

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER TORONTO TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The Meeting was held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Playtime Bowl and was called to order by President Della Trude at 10:32 a.m. Delegates in attendance:

BB245	Be Alive Sunday Doubles	BB345	Tuesday Night Mixed
BB418	Doubles Classic	BB830	Sunday Nite Mixers
BM652	Thursday Zone Mixed	CC58	Paradise Classic B.L.
KE100	Canada Men	KE456	Ken-Lawr Bowling League
KE855	Post Office Mixed	PB582	X-IT Bowling League
PY066	Barbados Ex-Police	PY281	International Mixed
TL001	Ladies Inter-City Travel League		

Plus 5 other members were present

Board of Directors present: President Della Trude,
Directors: Alvin Clarke (V.P.), Margo Crichlow, Denise Critch, Doug Critch,
Richard Doucette, Jim Holmes, Deborah Hope, Joe Johnson, Vashti Mascoll,
Denis Welch, Association Manager
Absent: Bill Campbell

President Della Trude introduced the head table, the Board of Directors and life members of the local and provincial boards and CTF. A moment of silence was observed for those bowlers who passed away since our last meeting.

President's Report – Della Trude – Council of Delegates, Life Members, Directors and guests ... on behalf of the officers and directors of this association I would like to welcome you here today. We do appreciate you taking the time to attend and learn what has transpired during the season. Today you will learn about the actions the board has taken over the past season.

I trust everyone had a good year. This has been a challenging year with the new CTF computer software program. It took much longer to enter the sanctions and bowlers into the computer which caused very long delays in leagues receiving their registered participant (membership) cards and I want to thank all the bowlers for their patience. The program to run the final average reports was only completed on April 10th and thanks to CTF putting all the leagues by bowling centre in a PDF file for us to run, we did not have to run them here, one league at a time. CTF is still in the process of adding programs to the new software and we are hoping they will have the program set up to run the registered participant application cards for the start of the new season. These concerns have been discussed with CTF and next season should run more smoothly.

I want to thank the entire Board of Directors for their dedication to this association and helping to keep the leagues informed of association affairs, giving of their time by working on tournaments and committees, helping at the office, processing awards and presenting them to the bowlers, keeping our web site up to date and our computers running and dealing with bowlers concerns. Thanks!

At our Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner in November awards were presented to all the City and Mixed Doubles Tournament winners from the previous year. For the 2013-2014 season the members of the Mixed All Star Team were Catherine Harvey, Julie Ryan, Sara Choi, Joe Ciach, Robert Gloyn and Andy Manasterski. The Female Bowler of the Year is Catherine Harvey and Robert Gloyn became the Male Bowler of the Year. If you know of any bowlers who may qualify for this team, have them look at the Bowler of the Year criteria in the yearbook and send us their information by the end of August.

During the year we held four tournaments and the results of these tournaments can be found in the AGM Report you received today. I would like to thank all the bowlers who continue to support our tournaments.

The Queen's Divisional Scratch Tournament for the ladies was held at World Bowl the last weekend in November and I would like to thank Deborah Hope and her committee for running the tournament.

On January 3rd & 4th the Men's and Women's City Tournament was held at Classic Bowl. For the Men's Tournament we did see an increase in entries while the Women's Tournament numbers decreased slightly. The men bowled extremely well this year. We had 14 – 700's, 25 games over 250 and Robert Brace bowled a 300. In the Women's Tournament we had 10 – 600 series and 5 games over 244 with the high being a 279. We also had an increase in the High 5 Tournament. With the suggestions we received from the bowlers, this year we also held a 600 Club Tournament for the women and a 700 Club Tournament for the men using the doubles & singles scores from the city tournaments. All the results can be found on the GTTBA website. Plans are being made to host the City Tournament at Classic Bowl at the same time next year. I would like to thank all those who came out and helped me with the tournament. I really do appreciate it.

The Mixed Doubles Tournament was held at Woodbridge Bowl on March 21, 22, 28 & 29, 2015. There were 178 entries this year. The committee is in the process of finalizing the tournament, pending two disqualifications. When these are resolved by CTF, the official prize list will be posted on the website and the money will be dispersed to all the winners. I want to thank Alvin Clarke and Vashti Mascoll and all their committee for a job well done.

I had the privilege of running the Youth City Tournament at Kennedy Bowl on April 11th with Denise and Doug Critch's assistance. Since the tournament was held later in the season, the entries were down but we saw some incredible games bowled by our youth bowlers. Some of these youth are very small and to see their excitement when they bowl a strike or receive a crest for bowling 50 pins over for one game is really something! I want to thank Denise & Doug for their help and all the youth leaders and coaches for the time and dedication they give to our youth bowlers.

The struggle for adult membership continues but we are happy to report that this year we had an increase in our youth membership, a total of 229. Bowling is a

great sport! But bowling is changing and with this change we are seeing more bowlers drop from sanctioned leagues and only bowling occasionally. We don't have the answers to bring these bowlers back so we need your help, as sanctioned league bowlers, to promote this sport.

To the league executives who do a good job servicing their bowlers and sending their reports to us on time, thanks. It makes our job much easier. As League Officers and Delegates we are counting on you to protect the integrity and fair play in your league and we encourage you to take back all the information you have received at this meeting to your league members. Please remember, this year the final averages are as of May 31st and must include the play-off games. If any of you, or your bowlers, has any concerns, please contact the association office and we will return your call.

Thanks for your patience with us and CTF. I want to thank the Greater Toronto Tenpin Board for all their support and Richard Doucette for all his work this season making sure all the awards were processed in a timely manner. This is a huge task. A big thank you to Robert, our Association Manager, who works hard to keep this association on track.

Report of the Association Manager – The report was printed and in the delegate's packages, so the report was not read, however key issues contained in the report were emphasized to ensure that those present would understand the reason for some of the delays in receiving awards.

For the many of you that have been at our AGM's before, you will probably hear similar comments as in the past.

As of Wednesday April 29, 2015 the membership so far this season is 3,208 and that is a decrease of 172 members, which represents 5.1% of last years final membership number of 3,380. The total leagues this season is 86, the same as last year.

As of Wednesday April 29, 2015 we have had 14 – 800 series, 52 - 300's, 22 - 299's, 4- 298's and 26 - 11-in-a-row's reported to the office, this is down 80 honor scores compared to last season and down 62 on average of the last 10 seasons. The high triple recorded so far this season is 844 by Andy Manasterski in the Y 2 K League at Brunswick Bramalea. The women bowlers are continuing to bowl well, Julie Ryan has rolled a 300 at Planet Bowl. As what usually happens, there are generally other honor scores for which we have not heard of yet which will come in, in May or June, unless I am unlucky again this year and receive applications 7 to 15 months late like we had for the 2013-2014 season.

I would appreciate it very much, if you, the delegates, could spread the word regarding the communications issued by the GTTBA. Many secretaries either do not read what is sent out from our office or figure what we send out does not apply to their particular league. For example, if we say discard or scrap any application forms you may have in your possession from previous years ... the request is for

a particular reason ... probably because there is a change or many changes to the old forms. If you will not be using next season's updated software program, then you definitely will not have the current application forms necessary to send into the office and you will have to use the forms supplied in the current year's kit. This is the case in regards to the special achievement awards, Honor Score and Upgrade forms. I spent zero time communicating with CTF again this season on missing or incorrect information of one kind or another. You might be thinking that, that is a good scenario, right. WRONG. The reason is because I rejected numerous applications or held onto them until I received the correct information before I forwarded them to CTF. There are still applications with missing ring sizes, birthdates, bowler's phone numbers, individual's using nick names, not filling in their choice of award, wanting an upgrade but not submitting the upgrade order form and/or the appropriate payment to go with it. Secretaries using the wrong or old bowling centre certification number and/or their sanction number and not filling in the scores bowled by the bowler. CTF will not issue an order for an award if the information on the form is not complete or not correct and if CTF can not find the bowler in the database, based on the information submitted on the application, the award will not be ordered. Please spread the word to use current applications and provide all of the information requested correctly. Again, NEXT SEASON, all honor score applications that are not submitted on the correct, updated forms (and there definitely will be a new form next year) will be returned to the secretary to be completed properly and legibly.

Reminder, you are all registered participants/members of the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association; you can not be a direct registered participant of CTF. Thanks to Jim Holmes for manning the office on Thursdays and I repeat this every year, I do not know how this association would ever manage without the selfless dedication of Richard Doucette who spends physically thousands of hours each year interpreting and processing the achievement awards for all the members in the association - thanks Richard. If you have any questions on my report I will be happy to answer them after the meeting.

Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting – Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Vashti Mascoll, seconded by Jim Holmes. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept the minutes as printed in the yearbook made by Denis Welch, seconded by Lorraine Myrie. Motion Carried.

Standing Committee Reports – in the delegate's packages

Report of the Board of Directors

Report of the Tournament Committees

Report of the Awards Committee

Report of the Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner Committee

Report of the Hall of Fame Committee

Report of the Youth Committee

Richard Doucette moved we accept all six reports, seconded by Deborah Hope. Motion Carried

Bowler of the Year Report – Doug Critch - The committee has reviewed the Bowler of the Year criteria and recommend that we add back in to item 6 the “700 Club” this year. Doug Critch moved for the acceptance of this report, seconded by Deborah Hope. No discussion. - Motion Carried.

Audit Report - Association Manager presented the Audit Report for the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and moved for acceptance of the report, seconded by Margo Crichlow. Association Manager asked if there were any questions regarding the financial statements. No questions. Motion Carried.

Report of the Legislation Study Committee – Alvin Clarke - The Legislative Study Committee has reviewed the current Bylaws of this Association and recommends that only changes will be made to conform to the new CTF Not-For-Profit Corporation By-laws, as set down by the Canadian Government. The word “members” has been changed to ‘REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS’ and “dues” has been changed to ‘FEES’. Alvin moved for acceptance, seconded by Vashti Mascoll. Motion carried

Della Trude presented a report on the CTF Annual Meeting of Members - Last year at our AGM I reported that CTF had to conform to the new Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. This year for the first time the CTF Annual Meeting of Members was held electronically late in the evening on November 8th, the same day as our Hall of Fame Banquet, therefore we were unable to participate in the meeting. From the information I received as a Delegate prior to the meeting, Stan May, CTF Executive Director, reported that membership totals for the 2013-2014 season were 20,171 which reflects a 9% drop from the previous year. British Columbia (22%), Saskatchewan (21.5%) and Quebec (10.4%) were the areas hardest hit. The balance of the provinces show an average decline of 7%. Honour score awards are down – 300 & 800 = 395, down from 455 last season, 186 were for first once-in-a-lifetime awards, 298 awards = 55, 299 = 131 and 11-in-a-Row = 185. Our youth received 56 awards for 700 Series.

The CTF National Office launched the release of the CTF Online Registration database program that replaces the PBM client software. Online demos were conducted with all local associations in July and August. The biggest hurdle is the time it takes to enter/edit leagues and bowler information. Changes will be made for the start of the 2015-2016 season to remove all bowlers from the leagues they bowled in; this was not the case for this season and has increased the time it takes to process each league. There are still some reports that the programmers have to complete.

The term for CTF directors is now January 1 to December 31 to conform to the new government bylaws. Three directors were elected to the CTF board for a 3 year term – Dave Kist, Calgary, AB, Blaine Boyle, Estevan, SK, Jim Lester, Sarnia, ON, and Charlotte Konkle, Beamsville, ON was appointed for a 1 year term.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Joe Johnson – The GTTBA has four positions open for election. The Nominating Committee presented the following four names for election to the Board for a three year term: Bill Campbell, Alvin Clarke, Margo Crichlow 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 four names, seconded by Lorraine Myrie. All were elected by acclamation.

Question and Answer Period: Cliff Redman asked about year end of CTF, whether the local association would have to conform to the new Fiscal – Della replied no, that this is just for CTF. Della also explained the delays with the new CTF online registration software program.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

The Provincial Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Burlington on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Delegates Tournament will follow immediately after the meeting is over. Our Association has a website available, so check us out, www.gttba.ca.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.