

MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

May 11, 2024

Roll Call: Dave Johnson - JKL, Dj Villeneuve - C, George Tughan - C, Barb Chapman - JKL, Bernie McMillan - B, France Hotte - X, Jim Head - F, Kile Robins - D, PJ Cole - D, Rob Macdonald - E, Lindsay Richardson - D, Andrea Disher - D, Melissa Downey - F, Jordan Carriere - H, Lynn Kilbourne - B, Glen McDonald - B, Rasa Roberts - B, Cody Dibiasi - B, Brian Lawrence - B, Bob Pellow - B, Rich Vassos - D, Brenda Pankoff - B, Leslie Speers - GP, Andrew Speers - GP, Elaine Freiday - X, Liam Ostrom - X, Tyler Brighton - X, Davin Florent - JKL, Nathan Cooper - JKL, Bill Stockill - D, Shawn Coombs - GP, Julie Harris - F, Caitlin Beharry - F, Phil Winter - GP, Myranda Winter - GP, Pearl Lum - GP, Catherine Sullivan - GP, Cindy Toll - X, Tilson Toll - X, Jenn Gray - X, Jason Davidson-Thoms - GP, Russell Furlong - GP, Rachel Horan - X, Steve Horan - X, Bill Bellamy - H, Adam Rainville - X, Sarah Dougall - C, Derek Klomp - C, Pat Hotte - X, Katlyn Saar - C, Mylene Villeneuve - X, James Montague - F, Benoit Croteau - X, Helene Croteau - X, Marie-Pascale Croteau - GP, Jim Ronaldson - GP, Kathleen Coombs-Ronaldson - GP, Josh Collin-Pereira - GP, Eric Ridgeway - E, Kelli Ridgeway - E, Derek King - C, Aaron Deal - GP, Theresa Coombs-Ronaldson - GP, Kevin Cox - B

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Dave Johnson, President

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming.

I'd like to start by acknowledging the past contributions and hours and hours of commitment given to this association by Elaine Freiday, our past Vice President who left our Board this season. Elaine managed the association through the Covid years, and she and her committee set up policies to allow us to continue with our tournament events in a way that was approved by public health during the months of Covid uncertainty. This was second to none of any bowling association and proved that the Master Bowlers Association could ensure the safety of our players. Her guidance through those years, in my first years as president, were invaluable to me. The Board will also miss her ability in fundraising, and I want to thank her for her many years of contribution and the guidance she gave me. I wish her the best in the future.

Kile Robins: Membership Committee Chair, working on Members' Handbook and approval of all sublimation shirts before having them created.

Lindsay Richardson: A new Member working on our membership committee and backup to our secretary managing our Board Meeting notes to ensure we get continuity in Board tasks and ideas.

PJ Cole, a Member of our finance committee who brings us his expertise in accounting. PJ set up our automated link to CRA this year, so we are no longer sending our tax filings in by paper.

France Hotte, Finance committee chair she works closely with Andrea, auditing our financial entries. She and her team meeting monthly managing our finances and reporting to the Board monthly. France also audits our entries monthly again to keep the Board and her committee informed with all details.

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George Tughan, a Member of our executive committee and our Treasurer working on our finance committee and providing France and the team with his years of experience on the Board of the MBO. George keeps watch closely on our National Funds to ensure that we can still send our players to Nationals for under \$400 of their own costs despite the rising expenses year over year. George has also helped me again with his experience through some tough decisions we have had to make this past season and I thank him for this.

Brinley Hole, who returned to our Board when we had an opening which gave the Board his experience. You will see Brinley at many of our tournament events and his assistance and experience in running our events is so important.

Bernie McMillan our Fundraising Chair, he and his team have worked hard all season to keep our fundraising levels as high as we can as these efforts are the only way we can continue to operate. We have no funding from the government or any other organization, so keeping our 5 dolla-holla boards, Share the Wealth draws, Elimination draws and other initiatives going is a huge task.

Jim Head, our Tournament Director who despite family challenges this season, has always been there at our events and working various committees this past year. On top of that he is heading to our Nationals this year on our Tournament Men's team.

Rob Macdonald is our Tournament Committee Chair and works closely with Andrea planning our tournament formats, acting as one of our Judges of Play and is currently involved with Andrea in planning next season's schedule and locations. He keeps the Board informed of the staffing requirements we need at each of our events. Rob also brings a strong technical knowledge to our Board and was responsible for setting up our recent survey which we will talk about later today.

Barb Chapman for the past 3 years has been our Secretary and has been on the Finance Committee. The time she has taken to record our meetings in complete detail, then spending hours relistening to our meeting recordings is more than most of us would understand, but the minutes are clear, concise, and accurate. Barb is up for re-election today and has decided to not run again as she wants to be able to spend more time with family and less time behind a computer. On behalf of the members here and our entire Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your time with the MBO Board, and also the extra challenge of managing me while I work for this association. It was an added adventure that wasn't written in your job description.

Dj Villeneuve has taken on the role this season as our Vice President. He is part of our Executive Committee and now a delegate to the Board of the Master Bowlers Association of Canada. Gaining background of setting up and running a National Championship with the National Committees will bring an advantage to our association going forward as we will be hosting in 2026.

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Me, thanking everyone for coming, I'm also up for re-election this year and we shall see how all that pans out as we progress through our meeting today.

The survey that went to all members of the MBOA resulted with 144 unique responses from members. Rob reviewed each response to ensure we were getting responses from current members and only 1 response per person. 144 out of 340 members was far greater than we expected.

To be clear, THIS SURVEY IS NOT THE VOTE, and was not intended to be any type of proxy vote on this motion, but I and the Board felt that in making this decision, all of us in this room should be aware of the responses in order to make an informed decision.

A breakdown by division - Tournament Division 30 responses with 17 in favour of allowing alcohol consumption during their events.

Teaching Division 91 responses with 28 in favour

Seniors Division 23 responses with 3 in favour.

Many years ago, back in the late 1980's a past president, Bill Boettger passed away and his estate gave the Ontario 5 Pin Association and the Master Bowlers Association an endowment. The instructions provided in Bill's wishes was to use the money to promote the sport and find ways to help us grow as an association.

Over the years this money was used for some marketing initiatives when Walter Heeney was our Special Projects Manager. For the past several years, this Boettger Fund has funded our Teen Tour Bursary Awards, named after Jake Tamemoto, a youth bowler who tragically passed away at a young age. Jake was a regular player and very popular on our Teen Tour or Rookie Tour as it was known back then.

When our Life Member and one of the best players in our sport, Fraser Hambly passed, he also provided the MBOA with an endowment from his estate as well, and these funds were added to what we have known as the Boettger Fund.

I mention all of this because as of this season and after 20+ years of managing this Boettger Fund, we have now used up all the money. These funds provided the \$2,000 per season, given to our Teen Tour winners based on their aggregate standings, the \$500 was used towards their membership and tournament entry fees in their first year as a Master Bowler. This coming season, we will still run a Teen Tour aggregate, and continue to provide some form of award in Jake's name, the \$500.00 given to their first year in the MBOA will no longer be available.

In 2026, we will be hosting the MBAC National Championships. Martin Talbot has offered to take the lead role and is putting committees together for this huge project. We haven't settled on a location just yet, the ever-changing world of bowling centres closing, paired with a need to have accommodations that can handle 450 people, 185 rooms, and capacity to have that many

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folks at a banquet, is not easy to achieve. It will be a huge task and if anyone would like to help, I can put you in touch with Martin to join his team. Expertise in transportation (School Buses), hotel room setup and other sections are always welcome among other tasks.

To give everyone an idea last year, in Newfoundland lineage costs for 4560 games were over 29K, busing 23K and cost for banquet facilities and meals totalled 58K Hosting is a huge expense and while we do get Provincial Assessments from the other provinces, that is only 20k. The remainder is up to the creativity of the host committee in fundraising, advertising, and seeking out grants or subsidies.

I mention all of this because even if you have had the privilege to attend the Nationals, the total concept of the costs involved is lost to the players. So, if anyone has a company, or is self employed and willing to help us through a contribution, or to advertise Martin's team, would be very appreciative as would our Board. We are investigating a way to promote our advertisers on our website, but I don't want pop-up messages coming up as they can become annoying.

All these reasons are why we work so hard and keep pestering our members to help us with the Elimination Draw tickets, one to provide the top payouts back to our winners, but to also achieve our goals and keep our association operational.

Thank you,
Dave Johnson
President

2. Acceptance of the 2022 Annual General Meeting minutes through the zone meetings.

Mover: Helene Croteau - X

Secunder: Bob Pellow - B

MOTION CARRIED

3. Acceptance of the Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2023, as presented (see attached)

Mover: Adam Rainville - X

Secunder: Theresa Coombs-Ronaldson - GP

MOTION CARRIED

4. Motion to accept the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2023 – 2024 season.

Mover: Kathleen Coombs-Ronaldson - GP

Secunder: Tilson Toll - X

MOTION CARRIED

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Elections Slate

Barb Chapman (JKL)
Bernie McMillan (B)
Dave Johnson (JKL)
George Tughan (C)

Nominations from the Field

Mary Fisk-Shute (D)
Tyler Turner (H)

Elaine Freiday - (X) brought a question to the Board regarding the rules as they are stated in the Information Booklet, specifically regarding the rule for consuming alcohol during tournament play. **Dave** replied to the question indicating that a penalty was imposed but a player can always appeal, which was what happened in this case. As a result, an appeal panel was established to review the appeal. A meeting was held with the player and the appeal panel modified the penalty. The player was given a suspension for 3 tournaments. Further discussion from **Davin Florent - JKL** who felt strongly that the penalty should have included disqualification from participation in the Nationals. **Dave** clarified that this was not part of the penalty. If the infraction had occurred in the last tournament of the year, then yes, disqualifications from the Nationals may have been part of the penalty. Further comment indicated that the rule is written, and it is "black and white" so why did it have to go to the Board? **Dave** admitted that it may have been wrong, but every case needs to be looked at as each case may have different circumstances around it.

First Call for Elections

Jim Ronaldson (GP) Nominated by Andrea Disher (D) Seconded by Elaine Freiday (X)

BOARD MOTIONS APPROVED FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON

To reduce the number of teams in a zone to qualify for the Master Youth to be 20 to be able to send a second team

Above motion was passed by the Board of Directors on July 27, 2023

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BOARD MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

To increase the tournament fee structure as follows (increase due to lineage)

Division	Tournament	Increase	Comment
Tournament	Year End	\$15	16 games played vs 8 games
	Mixed Triples	\$10	
	All Others	\$10	
Teen Tour	All tournaments	\$10	
Teaching	Year End	\$15	10 games played vs 6 games
	Mixed Triples	\$10	
	Master Youth	\$10	9 games (3 master, 6 youth)
	All Others	\$10	
Seniors	Fraser Hambly	\$10	
	All Others	\$10	
Others	Master Senior	\$20	Increase \$10 per bowler
	Henry Fehr	\$10	
	Special Olympics	\$20	To bring fee up to Master Youth pricing

Moved by Finance Committee

Seconded by Brinley Hole

Carried

Defeated

Withdrawn

Phil Winter - GP asked why the Master Senior event included an increase for both the Master and the YBC bowler as they are bowling combined games (Scotch Doubles)? **Dave** explained that there have been no discounts on lineage since Covid so if we make a little bit more money by charging the YBC player the additional lineage, it will go into the prize money. **Andrea** added that there is no guarantee on sponsorship (specifically SoftRoll)

Phil Winter - GP asked about the lineage for the Master Youth. **Andrea** clarified that it's not just for the Master's 3 games but it's a total of 9 games for each event.

Nathan Cooper - JKL – asked about the rationale for the Special Olympics being increased.

Dave indicated that this is a precautionary move in the event comes back to put it in line with Master Youth.

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MOTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

To bring the total National Assessment collected by the Tournament division closer to the amount collected by the Teaching division, a mandatory \$20 National Assessment fee would to be paid by the 1st tournament that the Master participates in, of the season if a Member chooses to bowl the Tournament division.

Moved by Finance Committee Seconded by Dj Villeneuve

Carried **Defeated** **Withdrawn**

Bob Pellow - B asked for clarification on this motion. As a result of this discussion, a change was made to the motion (see above highlighted additions).

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Due to the rising expenses for travel and to keep the increase consistent across all divisions, it was proposed by the Finance Committee to increase the National Assessment from \$200/bowler to \$300/bowler for all those attending Nationals.

Moved by Finance Committee Seconded by Bernie McMillan

Carried **Defeated** **Withdrawn**

Brenda Pankoff - B asked how the Board determined that the new number should be \$300?
Bernie McMillan - B - replied indicating the price of hotels and flights has increased significantly. The change from 2 to 3 participants to a room has helped with the increase for hotel costs, but this helps cover the increase in flight costs. The membership was advised that this would likely happen back in 2019. **France Hotte - X** - indicated that this was required to balance the funds for next year. **Nathan Cooper - JKL** suggested maybe introducing a staggered rate by year, depending on which location the Nationals will be held at. E.g. Maybe \$600 for Newfoundland but only \$300 for Ontario/Quebec. Dave replied, sharing that yes, we can make a little money while holding Nationals in Northern Ontario and Quebec, but it does cost significantly more to travel further. This is certainly something the Board could consider.

Second Call for Elections – None

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ZONE MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON

MOTION BY ZONE E: To allow alcoholic beverages during play at Masters Tournament in which do not involve any YBC/Teen Tour players.

Moved by Melissa Downey

Seconded by Geoff Dunn

Carried

Defeated

Withdrawn

Before this motion was voted on, **Dave** explained that the results of the "Monkey Survey" that was sent out prior to this meeting asking each Member if they would approve or disapprove of drinking during tournament play, would NOT be used to determine the outcome of this motion. This survey was done purely to get some feedback from more members than those that would normally attend the AGM. The results of the survey indicated about 65% of the membership did not want to see drinking alcoholic beverages during tournament play. There was lots of discussion on this topic. The result of this motion was from a vote taken of those Members attending this AGM Meeting. **Dave** reminded the membership that if we had a sponsor that sold liquor, then yes, in support of our sponsor, we would be able to drink alcoholic beverages at tournaments that they sponsor. There are no financial requirements (minimum) noted for these sponsors.

MOTION BY ZONE GP: All Masters playing in Master Youth events must have a valid Vector Screening Check completed beginning with the 2024-25 Masters season.

Moved by Cathy Davidson

Seconded by Ken Groombridge

Rational for Motion – Currently all adults working in any function with a YBC Program currently must do this but there are a number of Unaffiliated Masters that do help out YBC programs by competing in the Youth event (Fall Master Youth and Spring Master Youth) which do not currently have to complete the Vector Screening. Ultimately the goal of this motion is to protect the Youth bowlers in our events during a season.

Carried

Defeated

Withdrawn

It was assumed that this motion was referring to a Vulnerable Sector Check. There was an extensive discussion regarding this motion. It was mentioned that you are unable to obtain a Vulnerable Sector Check in Toronto. It would be an additional fee for our members and in most cases, any children that are being coached in our sport, are usually being done so with their parents/family member/guardians in close proximity. It was mentioned that this can be purchased through the Ontario 5 Pin Bowler's Association for \$20. If this was required in the case of an emergency (a coach having to fill in for someone who is no longer available), there wouldn't be enough time to get one as the process takes 3 - 6 weeks, depending on your local Police Force's process. It would be almost impossible for the Master Bowler's Association to police this.

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MOTION BY ZONE GP: For events that don't count towards Aggregate the scores bowled during those events should not count towards the Average calculation.

Moved by Russell Furlong

Seconded by Ken Groombridge

Rational for Motion – If the scores bowled during these events don't count towards the Aggregate then why would those scores be included in the average calculation during the season where the bowler is competing for aggregate.

Carried

Defeated

Withdrawn

The tournaments that do not count for aggregate were reviewed and it was determined that only the Henry Fehr Memorial Doubles and the Special Olympics tournaments do not count towards aggregate. The Fraser Hambly Memorial Senior Doubles would count towards aggregate, if bowled. **Russell Furlong - GP** - was acceptable to changing the wording of the motion to be "For events that are not aggregate eligible events, scores bowled during those events should not count towards the Average calculation." This wording was changed during the meeting.

Third Call for Elections -

Davin Florent (JKL)

Nominated by Elaine Freiday (X)

Seconded by Andrea Disher (D)

Elections - 4 positions available for 6 nominees

Slate

Will Stand

Nominations from Field

Will Stand

Barb Chapman (JKL)	Declined	Mary Fisk-Shute – (D)	Did not attend the meeting
Bernie McMillan (B)	Yes	Tyler Turner – (H)	Declined
Dave Johnson (JKL)	Yes	Jim Ronaldson (GP)	Yes
George Tughan (C)	Yes	Davin Florent (JKL)	Yes

Each Nominee had an opportunity to address the attendees. Scrutineers were Rich Vassos (D) representing the Seniors Division, Katlyn Saar (C) representing the Tournament Division, and Pat Hotte (X) representing the Teaching Division. Jim Head (F) was to oversee all votes and results.

Nomination results and congratulations go to:

Bernie McMillan, Dave Johnson, George Tughan and Jim Ronaldson

Motion: To destroy ballots and the tally sheet

Mover: Brian Lawrence - B

Secunder: Helene Croteau - X

MOTION CARRIED

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ZONES

Recommendation from Zone GP:

Consider changing the tournament payments from 1 in 4 entries to 1 in 5. We have noticed with the increasing cost of lineage for events it is affecting the overall prize pool left to payout at the end of a tournament. And now that the cost of a Masters ring is no longer fully covered when a Master win's their first event their prize payout for winning a tournament is no longer covering the cost of upgrading your ring or you are basically covering the cost of the ring with your prize money and no actual money won for the event.

This was discussed and it was felt that the motion that was approved by the Board (increasing lineage for specific tournaments) as shared at this meeting, will help with this. The Board will consider this as a Motion.

Recommendation from Zone GP:

Have all tournament dates for all events in the year on the MBOA calendar posted at least 1 month prior to the event. For example, the Mid Winter Blues zone events this year there are a large number of weeks to run the event, however even as of this zone meeting there are 2

zones that have yet to confirm the date of their Mid-Winter Blues zone roll-off. So, if Masters are trying to register for a Mid-Winter Blues zone final due to other tournament commitments it would be easier to plan those registrations.

This process, for the Fall Master Youth, Spring Master Youth and Mid-Winter Blues is dependent on the Zone Delegates. It was requested that for those zones that don't run these tournaments, particularly the Mid-Winter Blues, that the chart is updated to reflect "Not Applicable (NA)". Again, this needs to come from the Zone Delegate to the Office to be updated. **Dave** will address this concern at the Zone Delegates Meeting in September. He will request that the tournament locations be provided to the office in a timely manner, including those zones which are not holding tournaments.

QUESTIONS FROM ZONES

Question from Zone C:

How are the teen tour averages calculated? Are YBC, and any adult leagues, taken into consideration when calculating their rolling average for their first teen tour?

Andrea Disher - D explained that for the first year, a Teen Tour player must submit an average sheet. This will be their average for the first year. For any future years, the average will adjust after every event the Teen participates in. However, YBC averages are used for the Master Senior event. When the Teen becomes a Master, the Teen Tour average is replaced with an average (from average sheets) based on the most recent league averages (YBC and adult leagues). The Teen Tour average is NOT rolled in.

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5. New Business

- a. **Kathleen Cooms-Ronaldson - GP** asked the attendees who would be interested in bowling in a "Masters Cup". **Bernie McMillan - B** shared the thoughts about a tournament to be played the day before the Master Senior. **Dave** noted we have had ideas about mulligans to assist in a fundraiser. **Kathleen's** point was more about having a fundraiser for a specific reason rather than just the general fund.
- b. **Dave** mentioned that we are looking for sponsorship by possibly advertising on our website. More information will follow as we work out the details.

6. Motion to Adjourn

Mover: Nathan Cooper - JKL

Seconded: Catherine Sullivan - GP

MOTION CARRIED

Coaching Selection for the 2024-2025 MBAC National Championships:

1st Tournament Women
2nd Tournament Men
3rd Teaching Woman
4th Teaching Men
5th Seniors

Wild Card for Seniors:

2025 – Men's POA
2026 – Women's POA
2027 – Men's Scratch
2028 – Women's Scratch