

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER TORONTO TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The Meeting was held on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the Monte Carlo Inn Brampton Suites in Brampton, Ontario and was called to order by President Douglas Critch at 10:49 a.m.

Board of Directors present: President Douglas Critch

Directors: Della Trude (Vice President), Bill Campbell, Denise Critch, Brian Glynn, Joe Johnson

Absent: Alvin Clarke, Deborah Hope, Denis Welch

Robert Trude, Association Manager

President Douglas Critch introduced the head table and welcomed everyone to our annual general meeting.

Association Manager Robert Trude asked for a moment of silence to remember those in the bowling community who have 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 be with all of you today, and we are incredibly appreciative of the chance to gather together and share some information and knowledge of the past year in our sport of bowling. Covid is not quite in our rear-view mirror, but I believe we are well on the road to recovery. Our bowling members as well as league numbers are on a positive upswing. Let's continue to be safe and promote our sport.

I recently had the privilege in accompanying Della to Bowlero Brampton and witness her presenting awards to our male and female bowlers of the year, Andy Manasterski and Brittney Spearing. They were so honoured to receive the awards and the league members were also so very excited to see the presentation. The following week, Della visited Planet Bowl to present awards to the All-Star team. What an amazing reception she received as she walked the lanes to present the awards. Della has committed so much of her time to this association and contributed so much towards its growth and success over the years and I would like to take this moment to personally thank her for that.

Some Leagues are not submitting their bowler achievement awards or sometimes submitting them very late. 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?"

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 three 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. Now, at this time, I would like to pass over the meeting to our Association Manager, Robert Trude

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

The final membership number for the 2021-2022 season was 1,261 members bowling in 34 leagues. We also had 3 summer leagues last season with 76 members bowling in 3 summer sanctioned leagues. This season to date there are 1,808 members bowling in 39 leagues in the association. This is still a long way from a pre-covid membership number of 2,746 bowling in 70 leagues. Some leagues are still hesitant at starting up again, some sighting the fact that some of their bowlers are getting up in years and do not wish to risk the chance of getting sick.

For the 2022-2023 season there have been 5-800's bowled, 31-300's, 9-299,'s, 1-298 and 10 11-in-a-Row's reported to the association. Alfred Dela Cruz in Sonny's Men's League at Bowlero Brampton has rolled an 833 for the men and the high single for the women is a 290 by Michelle Inamoto-D'Arcy who rolled it in the Mixed Doubles Tournament at Richmond Hill Pro 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 for the last 5 years, 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.

All of the leagues should have received their year end kit in April with the request for the average report which is to include all games bowled up to and including May 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of reporting. This has been in effect since the 2014-2015 bowling season.

One important reminder, I know I am repeating myself again, you are all registered participants/members of the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association. While you can purchase a membership from CTF for \$30.00, you are not a member of any league, any local, nor are you a member of any provincial until all the remaining dues are paid which will cost you another \$8.00. Therefore the statement stands that - you **can not be a direct registered participant of CTF**. The odd bowler in the past few seasons has acquired a card directly from CTF and as a result they have had to pay the additional funds to GTTBA to cover the local and provincial dues. Should you or anyone you know require a card earlier than when your league begins or sanctions, please contact the association to avoid additional costs for your GTTBA membership and we will try to accommodate you somehow for the short term.

Thank you to Denise Critch for processing all of the achievement award applications. If you have any questions on my report, I or my assistant will be happy to answer them, after the meeting.

Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held June 4, 2022 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 Joe Johnson, seconded by Della Trude. Motion Carried.

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

### **Standing Committee Reports -**

**Report of the Tournament Committees** – The Association held two adult tournaments in the 2022-2023 bowling season. The women's scratch divisional **Queen's Tournament** was held at Bowlerama Barrie on November 12 & 13, 2022. Winners of the tournament are: Division A – no entries, Division B – Denise Beeby with 671, Division C – Amanda MacDonald with 682 and Division D – Denise Critch with 615.

The **Women's and the Men's Annual Championship Tournaments** were held January 7 & 8, 2023 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 12 teams, 25 doubles, 50 singles and 36 all events. In the Men's Handicap Tournament there were 27 teams, 52 doubles, 104 singles and 89 all events. The High Five Tournament was a success with 176 entries this year. In the Women's Tournament we had 3 – 600 series and 6 games bowled over 225. Doris Ho bowled the high game of 255 and had a 638 and a 615 series. In the Men's Tournament we also had some great scores. Donald Lee bowled a 280 game, Sean McGregor had a 279 and Roy Barangan and Julius Chan both rolled a 278 game. We had 19 – 700 series and 5 of those were

over 750, with Larry Salvati bowling the high of 765. There were 34 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 seventh 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 7 entries and in the 700 Club Tournament there were 27. Winners were Doris Ho with an 1181 and Alfred Dela Cruz with a 1383.

The **Mixed Doubles Tournament** was held March 25 & 26 and April 1 & 2, 2023 at Richmond Hill Pro Bowl. There were 132 entries in the tournament. Winners in the Handicap Division were Wylie Kho and Eddy Kwai with a 1588 and in the Scratch Division, Michelle D'Arcy and Chris D'Arcy won with a 1348. Michelle D'Arcy also bowled a 290 for an 11-in-a-Row. The results of the Mixed Doubles Tournament are posted on the G.T.T.B.A. website.

Della Trude moved for acceptance of this report, seconded by Bill Campbell.

No discussion.

Motion carried.

### **Awards Committee Report** –

This year up to June 8, 2023 we have issued 23 - 250 Game crests, 12 - 275 Game crests, 20 - 650 Series crests, 21 - Century Series crests, 6 – Senior 75 pins over Average crest and 5 – 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 Joe Johnson.

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 2021-2022 bowling season, the Mixed All Star Team, the Bowlers of the Year and the CTF Awards of Merit were presented to the winners 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 2021-2022 were –

For the Association High Average -	Kerrie Ryan-Ciach	- 229.017
	Nicholas Northcott	- 231.31
For the Association High Series -	Jessica Lee	- 815
	Michael Raquidan	- 823

For the Association High Single Game – there were multiples for Men and Women

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 2021-2022 bowling season was Brittney Spearing, Jennifer Besana, Jessica Lee, Andy Manasterski, John Chapman and Nicholas Northcott.

The Bowlers of the Year were Brittney Spearing for the Women and Andy Manasterski for the Men.

Della Trude moved for acceptance of this report, seconded by Eric Routh.

No discussion.

Motion carried.

**Report of the Hall of Fame Committee** - Prior to our board meeting on September 21, 2019 the Hall of Fame Committee had reviewed the attendance at the Hall of Fame and Award Dinners and made the recommendation to only hold the Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner in the even numbered years. Because we are just coming out of the pandemic era the next Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner will be scheduled for 2024. One very important reason that we changed to the even numbered years is due to the cost and the time spent to organize the event and then to have only a few attend in person.

Della Trude moved for acceptance of this report, seconded by Brian Glynn.

No discussion.

Motion carried

**Report of the Youth Committee** – To date a total of 72 youth bowlers make up the youth membership. There are three bowling centres with youth leagues registered.

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 Joe Johnson.

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. Della Trude moved for the acceptance of this report, seconded by Denise Critch.

No discussion.

Motion Carried.

**Audit Report** – Robert Trude, Association Manager, presented the Audit Report for the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and moved for acceptance of the report, seconded by Denise Critch. The Association Manager asked if there were any questions regarding the financial statements.

There were no questions or discussion. Motion Carried.

**Report of the Legislation Study Committee** – Robert Trude - The Legislative Study Committee has reviewed the current Bylaws of this Association and recommends no changes. Robert Trude moved for acceptance, seconded by Bill Campbell.

No discussion

Motion carried

**Della Trude presented the report of the CTF Annual Meeting** - The CTF Annual Meeting was held via Zoom on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. President Douglas Critch and Vice President Della Trude attended as delegates and Denise Critch attended as the Alternate from the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association.

Present: 27 Local delegates + 2 chats, 8 CTF Directors - Total 37 eligible to vote (19 for the majority)

No life members present.

The CTF Annual Meeting convened Sunday at 12 noon (9 AM PST) where 29 Local Delegates and 8 Directors met to review and approve the business of the Canadian Tenpin Federation.

President Blaine Boyle called the meeting to order with the national anthem. He then asked for a moment of silence for family and friends who passed away this year. With Covid on the back burner, bowling centres and leagues are running again. Hope everyone enjoys the meeting.

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

Rules of the AGM were read and approved.

The Minutes of the November 28, 2021 CTF AGM held via Zoom were approved after two names were added as delegates who attended the meeting.

President Blaine welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking the time to attend the Annual Meeting. After 2 years of uncertainty it's great to see everything up and running again. Since he became President a lot has happened, bowling centres were able to open or stay open in some provinces, allowing leagues to run with few restrictions. Bowlers were able to get back to a close to normal situation again and enjoy the sport they love. We were able to run the Canadian Team Trials qualifying tournament as well as our National Youth tournament.

The Canadian Tenpin Federation and Canadian 5 Pin Federation were in talks to merge both organizations into one. While this had some good ideas there were too many unanswered questions and with the deadline of April 2022, CTF decided against merging with C5. As President of CTF Blaine could not willingly allow us to merge when he felt we were too far apart and too different as entities to form into one. Our heritage as a sport was at stake as well as the lack of respect by C5 executive for our Team Canada members and High Performance program. The merger is officially dead, and there will be no talks of merger in the foreseeable future. He believes this is best for our sport and we can only get stronger moving forward.

Cathy Innes, Executive Director, welcomed everyone and said she hoped next year we could get back to a face-to-face meeting. Covid hit our sport dramatically as it did many sports. It is predicted from sport experts in Canada that it will take over 10 years for many sports to recover and some may never. Pre-pandemic we had 16,374 paid participants. Last season we ended the season with 9479 participants. Membership is a huge concern. CTF budgeted for 8,000 members and as of November 11, 2022 we have 7576 paid participants with many locals just beginning the entry process.

All temporary rules that CTF put in place in March 2020 are still valid. Please see website for full list of rules. She is confident that next season they will be removed. CTF will be invoicing the locals every month. A few changes in ORS, if you have any suggestions send them to Cathy in detail. Many committee members are not board members. Cathy has asked three managers to help her with future ORS changes. It is important for all of us to use the same rules and processes for our ORS. She stressed that your CTF number is for life, just like a SIN number. No matter where you live, your number follows you. CTF has some challenges and Cathy hopes with the help of a committee, they can make improvements every year.

Reminder that all bowling lanes (string lanes also) are considered certified at no expense. All tenpin centres should have received their decal and certificate in the summer.

No Cost Insurance Benefit Cards were sent out to pre-pandemic members and this did cause some confusion. All pre and current members are covered if they received the information. No need to send the beneficiary card back, but if you wish extra benefits you must. Your only obligation will be a short meeting with an insurance representative.

On our website we now have a full list of SAFE Scholarship Monies. Every quarter it will be posted. There will be a new look to the website in the spring. Cathy updated the delegates on the National Events scheduled for 2023, Canadian Team Trials, Canadian Mixed Championships and the Canadian Youth Championships.

The Financial Statements were reviewed. One delegate asked if CTF could do a pie graph to show where CTF money goes and Cathy said she could do it. Both the Financial Report and the Auditors Report were approved. The Budget was reviewed and approved.

Charlotte Konkle presented the Acts of the Board which were approved by the delegates.

After a 5 minute break another vote allocation was taken: 8 CTF directors, 29 delegates for a total of 37, 19 majority to vote.

Charlotte Konkle, Regulatory Unit Chair, gave her report on rule changes. Because CTF has a reciprocal agreement with USBC, all changes made by them must be adopted to comply with their playing rules. At the

USBC convention last April, there were no playing rule changes. At the present time, the Equipment Specifications, Lane Certifications and Tournament Sanctions are included in this committee.

Anne-Marie Cole, Tournament Services Chair, advised the delegates on how many tournament sanctions were received in 2021-2022 and in 2022-2023. Fewer were received this season. CTF now requires a Tournament Sanction Application + rules + entry form.

Dan Tereck reported on the Equipment Specifications Committee – He reminded the delegates of the balance hole rule that came into effect as of August 1, 2020. 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.

There has been some confusion regarding when and how you can clean your bowling balls during bowling. For league play, CTF Rule 18 prohibits altering the surface of a bowling ball once scoring has started. This rule is in effect for the entire league session/series. Cleaning your ball is considered altering the surface, so it is prohibited as well. CTF has implemented a temporary rule change for Rule 18, due to Covid. The use of isopropyl (rubbing alcohol) to clean your bowling ball is allowed at any time before, after, or during a game. This was put in place to allow for 'sanitization'. This temporary rule is still in place.

For tournaments that have a limitation on the number of bowling balls each competitor is allowed, Rule 331 allows the alteration of ball surfaces, by hand, between games.

For other tournaments, Tournament Managers can implement a rule to allow the alteration of bowling ball surfaces between games if they wish. If this 'special rule' is **not put** in place for the tournament, then CTF Rule 18 applies.

Dan notified the delegates that USBC has disapproved any **Purple Hammer** manufactured in 2016 or 2017 (these are identified by serial numbers that start with either a '6' or '7'). Also, another bowling ball, the **Storm Spectre**, has also been removed from the list. CTF uses this list to determine a ball's eligibility for competition.

String Pins - CTF, as well as the International Bowling Federation (IBF), and several other countries have sanctioned string pinsetters. The IBF had a tournament this past summer in the USA and all lanes were string pins. As of today, the USBC does not sanction them. They have continued their testing of string pins and have even come up with some preliminary specifications for string pin environments. North Dakota is going to put in 6 string pin lanes so USBC can test them. All their research and findings have been published. If you are interested, go to the USBC website for more information including a very informative video.

Lane Certification Report was presented by Blaine Boyle, in Ron Jones absence. Due to the continued Covid-19 virus, CTF has elected to forgo the lane certification process and has issued CTF certificates automatically to all Associations and Bowling Centres. They have received one lane certification report, which was not required. He suggests that all Associations review the lane certification training manual which is on the CTF website. They are willing to provide Lane Certification Clinics upon request. The costs will be determined by covering the costs of the individual to put on the clinic, which will include travel, lodging and meals.

High Performance - Jane Vetro thanked the National Coaches for their support in 2022. There were still some restrictions in place as far as being vaccinated to attend events. She reported on the training camps for the men and women. Our Junior Team travelled to Sweden and qualified for match play in Men's Doubles and Women's Team. For the Adults, the Men qualified for the World Games in Birmingham, Alabama. We sent 2 men and Graham Fach won a Bronze Medal in Singles and he and Darren Alexander won Silver in Doubles. The next event for the Adult Team is Champion of Champions in Brazil. This event is a qualifier for the Pam Am Games in Santiago, Chile in 2023. 2 men (Francois Lavoie & Jordan Jung) and 2 women (Jennifer Besana & Jade Cote) went. After 24 games, the Men qualified for the Pam Am Games in 2023 but the Ladies fell short. They have a second chance in October. Jennifer Besana was also part of a Ladies Trios Team who bowled in Lima, Peru and she and her team

mates Sarah Klassen and Felicia Wong won a Bronze Medal. The Men's Team will be in Australia competing in the World Team Cup while our AGM is taking place.

Athletes Council Report was given by Valerie Bercier and approved.

Blaine Boyle reported on the Coaching Development. Blaine said they are very close to releasing a new and improved Community Sport Course. Dan Tereck said this course is used for the grass roots clinic. They want to put it on line. With sports and coaching constantly changing we need to make sure that anyone who works with athletes in our sport has the required knowledge and training.

Youth Report was given by Blaine Boyle. After 2 years of shutdowns due to the pandemic, we were able to run the Youth Nationals in 2022 in Winnipeg. It was a major success. In 2023 the youth Nationals will be held in Sault Ste. Marie. Since Blaine has become President of CTF, this will be his last report.

Elaine Yamron reported on the Achievement Awards Committee. They received several Hall of Fame applications and after review, Caroline Lagrange and Marc Doi will be inducted into the CTF Hall of Fame in 2023. No applications were received for the Sherry Hobson Excellence Award. Mike Quелlette from Windsor will be awarded the Hazel McCleary Leadership Award. If you know of anyone deserving of these awards, contact Elaine.

Bowler of the Year Awards were announced – For Seniors, Valerie Bercier and Francois Lavoie. For Masters, Deb Lee and Michael Snow. For Youth, Nicolas Blagojevic and Sarah Klassen.

They have received information for the CTF National League Awards for youth, adult and seniors (Canadian High Average and High 3 Game Series) and notification will be sent later. Certificates will be sent to all the Canadian winners. December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 we received the list and Toronto did very well –

Brittney Spearing won the Canadian Female High Average – 229 and Female High Series – 810

Kerrie Ryan-Ciach won the Canadian Senior Female High Average - 229

John Chapman won the Canadian Senior Male High Average - 228

Ron Molinski asked if CTF could put the High Youth and High Seniors into age categories. He feels there should be several divisions, not just one. Cathy asked him to send it to the CTF Board and they would review it.

Cathy Innes reported on the Team Trials. Team Trials 2022 was scheduled for Montreal in January and due to Covid we had to change the dates and location. They now have to be held before March 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Cathy had a problem finding lanes for 2022 and 2023, proprietors prefer weekdays and the larger centres don't want them. With the approval from Sport Canada they moved the tournament to the first week of April at Classic Bowl. Cathy congratulated all the players, especially the Champions Graham Fach and Jennifer Besana.

The 2023 Team Trials will be held in Montreal at Laurentian Lanes.

Stan May, the CMC Tournament Manager, reported on the Canadian Mixed Championships which are being held April 21-23, 2023 in Calgary, Alberta. Cathy thanked Stan and Calgary for all their work and said we have to get this information out to all the bowlers. Many travel to the USBC tournaments and she would like to see them at the CMC's. Stan asked if the CMC could be held in conjunction with the CTF AGM, like it was in previous years. This will be discussed by the Board.

CTF Elections were held. 3 director positions open and 2 credentials received. Wanda Howard and Jody Scott (both from Manitoba) elected by acclamation for a 3-year term beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

During the question and answer period, Sport Canada was discussed. CTF had to re-apply to Sport Canada for funding because there is no merge. C5 will no longer get any funding as of March 2023. CTF is under the Bowling Federation of Canada (BFC) until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 then we are on our own. Two years ago we started the talks of

amalgamating CTF and C5 but there are too many irregularities. Tenpin is our sport and we will go after funding with Sport Canada. President Blaine said we will be better without C5.

A delegate asked if CTF would allow some bowlers in the league to sanction and some not. President Blaine said he will take this to the Board and do a study.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

President Blaine thanked everyone for attending today.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

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

**Report of the Nominating Committee** – The GTTBA has four positions open for election and two credentials were received. The Nominating Committee presented the following two names for election to the Board for a three year term, August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2026: Denise Critch and Joseph Johnson. As there were no other nominations received by the deadline, any nominations from the floor would not be in order. Della Trude moved for acceptance of the two names, seconded by Bill Campbell. No discussion. Both were elected by acclamation.

### **Question and Answer Period:**

The new CTF national awards were discussed. Since the CTF database has all the stats, Robert asked CTF if they could obtain all the information and CTF said ‘no’, the Local Association’s Manager has to send the information to CTF. We also discussed reasons leagues are not sanctioning – centres do not want leagues Friday night and weekends and because of this, we lost one big youth league and some adult mixed leagues. Robert researched the open bowling prices and the prices range from \$40.00 to \$55.00 per hour of open bowling at 3 prime centres. Eric Routh spoke to the manager at Planet Bowl and asked him to respect the leagues.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Robert read an email CTF sent to all Locals and Provincials stating they will no longer be sending paper copies of the CTF Rule books and other material for leagues anymore. Starting in the 2023-2024 bowling season only virtual league kits will be supplied. CTF will email the attachments to the Locals and they are to send them to all the sanctioned leagues. The leagues will only receive the printed application cards and a letter from the GTTBA in the League Kits. When we were with ABC they supplied the blank membership cards and any printed material from their Head Office. Since CTF became our membership organization we have purchased the card stock in order to print your blank membership cards.

**String Pins** – As of August 1, 2023 the USBC will approve string pin bowling. Maybe they will set up a chart to adjust string pin averages to regular averages. Robert said USBC has specific equipment in Arlington, Texas to do testing. It was thought that there would be some sort of identification on your membership card to show you are bowling in a string pin league. Bowlerama Rexdale has some string pins on one side which were never used for sanctioned leagues but starting in the spring of 2023 they are converting all the 10 pin lanes to string pins.

Starting with the 2023-2024 season, USBC and CTF have implemented lane certifications once again. They are now allowing the associations to certify the bowling centres once every two years. Measurements have to be done 5 times (one for each panel) on each lane, plus measurements and visual inspection of the pin decks. USBC did away with the 3 units of oil rule, therefore we no longer have to do the lane tapes. Doug mentioned that USBC has a very expensive machine, called ACE, that does all the measurements; we are not sure when CTF will buy one to help the Local Associations.

**Announcements – None**

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m. - Denise Critch moved for adjournment, seconded by Brian Glynn.