

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER TORONTO TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The Meeting was held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at Playtime Bowl and was called to order by President Della Trude at 10:42 a.m. Delegates in attendance:

BB245 Be Alive Sunday Doubles	BB345 Tuesday Night Mixed
BB830 Sunday Nite Mixers	BM652 Thursday Zone Mixed
CC458 Paradise Classic B.L.	KE100 Canada Men
KE855 Toronto Post Office Men's	KE456 Ken-Lawr Bowling League
PB582 X-IT Bowling League	PY054 Barbados Mixed
PY066 Barbados Ex-Police	PY281 United Road Runners
PY289 International Mixed	TL001 Ladies Inter-City Travel League

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

Absent: Andrea Cunningham, Jacqui Davis, Jim Holmes

Life Members Present: none

Guests: 2

President Della Trude introduced the head table, the Board of Directors and life members of our 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.

We've come to the end of another season. I trust each of you had a good one! Today you will learn about the actions the board has taken over the past season.

Our Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner was held in November. Awards were presented to all our tournament winners from the previous year and we announced the 2011-2012 male and female Bowlers of the Year. It is a good opportunity to meet bowlers who have excelled in our association and to talk to previous Hall of Fame Members. This year we saw some new faces for the Mixed All Star Team. For the 2011-2012 season, the members of the Mixed All Star Team were Catherine Harvey, Michelle Inamoto, Laura Parsons, Joe Ciach, John Fallis and Randy Gray and from this team Catherine and Joe became our Bowlers 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 and send us their information by the end of August.

We also invited the winners of the CTF 2012 Canadian Mixed Championships which were held in Windsor in April 2012 when the CTF held their Annual General Meeting. A Crystal Award from CTF was presented to Rainn Leung and

Siu Chuen Chan, CMC Doubles Champions, Cameron McRobb, Men's Singles Champion, Edith Lee, Women's Singles Champion and Wendy Choi, All Events Women's Champion. It was a great evening for everyone.

During the year we also held several 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. For the ladies the Queen's Divisional Scratch Tournament was held in Barrie the first weekend in November. Unfortunately this year we saw a decline in the entries. Thanks Deborah Hope for running the tournament.

In March Jacqui Davis and Margo Crichlow ran the Youth City Tournament at Kennedy Bowl. As in past years, there were some great games bowled by our youth during the tournament. I want to thank all the youth leaders and coaches for the time and dedication they give to our youth bowlers and Jacqui and Margo for running the tournament.

The Mixed Doubles Tournament was held the first two weekends of April at Woodbridge Bowl and the results will be posted shortly on the GTTBA web site. There were 11 – 700's bowled during the tournament, including 2 by women. Jamie Trimble bowled a 299 and Joe Ciach had an 11-in-a-row. It takes a lot of work to run a tournament and I want to thank Alvin Clarke and Vashti Mascoll and all their committee for a job well done.

We held the Men's and Women's City Tournament this past weekend, May 4 & 5, at Classic Bowl. Since the tournament was held late in the season there were many bowlers who could not participate. We had 15 Teams, 25 Doubles and 50 Singles for the Women's Tournament and 21 Teams, 44 Doubles and 88 Singles for the Men's Tournament which was slightly lower than last year. We continued with the scratch optional event. For this tournament we always get the bowling centre to put a different oil pattern down since there are some bowlers who bowl league in this centre. It turned out to be a tough shot and the bowlers struggled to bowl their averages. This will be changed for next year. We did manage to have 12 – 650's, 5 – 700's, including one for Catherine Harvey and 11 games bowled over 250. In his doubles set Joe Amaral bowled extremely well, bowling a 290 which is an 11-in-a-row, a 234 and a 270 for a 794. Again this year we ran the High 5 and the bowlers enjoyed participating in this. To date the results have not been finalized but when they are, they will be posted on the GTTBA web site. Plans are being made to host the City Tournament at Classic Bowl next year in January. To all those who came out and helped me with the tournament, thank you. I really do appreciate it.

The struggle for membership continues and we need your help in encouraging new bowlers to join sanctioned leagues. The youth membership continues to decline and this year we only had 264 youth members.

Recently Richard Doucette and I attended the CTF Annual Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba and later today you will hear what has occurred in that organization and what plans they have in the future for the Canadian bowlers.

I would encourage you, as League Officers and Delegates, to take back all the information you receive at this meeting and share it with all your league members.

Your Board of Directors has worked very hard this year to keep the leagues informed of association affairs and 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. I would like to thank each of you for your dedication to this association. Thanks!

My thanks also go out to the league executives who do such a good job servicing their bowlers and sending their reports to us on time. It makes our job much easier. A big thank you to Robert who, as our Association manager, 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 Friday May 3, 2013 the membership so far this season is 3,614 and that is a decrease of 427 members, which represents 10.6% of last years final membership number of 4,041. The total leagues this season is 93, down ten from 103 leagues last year.

As of Friday May 3, 2013 we have had 20 – 800 series, 63 - 300's, 15 - 299's, 7 - 298's and 29 - 11-in-a-row's bowled and reported to our office. The high triple recorded this season is 838 by Sean Patterson in the Litton Mixed Bowling League at Planet Bowl and Joe Ciach in the Sonny Men's League at Brunswick Bramalea. The women bowlers are continuing to bowl well, Gloria Lui has rolled a 300 in the CCBA Wednesday League at World Bowl. As what usually happens, there are generally other honor scores 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 8 to 15 months late like we had this 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 CTF 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 the current 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 years kits. 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 the numerous applications or held onto them until I received the correct information before I sent 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, old, missing 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 will be a new form) will be returned to the secretary to be completed properly and legibly.

Reminder, you are all members of the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association; you can not be a direct member of CTF. I would like to thank Deborah Hope and her helpers for their efforts in keying in the sanctions and final averages. 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 2012 Annual Meeting – Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Vashti Mascoll, seconded by Joe Johnson. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept the minutes as printed in the yearbook made by Deborah Hope, seconded by Margo Crichlow. 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

Lorraine Myrie moved we accept all seven reports, seconded by Vashti Mascoll. Motion Carried

Bowler of the Year Report – Douglas Critch read the Bowler of the Year Report.

Delegates and Guests:

The committee has reviewed the Bowler of the Year criteria and recommend the following changes.

Item 7 -

Currently reads: 900 - 3 game series - 25 points

Proposal to read: 900 - 3 game series - 50 points

Reason: The points are outdated and we need them more in line with the rest of the series and games.

Item 8 -

Currently reads:

800 - 3 game series - 15 points (in different establishments)
3 points each additional in same establishment

Proposal to read:

800 - 3 game series - 18 points (in different establishments)
9 points each additional in same establishment

Reason: The points are outdated and we need them more in line with the rest of the series and games.

Item 15 -

Currently reads: Top Ten “Mean” Averages in the Association.

Points: 10 - 1 respectively. One bonus point will be added for each additional establishment that an eligible average is established. (Male and Female will be ranked separately.)

“Mean” average shall be calculated from all final averages attained by the bowler in sanctioned winter leagues of this Association in which the bowler has participated in at least two-thirds of the league schedule as of final average date of April 1st.

Proposal is to Delete this item.

Reason: As the statistics are not available with the current software, we cannot do this calculation.

Bill Campbell moved for the acceptance of this report, seconded by Joe Johnson. No discussion. - Motion Carried.

Audit Report - Association Manager then presented the Audit Report for the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and moved for acceptance of the report, seconded by Vashti Mascoll. Association Manager asked if there were any questions regarding the financial statements. No questions. Motion Carried.

Report of the Legislation Study Committee – Alvin Clarke read the legislation report recommending no changes. Vashti Mascoll moved for the acceptance of the report, seconded by Margo Crichlow. No Discussion - Motion Carried

Della Trude presented the report on the CTF AGM - On behalf of the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association President Della Trude and Director Richard Doucette attended the workshops and CTF Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on April 26th and 27th.

On Friday night, April 26th, CTF arranged two workshops for the delegates and guests. In place of the first workshop, Stan May, Executive Director for CTF reported that CTF is looking into a new software package to input the membership. Jegysoft Inc. builds software for organizations and they want to design a membership software package for CTF. Treasure Software is very costly and we haven't had any updates in a long time, therefore CTF is looking into another software package that is less expensive. The current proposal from Jegysoft Inc. indicated that they would charge CTF \$3,000.00 to design the program and then CTF would pay a monthly fee of \$275.00. Since it is a young company some of the delegates questioned their ability to do such a huge job. Stan briefly showed us how the program would work. First, CTF has to approve it, then it will be built with the different criteria that CTF needs, then CTF will ask three local associations (large, medium, small) to test it, starting September 1st. In the second workshop Tyrel Rose, CTF Director, continued with his discussion on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats that are related to our associations and gave each of us a copy of the good, the bad and the ugly things that we discussed last year about our sport of bowling. Bowling gives you the opportunity to meet new people, to travel to tournaments and compete locally, nationally and internationally, it is structured and relatively cheap compared to other sports and can be done all year and alone, in a group, by any age or lifestyle. On the negative side, our membership is decreasing, the equipment can be costly, some centres across Canada do not support sanctioned leagues, there is a lack of sponsorship for the sport and we have not become an Olympic Sport.

CTF Annual General Meeting - Saturday, April 27, 2012 at 8:35 a.m.

Present: 35 Local delegates, 10 CTF Directors - Total 45 eligible to vote (23 for the majority) No life members present.

The CTF Annual General Meeting convened Saturday morning at 8:50 a.m., where 35 Delegates and 10 Directors met to review and approve the 2012-2013 business of the Canadian Tenpin Federation.

President Cathy Innis 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. Cathy then gave her report and welcomed the delegation. When we look at the ocean it may appear very peaceful but we know there is a lot going on under the water. That reminds her of the CTF Board. They sit at the meeting, read their reports and try to answer questions and it may seem that they have no worries

but underneath those calm exteriors they are fighting like hell to come up with new and better plans and ideas to keep this sport growing. When she looks at the delegates she sees faces that are tired, mad, happy, contented and sometimes not interested. Are they really seeing us as we are? If the delegates are not pleased, we should say something. CTF needs to know what is going on. Cathy also wants us to thank those who work endlessly to keep things running. She thanked the board and the committees in charge of programs.

Stan May, Executive Director, reported that the membership for the 2011-2012 season declined 7.6% from the previous year to 24,481 members. For the current season (as of February 2013) memberships have reached 21,367 edging closer to the 22,500 projected in the 2013-2013 Budget. Memberships are still coming in so we should reach our budget numbers. In the 2008-2009 season CTF implemented the once-in-a-lifetime award for 300's & 800's and because of this there has been a 67% decrease in these awards. During this fiscal period, Award Costs declined by 15%. There were 484 – 300 game & 800 series honour score awards, 54 – 298 plaques, 146 - 299 plaques and 246 – 11-in-a-row plaques. Our youth received 88 awards for 700 series.

The 2012-2013 National Fund Raiser was not the success CTF hoped it to be as only seven associations participated, collecting \$5,021.00. After paying expenses, the total profit was \$2,108.00, with \$1,045.00 each rebated back to the associations and the CTF portion placed in the SAFE Account. They need to take a serious look at the Fund Raising Program and determine how to continue. It is a lot of work with little return.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Hirsh Schnayer, CTF Director, headed the Budget Committee and they implemented a Financial Policy & Procedures Manual which will be included in the 2013-2014 CTF By-Laws Book. The Financial Report was approved by the delegates.

CTF Director Jim Lester presented the Acts of the Board which were approved by the Delegates.

Delegates heard reports from the Unit Chairs (Regular Unit, International Unit, Athletes Council, Membership & Association Services Report, Public Relations, Coaching Development, High Performance Committee, Youth Unit, Program Development Unit, Awards Unit) updating the work that was completed this season and what will be taking place in 2013-2014.

This year no one was inducted into the CTF Hall of Fame but Bill Rowe was nominated to the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame. CTF will be nominating one of their current members each January in hopes of improving the recognition of our best athletes and also bring more attention to the sport in Canada.

The 2012 Bowlers of the Year are: George Lambert Iv, Caroline Lagrange, Mitch Hupe, Miranda Panas and Elizabeth Wong.

The Connection has a new look and new co-editors, Dan Tereck and Sandy Lowe. It will now be published every second month starting in February 2013 and they have key personnel across the country to report bowling-related news to them. In each province that will relay the news to them. Joe Ciach will be the contact in Ontario. The Connection is also on Face Book.

CTF is still looking into the tiered membership and will update the Delegates at the next AGM.

Elaine Yamron, CTF Director, sent an email to all the local associations and asked them to financially support the National 600 Club. She only received three responses back and one association sent money. It was suggested that they have a 700 Club for the men. This will be reviewed.

The Canadian National Championships will be in Montreal this year and at Planet Bowl in 2014. This will be a trial run for the Pan-Am Games which will be held at Planet Bowl in 2015. CTF appointed Brian and Erin McMaster to co-chair the position of COC Chair of Bowling for the Pan-Am Games. Brian reported that they held a competition to select a new mascot. They received 5000 entries from children coast-to-coast. They have narrowed it down to 16 and these will be posted on-line for people to see and in July 2013 they will have a vote for the new mascot.

There were no Rule Changes this year.

Stan May advised the delegation that changes have to be made to the CTF By-Laws to comply with the Not For Profit Act. The Board of Directors and Delegates will still have voice and vote but the Past President only has voice. They can have 9 elected directors and the president can appoint one third of the Board. e.g. 3 elected = 1 appointed. In the new By-Laws we cannot use the words 'members' and 'membership'. They will be redefined throughout the document. Because of these changes, CTF must have three meetings:

A special meeting with 60 days notice must be held to ratify the changes to the existing By-Laws so that CTF can transition into the new Act. The delegates at the 2013 CTF AGM will electronically vote.

In April 2014 the delegates at the CTF AGM will ratify the new by-laws.

CTF now has to hold their AGM within 6 months of their fiscal year, therefore the new 2014 CTF AGM will be held in November of 2014 and all subsequent AGM's will be held in November. The CMC's will continue to be held in conjunction with the AGM.

No charges have been discussed for these changes. These changes have to be completed by October 2014 and the new By-Laws would take effect in the 2014-2015 season.

The final business to take place at the AGM was the election by the Delegates for the four Director positions

on the Board. The nominees were: Cathy Innes, Brian McMaster (Niagara), Jim Lester (Sarnia), Ron Molinski and Bill Martin (both Manitoba). Only one can be elected from Ontario and Manitoba. Cathy Innes, Brian McMaster and Ron Molinski were elected to a three year term. After the AGM, the CTF Board met and elected Brian Von Richter, President, Dan Tereck, 1st Vice President and Ron Molinski was elected 2nd Vice President.

Cathy Innes did not re-run for the presidency. We were informed that next year the set-up for the board will be different with managers working under the president.

Before we adjourned the meeting, there was a question and answer period. Brian McMaster has a 14 year old wanting to bowl in a tournament which offers \$1,000.00 prize money. Jim Lester said if he bowls in it, he will give up his amateur status if he ever wanted to bowl in the USA. Brian also suggested that we hold a 50-50 draw for the national fund raiser but Cathy explained that if we make money in Alberta, that money has to be spent in Alberta. Cathy also mentioned that a few years ago Windsor suggested that CTF pick one week in the year and have all the leagues send CTF the money that they collected that week for their 50-50. Richard Doucette asked that the youth receive pins instead of tags for their awards.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Joe Johnson – The GTTBA has five positions open for election. The Nominating Committee presented the following four names for election to the Board for a three year term: Richard Doucette, Deborah Hope, Jim Holmes, 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. Rodney Grimes moved for acceptance of the five names, seconded by Cliff Redman. All were elected by acclamation.

Question and Answer Period: Cliff Redman asked if there was any follow-up with the leagues that are not sanctioning. Yes. Some of the leagues that have not sanctioned have folded due to lack of bowlers. One league did not sanction because their bowlers were seniors and they didn't want the awards and do not bowl in our tournaments.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: President Della reported that we had received letters from the three charities that the association supports, Heart & Stroke, Cancer and Diabetes, thanking us for our donations.

Announcements:

If anyone is interested, the Malaysia Tenpin Bowling Congress invited all bowlers 55 years and older to participate in their tournament.

The Provincial Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Burlington on Sunday, June 9, 2013 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 11:40 a.m.