

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER TORONTO TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The Meeting was held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Playtime Bowl and was called to order by President Della Trude at 10:35 a.m. Delegates in attendance:

There were 19 registered participants present for the meeting.

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

President Della Trude introduced the head table and our guest, CTF President Brian McMaster, 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 thank all of you for coming out on such a beautiful day.

This season ran much smoother with the CTF online computer software program and we managed to keep on top of the league sanctions as they came into the office. It still takes a long time to enter the sanctions and bowlers into the computer but I'm sure the league secretaries will agree that the registered participant cards and league awards were received in a timely manner. On a positive note, the new software does allow you to work on any computer as long as you use your password and this has helped tremendously when league secretaries and bowlers ask for information.

In November we held our Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn in Vaughan and presented awards to all the City and Mixed Doubles Tournament winners from the previous year. For the 2014-2015 season, the members of the Mixed All Star Team were Andrea Giaschi, Catherine Harvey, Julie Ryan, Jason Caetano, Robert Gloyn and Andy Manasterski. The Female Bowler of the Year was Catherine Harvey and Andy Manasterski was 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 Playtime Bowl in November and I would like to thank Deborah Hope and her committee for doing such a great job with this tournament. Results can be found on our website.

This will be the 5th year we have held (January 9th & 10th) our Annual Men's and Women's City Tournaments at Classic Bowl. The bowlers bowled extremely well this year and both the men and women had high games. In the Men's Tournament we had 4 games over 280, Jason Caetano bowled a 300 and we had a 751 and 769 series. In the Women's Tournament 4 ladies had 250+ games with Catherine Harvey bowling a 267 and Doris Ho a 278 and Eugenia Jon bowled a 709 series. As in past years, many of the bowlers had fun participating in our optional High 5 Tournament. Again this year we ran the 600 Club Tournament for the women and the 700 Club Tournament for the men. Julie Ryan won the 600 Club, beating Catherine Harvey by 4 pins and Randy Gray Sr. won the 700 Club. All the results can be found on the GTTBA website. Plans are being made to host the City Tournament at Classic Bowl again next year at the same time. Thanks to all the board members who came out and helped me with the tournament. I really do appreciate it.

The Mixed Doubles Tournament was held at Splitsville Woodbridge the first two weekends in April 2016. There were 197 entries this year. During the tournament we had 3 honor scores – Robert Wiseman and John Chapman both rolled a perfect game and Kerrie Ryan-Ciach had a 299. The committee has just finalized the Prize List which will be posted on our website and the cheques should be in the mail to all the winners shortly. Winners in the Handicap Division were Kirsten Mangahas and Andrew Dela Cruz with a score of 1581 and Kerrie Ryan-Ciach and John Chapman won the Scratch Division with a 1501. This tournament has been held at Woodbridge Bowl, now a Splitsville centre, for many years and I want to thank them for hosting this tournament. Splitsville took over this centre last September and I have heard that changes will be made to the centre this summer. We are hopeful that they will host this tournament again next year. Thanks to Alvin Clarke and Vashti Mascoll and all their committee for running this tournament.

Our Youth City Scholarship Tournament was also held at Splitsville Woodbridge the first Saturday in March. With the decline in our youth membership and suggestions from coaches and parents, this year we changed the format and made it a scratch singles scholarship tournament. 55 youth participated in the tournament. There were 8 divisions based on averages with boys and girls combined and the winners in each category received a Scholarship Certificate. The scholarship money will be held in trust with the G.T.T.B.A. until the youth continues their education in a college/university. The scholarships will be governed by the current By-Laws of the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association. Many of the youth bowled over their averages and we had some fantastic games – Raymond Lam – 269, Vito Davero – 259, Cody Chiu – 256. There were 16 games over 200 and 5 series over 640, with the high being 692. It is always a pleasure to watch these youth participate and I want to thank Denise and Doug Critch for their help in running this tournament and all the youth leaders and coaches for the time and dedication they give to our youth bowlers.

The struggle for sanctioned bowlers continues, both with adults and youth. Last June Gateway Café & Lanes in Aurora closed and this past September Thorncliffe

Bowlerama closed. We have also heard rumors that Club 300 will be closing this June. Some of those leagues moved to other bowling centres but we always lose bowlers in those transitions and we see 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 the information you receive at this meeting to your league members. Please remember to send in your final averages at the end of your league schedule, playoff games must be included. Also, if any leagues would like to take an ad out in our 2016 yearbook, please send it to us by the end of May. If any of you, or your bowlers, has any concerns, please contact the association office and we will return your call.

It has been my very great privilege to have been involved in the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Associations for 35 years, first as a Director, Vice President & then President of the Women's Association, and since 2004 as President of the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association - there have been many changes over the years but bowling is still a great sport.

I want to thank the Greater Toronto Tenpin Board for all their support and help during the season and Richard Doucette for making sure all the awards were processed in a timely manner. A big thank you to Robert Trude, our Association Manager, who works hard to keep this association on track.

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

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

As of Wednesday May 4, 2016 the membership so far this season is 3,195 and that is a decrease of 139 members, which represents 4.2% down from last year's final membership number of 3,334. The total leagues this season is 82, down 4 from last year. The 4 leagues we are down is the result of Thorncliffe Bowlerama closing, we lost 1 from there, 1 did not sanction at Woodbridge Bowl, the Youth league at Kennedy folded, 1 league at Kennedy merged with another league and 1 league at Playtime merged with another league. We picked up 1 new league at World Bowl.

As of Wednesday May 4, 2016 we have had 14 – 800 series, 54 - 300's, 27 - 299's, 8 - 298's and 27 - 11-in-a-row's reported to the office, this is down 12 honor scores compared to last season and down 40 on the average of the last 10 seasons. The high triple recorded so far this season is 847 by James MacDonald

in a League at Barrie. The women bowlers are continuing to bowl well, Jennifer Besana has rolled a 300 and a 299 at Kennedy 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 late like we have had in the past.

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 very little 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 2015 Annual Meeting – Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Margo Crichlow, seconded by Deborah Hope. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept the minutes as printed in the yearbook made by Vashti Mascoll, seconded by Jim Holmes. 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

Margo Crichlow moved we accept all six reports, seconded by Bill Campbell.
Motion Carried

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

Audit Report - Association Manager presented the Audit Report for the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and moved for acceptance of the report, seconded by Jim Holmes. 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 no changes Alvin moved for acceptance, seconded by Deborah Hope. Motion carried

Della Trude presented a report on the CTF Annual Meeting of Members - This year the CTF Annual General Meeting was held November 14, 2015 in Calgary. Under the new Bylaws, in order to qualify to be a delegate and vote at the AGM, all local associations need 50% of their sanctioned registered participants in the database and paid to CTF. Since we only received payment for 1,474 registered participants, which equates to 44.2%, our Association could not have a Delegate at this meeting.

I will now ask Brian McMaster, CTF President, to come forward and say a few words on behalf of CTF. Brian thanked the Board for inviting him to the meeting and said communication is very important between the Local Associations and bowlers and CTF. CTF has a strategic plan and information from the survey that Stan May sent out a few months ago, will be part of this plan. The CTF Team Trials will be held this May in Burlington and to date they have 80 men and 48 women registered. The CYC’s will be held at the same time. Brian also reported on the Pan Am Games and said that they are still trying to get bowling into the

2024 Olympics. The CTF Annual General Meeting will be held in Calgary on November 18, 2016. Discussion followed regarding the 50% paid registered participants to attend the CTF AGM. One Director suggested that the percentage be based on last year's membership since everything else is based on the previous season. We are the biggest association in Canada. CTF is having a Board Meeting shortly and Brian will bring our concerns to that meeting.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Joe Johnson – The GTTBA has five positions open for election. The Nominating Committee presented the following five names for election to the Board for a three year term: Richard Doucette, Jim Holmes, Deborah Hope, Della Trude and Denis Welch. 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 five names, seconded by Vashti Mascoll. All were elected by acclamation.

Question and Answer Period: No other questions

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre, 3063 South Service Road, Burlington L7N 3E9 on June 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend

After our meeting today you are welcome to remain for some refreshments, and then we are holding our AGM Tournament here at Playtime Bowl. I trust everyone remembered to bring their bowling balls.

I would like to thank Deborah Hope for arranging the meeting & food for us today.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN - that concludes our meeting. Our sincere thanks to Brian McMaster for joining us today and to you, the members, for taking the time to come. PLEASE REMEMBER to take the information back to your leagues.

Our Association has a website available, so check us out, www.gttba.ca.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.