

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER TORONTO TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting was held via Zoom for the first time on Saturday, August 10, 2024. President Douglas Critch called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and a roll call was taken.

Board of Directors present: President Douglas Critch

Directors: Della Trude (Vice President), Alvin Clarke, Denise Critch, Brian Glynn, Deborah Hope, Joe Johnson

Absent: Bill Campbell, Denis Welch

Robert Trude, past Association Manager

Delegates: Robin Coombs & Serge Couture, KE100 Canada Men and Rob McLean, CB755 In the Pocket Special Olympics

President Douglas Critch welcomed everyone to our annual general meeting and thanked them for taking the time to attend. For the first time ever, our meeting is being held via Zoom and I would like to thank Joe for handling everything.

The President asked for a moment of silence to remember those in the bowling community who had passed away since our last meeting.

President's Report - For those that don't know me, my name is Douglas Critch, and I am the current President of the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association. It is a pleasure to see all of you today, and we are incredibly appreciative of the chance to meet and share some information and knowledge of the past year in our sport of bowling. It's a slow climb but we are on the right track. Our bowling members as well as league numbers are on a positive upswing. Let's continue to be safe and promote our sport.

Once again, I would like to take this moment to personally thank Della who has committed so much of her time to this association and helped make this meeting possible.

Please note: there IS a deadline for submitting League CTF Sanction payments. See **Duties of the Secretary Rule 102e (2)** which states 30 days after the league starts bowling. This year, we will be very diligent and attentive in collecting those payments on time. If your league has not paid your sanction fees on time, your league is effectively not sanctioned which also means any bowler achievement awards earned would not be eligible.

Some league secretaries are not submitting their bowler achievement awards and many that do, are submitting them very late. See **Duties of the Secretary Rule 102e (5)** which states 20 days.

Bowlers are contacting us asking where their awards are. This only adds negatively to the question we often hear of "What do we get for our Sanction money?" This question should be easy to answer, and the bowler only has to check the CTF website for a better understanding and clear answer to that question. This year, we **will** be far more strict in how we process the late receipt of bowler achievement awards. This tardiness is unnecessary and causes way too much grief and delay. It also causes inaccurate award calculations by CTF which may result in our Association not receiving enough awards to fulfil the demand.

Before I conclude, there are a few meeting details I would like to bring to your attention.

- In order to expedite the business of our Annual Meeting, all delegates and guests shall give courteous and full attention to the speaker having the floor.
- No one may speak twice to the same question(s) until everyone who wishes to speak has had the opportunity to do so.
- Discussion shall be confined strictly to the motion on the floor and all questions and answers shall be directed to the President.
- No one may speak longer than 3 minutes on each discussion unless permission is granted by the assembly.
- Exceptions to these rules may be made at the discretion of the President OR the Association Manager.

Report of the Association Manager – Robert Trude -To Council of Delegates, Life Members, Board of Directors and Guests

After 40 years of serving on this association, 4 years as president and over 20 years as association manager, Robert Trude retired as the Association Manager of the GTTBA on July 31, 2024, therefore Della read the report that he wrote for the 2023-2024 season.

The final membership number for 2022-2023 was 1,813 members bowling in 39 leagues. We also had 4 summer leagues last season with 26 members. This season to date there are 1,929 members bowling in 37 leagues in the association. This season to date we have received 5 summer leagues adding another 34 members. This is still a very long way from pre-covid membership numbers of 2,746 bowling in 70 leagues.

For the 2023-2024 season there have been 12-800's bowled, 42-300's, 12-299's, 9-298 and 12 11-in-row's reported to the association. Joefrey M Araneta in KB900 Winter Triples League at Kennedy Bowl has rolled an 844 for the men and the high single for the women is a 300 by Samantha Shanley who rolled it in the KB900 Winter Triples League at Kennedy Bowl and as what usually happens, there are generally other honour scores for which we have not heard of yet, which will come in later and even next season as they have in past years.

Just a reminder, if a bowler qualifies for a ring, as it has been since August 1st, 2018, they get to chose how they want their ring to look when they go into the website provided to them by CTF in an e-mail, which the bowler must respond to, and any additional costs above what is covered by CTF is paid for directly to the manufacturer at the time the bowler places the order for their ring. No longer does CTF assume the responsibility for the size or any details on the rings.

There still seems to be some confusion amongst the secretaries regarding what is to be included in the averages. The averages are to include all of the games rolled by the bowler including any playoff games up to and including May 31st of the year of reporting. This has been in effect since the 2014-2015 bowling season.

One important reminder – Duties of the Treasurer/Secretary-Treasurer, Rule 102f (1) “Establish a bank account in the name of the league with the signatures of at least two officers needed for withdrawals.” In conjunction with that rule – Duties of the President – Rule 102c (6) “Personally, verify the league bank balance monthly.” We have received many payments this year via money order, personal cheque and requests to pay via e-transfer. I find it hard to believe that a cheque is written to withdraw the funds needed, then have a money order drawn up or set money in another account to send via e-transfer. Unless the above 2 rules are followed to the letter, the league would not be covered regarding the bonding of the leagues money – and the end result would be the bowling league would lose their money and both the President and the Treasurer would be suspended. On top of that, the league members may contact the police which mean criminal charges could be laid. Please abide by the rules and have the league monies in a bank account with 2 signatures required for all withdrawals.

Thank you to Denise Critch for processing all of the achievement award applications.

To all of the members, I wish you all the best in bowling.
Robert Trude, Association Manager

Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held June 17, 2023 at the Monte Carlo Inn Brampton Suites in Brampton, Ontario is on the GTTBA website for all to read. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes made by Douglas Critch, seconded by Joe Johnson.
Motion Carried.

Motion to accept the minutes as shown on the GTTBA website made by Della Trude, seconded by Deborah Hope. No Discussion.
Motion Carried.

Standing Committee Reports -

Report of the Tournament Committees – The association held two adult tournaments in the 2023-2024 season. This year the women's **Queen's Tournament** changed to a **Pins Over Average Tournament with 2 Divisions**, Division “A” – 151 & Higher and Division “B” – 150 & Under. It was held at Bowlerama Barrie on Saturday, November 25, 2023. There were 18 entries in the tournament. Winners of the tournament were: Division A – Violet Chan with 91 pins over average, Division B – Issabella Feliciano with 158 pins over average.

The **Women's and the Men's Annual Championship Tournaments** were held January 6 & 7, 2024 at Classic Bowl. Again this year the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association added \$1,400.00 to the Women's and Men's Tournament Prize Fund. In the Women's Handicap Tournament we had 15 teams, 26 doubles, 52 singles and 47 all events. In the Men's Handicap Tournament there were 25 teams, 41 doubles, 82 singles and 71 all events. The High Five Tournament was a success with 190 entries this year. In the Women's Tournament we had 12 – 600 series and 14 games bowled over 225. Doris Ho bowled the high game of 259 and Jennifer Besana had the high series of 699. In the Men's Tournament we also had some great scores. Tyler Lee bowled a 290 game for an 11-in-a-Row, Donald Lee had a 280, John Feliciano rolled a 279 and Kevin Leung bowled a 278 game. We had 10 – 700 series with James Koo bowling the high of 759. There were 30 games bowled over 250. The results of the Men's and Women's Handicap Tournament, the High Five Tournament and 600 & 700 Club Tournaments are on the G.T.T.B.A. website.

600 Club Tournament & 700 Club Tournament – This is the eighth year for a 600 Club Tournament for the women and a 700 Club Tournament for the men and women, using the doubles and singles scores from the City Tournaments. In the 600 Club Tournament there were 10 entries and in the 700 Club Tournament there were 31. Winners were Doris Ho with a 1282 and James Koo with a 1452.

The **Mixed Doubles Tournament** had to be cancelled due to the lack of a venue to hold the tournament. Della Trude moved for acceptance of this report, seconded by Joe Johnson. No discussion. Motion carried.

Awards Committee Report – This year up to Jul 27, 2024 we have issued 19 - 250 Game crests, 9 - 275 Game crests, 11 - 650 Series crests, 34 - Century Series crests, 1 – Senior 75 pins over Average crest and 24 – 15 Pin Improvement crests. The committee reports that we will continue with our present awards program. For information regarding the GTTBA awards, check the website under GTTBA awards. Denise Critch moved for acceptance of this report, seconded by Alvin Clarke. No discussion. Motion carried.

Report of the Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner Committee – The Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association made a decision in September 2019 to only hold the Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner in the even numbered years and unfortunately due to Covid no Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner was held in November 2022.

For the 2022-2023 bowling season, many of the winners of the Mixed All Star Team, the Bowlers of the Year and the CTF Awards of Merit were presented with their award at the league level. It was great to see the league bowlers excited for them as they received their awards.

The CTF Awards of Merit for 2022-2023 were –

The Association High Average	- Brittney Spearing	- 234.74
	Art Oliver Jr.	- 232.65
The Association High Series	- Brittney Spearing	- 804
	Alfred Dela Cruz & Art Oliver Jr.	- 833 tie
The Association High Single Game	- Brittney Spearing	- 300
	- there were multiples for the Men	

The Mixed All Star Team is awarded each year to three men and three women. Using the Bowler of the Year criteria that the association received from the bowlers by the end of August, we calculated the total amount of points that each bowler had accumulated. The Mixed All Star Team for the 2022-2023 bowling season was Doris Ho, Crystal Mui, Jeanette Chan, Larry Salvati, Alfred Dela Cruz and Eric Deaton.

The Bowlers of the Year were Doris Ho for the Women and Larry Salvati for the Men.

Della Trude moved for acceptance of this report, seconded by Deborah Hope. No discussion. Motion carried.

Report of the Youth Committee – To date a total of 58 youth bowlers make up the youth membership. There are two bowling centres with youth leagues registered, Bowlerama Barrie and Classic Bowl.

There was no Youth City Scholarship Tournament held this season due to the low number of tournament application requests and the difficulty in securing a venue. As the pandemic is improving, we are hopeful that next season our youth membership will increase and interest in the tournament returns. As always, donations to the Youth Scholarship program are always appreciated. Denise Critch moved for acceptance of this report, seconded by Brian Glynn. No discussion. Motion carried.

Bowler of the Year Report - The Committee has reviewed the criteria for the Bowler of the Year and recommends no changes. Douglas Critch moved for the acceptance of this report, seconded by Denise Critch. No discussion. Motion Carried.

Audit Report – Della Trude, Assistant Association Manager, presented the Audit Report and the Financial Reports that Robert Trude did for the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and moved for acceptance of the reports, seconded by Deborah Hope. She asked if there were any questions regarding the financial statements. There were no questions or discussion. Motion Carried.

Report of the Legislation Study Committee – The Legislative Study Committee has reviewed the current Bylaws of this Association and recommends no changes. Douglas Critch moved for acceptance, seconded by Joe Johnson. No discussion. Motion carried

Della Trude presented the reports of the CTF Annual Meetings – CTF held two Annual Meetings in the 2023-2024 season. The first CTF Annual Meeting was held via Zoom on Sunday, November 19th, 2023. President Douglas Critch and Vice President Della Trude attended as delegates and Denise Critch attended as a guest from the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association.

Present: 25 Local delegates & 6 CTF Directors - Total 31 eligible to vote (16 for the majority)
No life members present.

President Blaine Boyle welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM (8 AM PST) with the national anthem, followed by a Moment of Silence for family and friends who passed away this year and the roll call of the Board of Directors.

Rules of the Zoom meeting were given - No guests are permitted to vote. Rules of the AGM were read and approved.

The Minutes of the November 20, 2022 CTF AGM held via Zoom were presented and approved.

President Blaine then presented the President's Report which was approved by the Delegates.

Cathy Innes, Executive Director, welcomed everyone and informed the delegates that many changes to the financial reporting has happened this fiscal. The CTF fiscal year end is now March 31st each year.

Canadian Tenpin Federation is no longer affiliated with Bowling Federation of Canada and 5 Pin. It means we are now viewed as a **new organization** in the eyes of Sport Canada and the requirements for reporting are beyond what I could have imagined. We did get some funding late in the fiscal. We have many changes that need to be made to our structure which will include our bylaws and the way we do many things at the board level.

Sport Canada wants all provinces to be together and do the same thing. Our first step is complying with Safe Sport requirements. CTF has been compliant at the National Level for one year. We have now been mandated to expand these requirements to the provincial level. I will be sending out an email to each Provincial Board asking them to identify a Safe Sport representative. We will then meet and put a plan in place of how and what this will look like. Our national policies must extend to Provincial Federations, which include board members, volunteers, coaches and others that are affiliated with the PTSO's, then it will trickle down to the locals. The locals are there mainly to service the bowlers. CTF is expanding committees and each of them have to be Safe Sport compliant.

All sports in Canada will need to change their bylaws and it must be in place by April 1, 2025. We will be putting a small committee together to go over the changes needed to comply. Anyone interested, please contact me and know that this will be a lot of brainstorming and work.

We continue to be fiscally responsible, but it is becoming increasingly difficult as costs continue to rise. It is time for an increase, we must prepare, you must prepare. On our website we now have a full list of SAFE Scholarship Monies. Every quarter it will be posted.

The Financial Statements were reviewed. Cathy had to change all reports to comply with March 31st end date. Both the Financial Report and the Auditors Report were approved. The Budget was reviewed and approved.

Wanda Howard presented the Acts of the Board which were approved by the delegates.

After a 10 minute break another vote allocation was taken: 7 CTF directors, 26 delegates for a total of 33, 17 majority to vote.

Anne-Marie Cole, Tournament Services Chair, advised the delegates on how many tournament sanctions were received in 2022-2023.

Dan Tereck, Chair of newly-named Rules Advisory Committee, presented a report. This Committee analyzes any rule changes brought forward to CTF, and based on the analysis, makes recommendations to the Board. They are also responsible for the annual review of the Playing Rules and also the Equipment Specifications.

As CTF has a reciprocal average agreement with USBC, any rule changes that can affect a bowler's average must be the same in both USBC's and our Playing Rules. Rule changes that came into effect this season are:

Rule 113a Playoffs: A league can make their playoff rule to be as little as one frame (the old rule stipulated that it cannot be less than one game).

Rule 300c under Tournament Eligibility: CTF has removed the option of allowing non-CTF registered participants to enter a sanctioned tournament by paying a "Participation Fee". By removing this option, only CTF registered participants can enter, but bowlers can have the option of purchasing a CTF registration at the tournament.

Rule 300d under Youth Tournament Eligibility: Just as with 300c, CTF has removed the option of allowing the "Participation Fee" to be used as a means of eligibility to bowl in CTF sanctioned youth tournaments. They are allowed to purchase a CTF registration at the tournament.

CTF Equipment Specifications – Dan Tereck reminded the delegates of the balance hole rule that came into effect as of August 1, 2020. Balance holes in bowling balls are not allowed. Every hole must be used. This also means that all gripping holes that are drilled must be used on every delivery, as an unused gripping hole would then be considered a balance hole, and render the delivery illegal. There is one exception and that is if you use a true house ball.

Stringpin: CTF, as well as the International Bowling Federation (IBF, and several other countries have sanctioned string pinsetters. Previous to this season 2023-2024 USBC did not sanction stringpin environments, as they were waiting until their multi-year testing of stringpin machines was completed. They completed their testing and have decided to sanction stringpin centres with several provisions. They would be considered “separate” from freefall machine centres – like a separate “category”. And, they came up with a number of equipment specifications that were explicit for stringpin centres. One of the most notable is the length of ‘string’. It must be 54”. USBC continued their testing to determine the impact to bowling averages when compared to freefall centres. About 10 days prior to this AGM, USBC said that there is no significant difference in average as long as they comply with the length of string.

Lane Certification Report was presented by Karl Born. This year CTF has reinstated lane inspections across the country. One change was initiated and that was each centre is required to be inspected once every TWO years instead of every year as we have done in the past

Athletes Council Report was given by Valerie Bercier and approved.

High Performance Report was presented by Jane Vetro and approved. Tyrel Rose will be returning as Head Coach for Team Canada. We are in the process of accepting applications for National Assistant Coaches.

Youth Report was given by Elaine Yamron and approved.

Elaine Yamron reported on the Achievement Awards Committee. Both Elaine Yamron and Charlotte Konkle were inducted in the CTF Hall of Fame in the Builder Category. No applications were received for the Sherry Hobson Excellence Award or the Hazel McCleary Leadership Award. Bowler of the Year Awards will be announced later.

They have received information for the 2022-2023 CTF National League Awards for youth, adult and seniors (Canadian High Average and High 3 Game Series). Elaine reported the winners and Toronto did well–

Brittney Spearing won the Canadian Female High Average – 234.74

Karen Barnett won the Canadian Senior Female High Average – 205.48

Conn Casey won the Canadian Senior Male High Average – 231.91

Cathy Innes reported on the Team Trials, Canadian Mixed Championships and the Canadian Youth Championships.

CTF Elections were held. Each province is allowed 3 directors. 5 director positions are up for election, 3 for a 3 year term and 2 will be a 1 year term, starting January 1, 2024. Blaine Boyle, Jane Vetro and Chris Moxley will serve a 3 year term and Hirsh Schnayer and Patrick Beland will serve for 1 year.

A short question and answer period followed. CTF was asked if a bowler’s CTF ID# changed when he/she moved to another province. Cathy explained that a bowler receives only one (1) ID#.

New Business – none

President Blaine thanked everyone for attending today.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM. An Open forum started after the meeting adjourned and ended at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Della G. Trude, Vice President, GTTBA

The second **CTF Annual Meeting was held via Zoom on Sunday, July 7, 2024.** President Douglas Critch and Vice President Della Trude attended as Delegates and Denise Critch attended as a guest from the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association.

Present: 23 Local delegates & 7 CTF Directors - Total 30 eligible to vote (16 for the majority)

No life members present.

President Elaine Yamron called the meeting to order at 12:05 AM (9 AM PST) with the national anthem, followed by a Moment of Silence for family and friends who passed away this year, and the roll call of the Board of Directors.

Cathy Innes acknowledged that we are on the traditional territory of Semiahmoo First Nation, Kwantlen First Nation and did the roll call of the Board of Directors.

Cathy Innes presented the rules of the Zoom meeting. Guests are not permitted to vote.

President Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their time and dedication.

Rules of the Convention were read by Michelle Konkle and approved.

The Minutes of the November 19, 2023 CTF Annual Meeting held via Zoom were presented and approved.

President Elaine then presented the President’s Report which was approved by the Delegates.

Cathy Innes, Executive Director, welcomed everyone and informed the delegates that the League Kits will be Virtual again as we move into the future. Awards will be ordered in August with expected delivery in October 2024. Please send the National League Award report to CTF. The bowlers love these. Thanks to Ron Molinski for his suggestion at the CTF Annual Meeting on November 19th, 2023, CTF has expanded the National Awards for the youth. Membership has increased again, although we are not at pre-pandemic numbers. All National Tournaments have been scheduled for 2025.

CTF has set up a strategic plan for 2024-2025 with the #1 priority being Governance, #2 is Youth Program Development, #3 is Education & Training for Associations, with monthly Provincial meetings, and #4 is High Performance. Members of this Committee are Stan May, Tyrel Rose & Michelle Konkle. Members need to have more value.

To comply with Sport Canada and the Canadian Sport Governance Code of Canada, the Board had to make changes to the Bylaws. These changes were passed by the CTF Board on June 17, 2024 becoming effective immediately.

Safe Sport continues to be a high priority in all sports across Canada and even in the world. Every country is tackling this task differently. As a sport, we started 2 years ago but now it is time not only for the National Board of Directors, Coaches & Volunteers to be compliant, it is time for all our members – Provincial & Local Associations to be compliant. I have actively been busy with Gender and Diversity meetings, SafeSport and Sport Canada meetings.

Canadian Tenpin Federation continues to be fully compliant with Sport Canada requirements. Since our merge talks ended with 5pin, we have not been seen as a fully funded organization. It means we comply with all regulations and our actions are consistent with a fully funded federation, but our application is processed last and is considered project funding.

In June the Board of Directors approved a dues increase for the 2024-2025 season. There will be no increase to local or provincial dues. The last dues increase was in 2010-2011.

Youth and Adult National Fees will be \$25.00 effective for the 2024-2025 season (was \$20.00)

Maximum Local Dues remain the same at \$7.00 – no change

Maximum Provincial Dues remain the same at \$3.00 – no change

Affiliate Membership Fee \$50.00

Spring Leagues: National Fees will be \$15.00 (was \$10.00)

Benefits to belonging to CTF. Our rules continue to be on everyone's list of benefits, along with the awards. We will be reaching out to the bowlers in the early fall with another survey. When the survey is launched it will be shared with all of you.

The Financial Report and Budget were reviewed and approved. It was motioned and approved that the new Auditor will be Alikova & Associates Inc.

Wanda Howard presented the Acts of the Board which were approved by the delegates.

Ratify new CTF Bylaws – The new Bylaws were reviewed. One change to the new Bylaws is that the election term will start the 1st of the month after the Annual Meeting date. Where local associations with over 1500 registered participants could send 3 delegates to the CTF Annual Meeting, the new Bylaws state that each Local Association may select 2 Delegates and 2 Alternates, effective for this Annual Meeting. A vote was taken and the new Bylaws were approved by the delegates.

After a 5 minute break another vote allocation was taken: 8 CTF directors, 23 delegates for a total of 31, 16 majority to vote.

The Tournament Sanctions Report was presented by Anne-Marie Cole for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

Rules Advisory Committee - Dan Tereck, Chair, presented a report. For the first time in many years, USBC did not have any proposed rule changes to discuss and vote on at the Annual Convention. Dan did explain that with the new CTF Bylaws, the CTF Board now approves Rule changes. The delegates no longer approve them. One thing the committee has looked at in more detail is a clarification of all rules that relate to a youth being allowed into some college's bowling programs. There have been no new developments in bowling ball specifications.

Stringpin: USBC published a report in November 2023, based on extensive testing. Their data shows that bowlers' averages on stringpin are comparable to those on freefall machines. Therefore, effective immediately, USBC changed their rules to state that stringpin and freefall averages can be compared as is, without any conversion formula. With the stipulation that those averages were established in USBC-sanctioned centres (ensuring that the stringpin centres were complying with the newly published specifications for stringpin lanes).

Lane Certification Report was presented by Karl Born. Bowling centres are required to be inspected every two years. They are in the process of setting up clinics to train new inspectors.

Valerie Bercier presented the Athletes Council Report and informed the delegation that she is waiting potential changes from Sport Canada to see if this committee will be continuing or not.

Jane Vetro presented the High Performance Report. Since they are unsure of the funding for 2024, they have declined Training Camps and Tyrel Rose has been working virtually on the lanes with the athletes.

The Youth Report was given by Elaine Yamron.

Elaine Yamron presented the Achievement Awards Committee Report. Della pointed out that the Clean Game award has changed to "average 190 & under". Dan Tereck said a report would be sent out with all the award changes. No applications were received for the Sherry Hobson Excellence Award or the Hazel McCleary Leadership Award. National Awards and Bowler of the Year Awards will be announced later.

CTF Elections were held. As per new Bylaw changes implemented by CTF to adhere to the requirements of the Canada Not-For-Profit Corp. Act, the term of office for a director is three years starting on the 1st of the month following the election. Elaine Yamron, Pat Beland and Hirsh Schnayer were elected for a 3 year term and Karl Born was elected to fill a 2 year term.

New Business: Cathy reported that CTF will be meeting with the Provincials regarding Safe Sport and gender equity. They have to make sure all Board Members do all the government training. Once CTF has done this, it will filter down to Provincial and then the Locals.

Old Business: none
President Elaine thanked everyone for attending.
Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM

An Open Forum was held after the meeting adjourned.

As there were changes to the Playing Rules, Della asked if we could receive a copy of the Playing Rule changes. Dan Tereck will send one to us. Ron Molinski thanked CTF for some updated changes in the ORS that he wanted done a few years ago. The Provincials and Locals will have to change their Bylaws. Karl Born asked if CTF could send us forms to help update our local bylaws. Cathy said they would probably send a template to help us. CTF will make sure the locals have a year to make the change to the new Bylaws. The new Bylaws are very different from what we have now. One delegate questioned why CTF did not let the Local Associations know about the dues increase earlier. Open Forum adjourned at 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Della G. Trude, Vice President, GTTBA

Report of the Nominating Committee – The GTTBA has five positions open for election and three credentials were received. The Nominating Committee presented the following three names for election to the Board for a three year term, August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2027: Bill Campbell, Alvin Clarke and Douglas Critch. As there were no other nominations received by the deadline, any nominations from the floor would not be in order. Joe Johnson moved for acceptance of the three names, seconded by Deborah Hope. No discussion. Both were elected by acclamation.

Question and Answer Period:

Serge Couture asked if the leagues will receive books from CTF. Della explained that the GTTBA gives the pre-printed application cards and a letter to show the correct address and how to write cheques but CTF no longer sends paper documents. CTF sends all their documents in an email to the Local Associations and they have to email it to the leagues. Della will email all the sanctioned league presidents and secretaries and enclose the CTF Virtual League Kit, which includes all the CTF attachments.

Robin Coombs asked how many leagues we have and if all of them came back after not being sanctioned during Covid. Della said we are still way down, for the 2023-2024 season we have 37 leagues. We lost one league last year because the bowling centre did not want them to bowl Friday nights. We gained one league this year who was sanctioned before. Robin likes the zoom meetings because it gives bowlers who live far away the opportunity to attend.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements – None

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. - Douglas Critch moved for adjournment, seconded by Della Trude.