS TO THE CENTRAL ONTARIO 5 PIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Marilyn Gordon took over the meeting to run the elections.

Up for re-election this year are: Bob Beaucage, Rheel Champagne, Connie Hannah, Kevin Jepson and Maria Istvanic (who was appointed a one year term to replace Mickey McNeil

The Central Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association has nominated the following incumbents: "Bob Beaucage, Rheel Champagne, Kevin Jepson, Connie Hannah and Maria Istvanic". All five incumbents said they would stand.

Nominations were accepted from the floor:

Pam Wiebe – nominated by Lori Beesack

Bobby Torranceville – nominated by Ian Gawel

Natalie Laporte – (who stood in proxy) – nominated by Lori Beesack

All three nominees said they would stand.

There was a tie between Natalie Laporte and Maria Istvanic regarding who would have the 3 year term or two year term. Natalie Laporte agreed to the two year term.

**A motion to accept the ballots by Lyall Gordon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ian Gawel.**

**THE 2019/2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE:**

3 Years to Serve: Bob Beaucage, Rheal Champagne, Maria Istvanic and Pam Wiebe

2 Years to Serve: Lyall Gordon, Lori Beesack, Ian Gawel and Natalie Laporte

1 Year to Serve: Brenda Hamilton, Wade Thompson, Jessica Cyr and Melissa Llewellyn

Connie Hannah, Janice Graham and Sue Thompson are Directors at Large and will help COBA with their Saturday bingos.

**A motion to destroy the ballots was put on the floor by Melissa Llewellyn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wade Thompson. Motion carried.**

**ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Will be held at our August Meeting.

Meeting was turned back to Rheal Champagne, who as Vice-President took over the meeting as Bob Beaucage had to leave on a business issue at 10:00 p.m.

**The following will continue to be offered by COBA to all our bowlers.**

- Awards program
- Prizes to all zone round winners
- Coaching courses
- Reduced rates for all our bowlers
- All Graduating YBC bowlers will again receive a tournament card for the season
- All final YBC bowlers or first year graduates will again have their entry fee (excluding lineage) paid by COBA into the Open

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motions proposed for the Ontario 5 Pin AGM in June were discussed, but unfortunately, the meeting was running late and these were not completed.

Pam Wiebe commented that all leagues should be canvassed by Central Ontario board members to explain the benefits of joining our association at the beginning of the season.

The poster for the Awards Program will be amended to include the Tim's Card for 100 POA in the Regular Member portion as it was inadvertently omitted this past year.

- REGULAR MEMBERS
  - Towel – 75 POA
  - \$10 Tim's Card – 100 POA
  - \$20 Dining Card - 125 POA
  - \$50 Dining Card – 400 singles and 1,000 triples
- SOO MEMBERS
  - Towels – 50 POA
  - \$10 Tim's Card – 75 POA
  - \$20 Dining Card – 100 POA

Motion to adjourn by Marilyn Gordon and Lori Beesack at 10:43 p.m.

*Minutes Prepared by Brenda Hamilton  
May 8, 2019*