

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER TORONTO TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The Meeting was held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Brunswick Zone, Mississauga and was called to order by President Deborah Hope at 10:40 a.m. Delegates in attendance:

There were 20 registered participants present for the meeting.

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

President Deborah Hope introduced the head table. A moment of silence was observed for those bowlers who passed away since our last meeting.

**President's Report – Deborah Hope** - 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.

**Report of the Association Manager – Robert Trude** -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 again probably hear and read similar comments as in the past.

As of Monday May 1, 2017 the membership so far this season is 2,896 and that is a decrease of 324 members, which represents 10.1% down from last year's final membership number of 3,220. The total leagues this season is 77, down 5 from last year. The 5 leagues we are down are:- the Little League from Newtonbrook Bowlerama, Brampton Hobos from Brunswick Bramalea, the Youth league at Brunswick Zone folded, 1 league from Club 300 did not sanction when they had to move and the Proshop Rollers at Splitville Woodbridge did not sanction.

As of Monday May 1, 2017 we have had 18 – 800 series, 59 - 300's, 21 - 299's, 6 - 298's and 30 - 11-in-a-row's reported to the office, this is down 37 honor scores compared to last season and down 67 on the average of the last 10 seasons. The high triple recorded so far this season is 846 by Larry Salvati in Sonny's Men's League at Brunswick Zone Bramalea. The women bowlers are continuing to bowl well, Karen Drummie rolled an 802 and an 813 and had a single game of 298 at Kennedy Bowl. Cynthia Martineau and Julie Ryan have rolled a 300 in their respective leagues. 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.

All of the leagues should have received their year end kit by now and in the kit you will note that **there is now a new address to send your mail to**. The reason for the new address is a simple one, and that is we can no longer afford the office on Steeles Ave. If you send items by mail, please be sure to use the new address and if you/your league uses the mail service within the bowling centre that is also acceptable for the directors to pick up. However, not having a common meeting or drop off place there may be a small delay in getting the awards back to your leagues. The final details of distributing the awards at this time have not been finalized. I am hoping to be able to keep the same phone number, but watch for changes in your league kits in August.

This is a REPEATED Message - 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 this 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 coming in 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 only the 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.

Final Averages are due after your last night of bowling including the league playoffs. The high score report, 15 pin improvement report are also due at the same time.

I say this every year and mean it sincerely, 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. Thanks to Della for keying in most of the input into the CTF database. If you have any questions on my report I will be happy to answer them after the meeting.

**Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting** – Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Della Trude, seconded by Lorraine Myrie. Motion Carried.

**Motion to accept the minutes** as printed in the yearbook made by Bill Campbell, seconded by Lorraine Myrie. No Discussion 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**

Bill Campbell moved we accept all six reports, seconded by Eric Hall.

No Discussion

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 Eric Hall. No discussion. Motion Carried.

**Audit Report** – Robert Trude, Association Manager, presented the Audit Report for the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and moved for acceptance of the report, seconded by Marcel Carter. 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 Jim Holmes.  
No Discussion Motion carried

**Della Trude presented a report on the CTF Annual Meeting of Members -** On behalf of the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association President Deborah Hope and Director Della Trude attended the workshops and CTF Annual General Meeting in **Calgary, Alberta** on Nov. 18th and 19th, 2016.

On Friday night, November 18th, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., CTF arranged workshops for the delegates and guests. Stan May, Executive Director, CTF did a presentation on CTF's Strategic Plan for the future and updated the delegates on the revisions to the Jegysoft software. It gave everyone a chance to ask questions in a more relaxed atmosphere.

CTF Annual General Meeting - Saturday, November 19th, 2017 at 8:35 a.m.

Present: 21 Local delegates, 10 CTF Directors - Total 31 eligible to vote (16 for the majority) No life members present.

President Brian McMaster called the meeting to order and the delegates sang O'Canada. Rules of the AGM were read and approved. Last year's minutes were approved after Hazel McCleary who suggested that the place (Calgary) and location (hotel) be mentioned in the minutes for history purposes.

Brian welcomed the delegates and said the CTF board is working hard for the bowlers and they would like your feedback, both negative and positive. He thinks communication is very important and last year he attended several Annual Meetings - Windsor Association for Barrie Mackenzie's memorial, Toronto Association, Niagara Association, OTBA and Bowl Canada. While he was at the Toronto Annual Meeting last year it was suggested that CTF look at lowering the percentage of dues to be submitted by November 1st from 50% to 30% in order for the Associations to be eligible to send delegates to the CTF AGM. At the CTF June 2016 Board Meeting they voted in favour of this motion and Toronto is here today. CTF needs Toronto to be a part of their family, thanks Toronto for coming today. At that same meeting CTF made history by sanctioning string pin bowling. We will first test string pin in Alberta to learn what we need to do, and in time look at the feasibility of having more string pin leagues join CTF if they choose.

CTF also started a Strategic Plan with the Canadian Olympic Committee. Phase One involved a survey to be forwarded to all CTF contacts across Canada and has been completed. CTF is working on Phase Two. This strategic plan is very important to CTF in helping us recognize our strengths and weaknesses. Brian

attended the Canadian Team Trials in Burlington in May and the Canadian Youth Championships in June and he thinks it is important for us to go and support our athletes. He thanked Stan, Sue and all the directors for their help over the year.

Stan May, Executive Director, reported that the participant totals have remained stable this season. The decline was a very modest 2.6%, less than 500 participants for the 2015-2016 season, at 18,639 from 19,133 in 2014-2015. 10 associations reported increases totalling 384 registered participants. The gains continue from our smaller associations, with a drop of 504 in the top ten larger associations.

Cost of awards continue to decrease at 7.9%., total of \$64,730. Honour score awards for 300 & 800 totalled 326, down from 360 last season, 156 were first Once in a Lifetime awards. Balance of honour score awards – 37 – 298 awards, 106 – 299 awards and 155 – 11-in-a-Row plaques. Our youth received 49 awards (99 last year) for 700 series. Stan reported that all Once in a Lifetime awards with the start of the 2014-15 season are now implemented into the Online Registration Software and they are currently entering the 300 & 800 history that began with the 2008-09 season. CTF has asked the local associations to input all data before sending the honor awards to them for processing. Stan updated the delegates on the changes that CTF implemented into the software. It is now in its third season and now includes the addition of Provincial Association view only access to the software as well as 35 hours of programming updates that will address a number of concerns voiced by our local association managers. The big change for us is that they put the address & telephone number on the main page which makes it much faster to input information because there are less clicks. They also added Boy and Girl in the Gender Selection.

The audited Financial Statements have been prepared and are currently being reviewed by the CTF Board for their approval. Once approved, they will be forwarded to the delegates and associations.

Charlotte Konkle, Regulatory Unit Chair, gave her report on rule changes. Charlotte presented one rule change to the delegates to vote on.

Chapter VIII –CTF Tournaments, Rule 319c, Average Adjustments (Rerating)

**The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.**

Proposal to add the following:

**Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, in a handicap or classified tournament, a bowler who has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule is required to report all previous assigned/rerates, whether the bowler accepted the adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of bowling.**

**The following information must be submitted prior to participation for possible average adjustment /rerate:**

- 1. the name of each tournament in which an average adjustment/rerate was assigned;**
- 2. the adjusted/rerated average.**

**Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.**

USBC presented this same proposal at the USBC convention in April and it was passed by the delegates. Because CTF has a reciprocal average agreement with USBC, this must be adopted to comply with their playing rules for 2016-2017.

Approved by the delegates.

CTF Director Brian Von Richter presented the Acts of the Board which were approved by the Delegates.

Cathy Innes gave a report on the High Performance Unit. Cathy showed us a video of Team Canada and the Tournament of Americas, 12 senior and super seniors brought home 24 medals in the PABCON Tournament in Las Vegas. The 2018 PABCON Tournament will be held in Calgary. Hazel McLeary said this is the best year Canada has had and it's all due to the High Performance Team. Bowlers from the Toronto Association made the 2017 Team Canada – Joshua Bautista from Brampton and Gavin Sum from Markham made the Youth Boys Team and Zach Wilkins from Barrie made the Men's Team and Joe Ciach and John Chapman are on the Senior Men's Team. Cathy congratulated all the players, especially Mykaela Mitchell, London, our youngest champion who made both the Youth Girls Team and the Women's Team, and Zach Wilkins that led the event with his dominate performance. John Chapman was the 2016 CTF Bowler of the Year for the Senior Men.

We heard reports from the Athletes Council Unit, the Coaching Development Unit, the Youth Unit and the Awards Unit. CTF Director Jim Lester reported that we have 2237 youth bowlers in Canada. There is 3 more years to apply for the Youth Scholarship from CTF. The program will allow for two deserving applicants, one male and one female for post-secondary education, each will receive \$1000.00. All forms are available on the CTF website, deadline for submissions is June 1st.

CTF Director Dave Kist presented the report on the string pin pilot project. In the 1960's there were 5 centres in Canada that had string pins. There are 3 centres in Alberta that have actively expressed interest in sanctioning but to date only 1 centre has been conditionally sanctioned. The averages will be recognized in Canada only, U.S. will not recognize them and has no intention of doing this. String pins is cheaper, low cost and low maintenance. Albert has 1 league sanctioned and has already collected money from 33 members and there are 14 more to come in Alberta. Dave updated us on other countries that have looked

into string pins. One centre went string pins in Australia. String pin has no separate organization; it would be under Bowl Canada. England said they are interested but won't do anything until the U.S. does. Dave said it is very difficult to find centres with string pins. There are many challenges but the biggest one is, is the centre going to be lane certified. There are no markings on the pin decks. String pin members cannot bowl in USBC and be recognized, therefore the World Organization will not recognize the averages.

After a lunch break, the Hazel McCleary Leadership Award was presented to Cathy Innis, who is a most deserving CTF board member. When CTF became a Canadian organization Cathy was the first president and she has contributed significantly to the sport.

Reports were then given by the Policy Management Unit, Bowl Canada and the Bowling Federation of Canada.

CTF Elections were held. Charlotte Konkle advised the Delegates that there were 5 nominations received and we can vote for a maximum of 3 people. There is only 1 position open for Ontario. There were 31 ballots cast and results were: Cathy Innis (Surrey, B.C.), Brian McMaster (St. Catharines) and Wanda Howard (Winnipeg) were elected for a three year term.

During the question and answer period, a delegate from Alberta wanted to know if there was liability insurance for directors and officers. Stan said it was too expensive. Alberta wanted to know where their Charter Renewal was. CTF is behind in getting them issued but it is coming. Della asked if CTF could issue the awards for the local associations for the whole season instead of issuing them twice a year. CTF still wants them twice a year.

Old Business – none

New Business – Both Ron Molinski, CTF Director and Brian Von Richter, Past President for CTF who are not rerunning for the CTF Board were presented with plaques.

Brian McMaster reminded the delegates that the next CTF AGM will be held in Windsor, Ontario.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

**Report of the Nominating Committee** – Alvin Clarke – 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: Denise Critch, Joe Johnson, Vashti Mascoll and Darrell Olson. As there were no other nominations

received by the deadline, any nominations from the floor would not be in order. Alvin Clarke moved for acceptance of the four names, seconded by Denise Critch. All were elected by acclamation.

**Question and Answer Period:** Robert Trude, Association Manager, thanked Serge Couture who sends in multiple honour scores on time and complete records. At this time there were many questions and discussions from the floor – What will be the cost savings of closing the office? Association Manager replied that the savings alone on the rent will be approximately \$10,500.00. There is a potential savings on the telephone as well as the internet line will be cancelled and that total is around \$2,400.00 a year. As for the telephone number that bowlers know off by heart, it is the intention and hope that we will be able to keep the same number on a cell phone. The arrangement for the cell phone has not been started at this time. A discussion took place regarding secretaries not fulfilling their requirements on time and not completing the honour score applications completely. Richard indicated that he received 35 or more achievement applications the other day that went back to the beginning of the season. Eric Routh suggested that we should maybe call the presidents of the leagues to get after the secretary to perform their duties on time. Lorraine Myrie asked if there was going to be any compensation regarding those working out of their homes, Deborah Hope replied not at this time. Serge Couture asked if anything could be done to reduce the amount of black ink being used on the CTF forms – I replied that I would e-mail CTF and express the concern over the formatting of black ink on honour score forms and the CTF membership applications cards.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Announcements: Provincial Annual Meeting** on June 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Do not forget that the Final Averages are due this month.

Years Book Ads would be appreciated from the leagues.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN - that concludes our meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.