

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER TORONTO TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The Meeting was held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Playtime Bowl and was called to order by President Della Trude at 10:46 a.m. Delegates in attendance:

AS266	Tuesday night Mixed	BB245	Be Alive Sunday Doubles
BB345	Tuesday Night Mixed	BB418	Doubles Classic
BB830	Sunday Nite Mixers	BM652	Thursday Zone Mixed
CC458	Paradise Classic B.L.	KE100	Canada Men
KE456	Ken-Lawr Bowling League	PB582	X-IT Bowling League
PY054	Barbados Mixed	PY066	Barbados Ex-Police
RH396	Pinbusters	TL001	Ladies Inter-City Travel League

Plus 4 other members were present

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

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

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

In November we held our Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner and everyone enjoyed our new location. Awards were presented to all our City and Mixed Doubles Tournament winners from the previous year. For the 2012-2013 season the members of our Mixed All Star Team were Catherine Harvey, Julie Ryan, Kerrie Ryan-Ciach, Jason Caetano, Robert Gloyn and Randy Gray and from this team Catherine Harvey and Robert Gloyn became our Female & Male 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.

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 and the directors who run them. The Queen's Divisional Scratch Tournament for the ladies was held here at Playtime Bowl the first weekend in November and I want to thank Deborah Hope and her committee for running the tournament.

In March Margo Crichlow helped Della run the Youth City Tournament at Woodbridge Bowl. Unfortunately this year the entries were down because the YBT Scholarship Tournament was also being held that same day and many youth went to it. I am always amazed at how well the youth bowl, even the young ones. Thanks to

all the youth leaders and coaches for the time and dedication they give to our youth bowlers.

The Mixed Doubles Tournament was held at Woodbridge Bowl on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. There were 204 entries this year. The committee is in the process of verifying averages. When the results are finalized, the winners and the prize list will be posted on our website. I want to thank Alvin Clarke and Vashti Mascoll and all their committee for a job well done.

This year the Men's and Women's City Tournament was moved to January 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at Classic Bowl. Although some of the bowlers didn't see the new dates in time to participate in the tournament, most of the bowlers liked the idea of bowling earlier in the season. For the Men's Tournament we did see an increase in entries while the Women's Tournament numbers remained the same as last year. Since the entries in the scratch optional event are quite low, this event will be reviewed for next year. This year we had some great games bowled. We had 39 games bowled over 250, 31 – 650's, 13 - 700's and 4 – 750's with the high going to Andy Manasterski - 783. The men bowled extremely well this year. Randy Gray bowled two games of 279 and Eric Deaton bowled one 279 and Robert Gloyn had one game of 280. Again this year we ran the High 5 and the bowlers enjoyed participating in this. All the results can be found on the GTTBA web site. Plans are being made to host the City Tournament at Classic Bowl at the same time next year. I would like to thank all those who came out and helped me with the tournament. I really do appreciate it.

The adult and youth membership continues to decline and we need your help to encourage bowlers to join sanctioned leagues. This year we only had 207 youth members.

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

League Officers and Delegates, please take back all the information you receive at this meeting and share it with all your league members.

I say this every year, this Board of Directors works very hard to keep the leagues informed of association affairs. To have a successful organization you need dedicated people and I want to thank the entire Board for their dedication and giving of their time to make this possible by working on tournaments and committees, helping at the office, processing awards and presenting them to the bowlers, keeping our web site up to date and our computers running and dealing with bowlers concerns. Thanks!

To the league executives who do such a good job servicing their bowlers and sending their reports to us on time, thanks. It makes our job much easier. As you will hear later today, it will be very important to have your league sanctions into the association early next season. A big thank you to Robert, 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 Monday April 28, 2014 the membership so far this season is 3,373 and that is a decrease of 258 members, which represents 7.1% of last years final membership number of 3,631. The total leagues this season is 86, down seven from 93 leagues last year.

As of Monday April 28, 2014 we have had 22 – 800 series, 56 - 300's, 26 - 299's, 8-298's and 38 - 11-in-a-row's reported to the office. The high triple recorded this season is 831 by Robert Gloyn in the Litton Mixed Bowling League at Planet Bowl. The women bowlers are continuing to bowl well, Julie Ryan rolled a 300 at Classic Bowl and Doris Ho has rolled a 300 at Club 300 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 8 to 15 months and even 2 years 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 application forms you may have in your possession from previous years ... the request is for a particular reason ... probably because there is a change or many changes to the old forms. If you will not be using next season's updated software program, then you definitely will not have the current application forms necessary to send into the office and you will have to use the forms supplied in the current year's kit. This is the case in regards to the special achievement awards, Honor Score and Upgrade forms. I spent zero time communicating with CTF again this season on missing or incorrect information of one kind or another. You might be thinking that, that is a good scenario, right. WRONG. The reason is because I rejected numerous applications or held onto them until I received the correct information before I sent them to CTF. There are still applications with missing ring sizes, birthdates, bowler's phone numbers, individuals 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 2004) sanction number, missing bowling centre certification number (or old 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 cannot 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 members of the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association; you cannot be a direct member of CTF. I would like to thank Deborah Hope for her 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

**Minutes of the 2013 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 Vashti Mascoll, seconded by Bill Campbell. 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 Vashti Mascoll. Motion Carried

**Bowler of the Year Report** – Doug Critch - The committee has reviewed the Bowler of the Year criteria and recommend no changes this year. Doug Critch moved for the acceptance of this report, seconded by Joe Johnson. No discussion. - Motion Carried.

**Audit Report** - Association Manager presented the Audit Report for the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association for the 2012-2013 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.

**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 Canadian Tenpin Federation workshops and Annual General Meeting in Pointe Claire, Quebec on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Friday night, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., CTF arranged workshops for the delegates and guests. Stan May, Executive Director and Dan Tereck, Director and Regulatory Unit Chair, discussed CTF’s new Bylaw Amendments under the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act and how it will affect the Local and/or Provincial Associations. It gave everyone a chance to ask questions and be informed before the AGM held Saturday.

Cathy Innes, CTF Director, spoke on Today’s Technology and CTF. CTF is making use of today’s computer and internet technology in its day-to-day operations. New membership software, new software for our High Performance Program and electronic meeting technology is either already being utilized or will be rolled out shortly. She spoke about the new program to monitor our athletes, AMP Athlete Monitoring Program. Many sports use this website and Canada is the first to use it for bowling.

Stan updated those present on the new Jegysoft software that will be used starting with the 2014-2015 season. It was tested this year by 5 associations across Canada – Hamilton, ON, Campbell River, B.C., South Vancouver Island, Quebec and Lethbridge, Alberta.  
Workshop ended 9:30 p.m.

CTF Annual General Meeting - Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 8:35 a.m.

Present: 29 Local delegates, 9 CTF Directors - Total 38 eligible to vote (20 for the majority). No life members present.

The CTF Annual General Meeting convened Saturday morning at 8:35 a.m., where 29 Delegates and 9 Directors met to review and approve the business of the CTF.

President Brian Von Richter 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. Brian welcomed the delegates, said the CTF board works hard for the bowlers and we would like your feedback, both negative and positive. This year we have had to make changes to our bylaws to comply with the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, some of which were ratified in November 2013 by the 2013 AGM Delegates. Today we will hear and vote on other changes that are necessary to put in place. Brian thanked Cathy Innes for her work on the High Performance Unit to reorganize it to satisfy Sport Canada and he thanked Stan, Sue and all the directors for their help over the year. For one year on the CTF board, Brian McMaster received his CTF Director pin.

Stan May, Executive Director, reported that the membership for the 2012-2013 season declined 9.4% from the previous year to 22,184 members. This total represents a 9% drop in adults and an 11% drop in youth. The hardest hit areas are British Columbia by 17.9%, Quebec by 14.3% and Ontario dropped 8.7%. Alberta and New Brunswick are the only provinces that had a slight increase.

Our audited Financial Statement as of July 31, 2013 reflects a surplus in our Statement of Operations of \$24,735.00. Our overall revenues are down by 12.97% due to the reduction in membership, while our expenses show a small decrease of 3.86%. Awards Upgrades Cost are also down from last season at \$14,000 from \$17,000.

Honour score awards for 300 Games and 800 Series totalled 456 of which 251 represented first once-in-a lifetime awards and 205 represented subsequent awards. The balance of our honour score awards were 45 – 298 awards, 132 – 299 awards and 242 – 11-in-a-Row plaques. Our youth received 99 awards for 700 Series.

The Financial Report was reviewed and approved by the delegates. Our Auditor will be changing for our next audit since the firm is not able to do the Not-for-Profit Audits. Mercer Wild Group Chartered Accountants will administer our audit for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Stan May also presented the Financial Budget which was approved by the delegates.

Dan Tereck, Chair, reported on the Regulatory Unit. CTF has to keep in sync with USBC, therefore the External National Policy Manual is being updated and hopefully

will be completed this spring or summer. Today the Regulatory Unit will present two rule changes for the delegates to vote on.

1. ***Playoff games count toward individual averages. Playoff games do not count for special league prizes unless otherwise provided by the league rules.***

Last year USBC included the playoff games in their final averages for the 2012-2013 season. Dan explained that the league can still give out the League High Average before the playoff games if they put a new rule in the league rules stating that the playoff games do not count towards league awards. If the leagues do not put a rule in about the playoff games, they have to include them in the league awards.

Approved by the delegates.

2. ***At the end of the league's season (including playoffs), provide a list of individual averages to the Local Association Manager. The list must show the full names and CTF ID numbers of all bowlers who competed in the league, the number of games bowled, total pinfall and average for each bowler. The Local Association may request this list prior to the end of the league season, but they may not request it any earlier than May 31<sup>st</sup>.***

Dan explained that USBC put this rule in their Bylaws last year and CTF wants to be uniform with USBC. There are several local associations across Canada (Toronto, Vancouver & others) who do not use the end of season for their yearbook averages. Mike Quелlette from Windsor asked if they had a problem in Canada. Dan said no but CTF wants all the local associations to use the same cut-off date. Hirsh said we are doing this to comply with the USBC averages. Della said that the Toronto Association will comply with the new rule but we have many leagues who do not send in their final averages until June and by the date being pushed to May 31<sup>st</sup>, it will make it very hard for our association to get all the final average sheets in time to publish a yearbook for the new season.

Approved by the delegates (1- no)

There were a number of landmark decisions made at the CTF AGM.

Due to the requirements of the new Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, which we must abide by, the Board made a recommendation to move our Annual Meeting from April to November. After significant discussions, the Delegates approved this recommendation. Ever since CTF became a membership organization in 2004, the Annual General Meeting always took place late in the month of April along with the Canadian Mixed Championships (CMC) tournament. It will now take place in November. To start with, we will be holding an electronic Annual Meeting this coming November. Of course, there will be no CMC this time around, since CTF just held one in Montreal. Starting in November of 2015, we will be having our Annual Meeting in conjunction with the CMC – the location will be determined each year by the city that wins the bid to host the tournament.

Because of the new Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, CTF will no longer be referring to our registered bowlers as “members”, or our “membership”. There was a long explanation for why this must happen, but we won't bore you with the details here. Effective immediately, we will be referring to those bowlers as our “Registered Participants”. We know this doesn't exactly roll off the tongue, but given our options, it was, in our opinion, the best of the worst. We know that we, and a lot of you, will

still be using the term “members” at times, until we all get used to this. And it could take years! That’s okay. Except that in **all official documents** (for instance, CTF’s Bylaws, rules, and policies), we must use the new term instead. Please note that this new term is really only necessary for CTF, as our Local and Provincial Associations are not bound by the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act. Of course, a lot of the “language” used by the Local and Provincial Associations is dependent upon the National organization, so there will be some document changes required for them as well.

Another major milestone – a historic one – is that a motion was put forward to allocate up to \$1.00 of each CTF Registration Fee in 2014-2015 to go towards Youth Development. And this was approved by the Delegates, and it was by a significant majority! It is important to note that this does not mean an increase in fees, just a reallocation of part of the monies that go to the National office.

There has always been an unwritten rule that CTF would not use membership monies (or now we should say registration fees) to go towards Team Canada in any way. And CTF always abided by that stipulation. However, most everyone at the meeting agreed that one of the ways to combat the steady decline of registered bowlers in Canada is to create programs that develop our youth bowlers – to attract more youth to our sport. This will include ALL levels of youth, even including some aspects of Youth Team Canada training and development. Of course, some of these things will require funding – something we don’t have a lot of right now. So, with some re-prioritization of the CTF budget, we will be able to allocate some funds to this very important initiative, and hopefully begin the process of growing our sport.

The Acts of the Board were presented by Jim Lester and approved by the Delegates.

Cathy Innes reported on the High Performance Unit. This unit is looking at the coaching structure and has acquired software that will give coaches and athletes a communication channel to use for training and monitoring. All provinces have trained coaches. CTF wants to set up a membership coaching program. Cathy would like to concentrate on the youth bowlers. She showed the delegates a video of Team Canada at different international bowling tournaments. Team Canada coaches Michael Boroskae and Tyrel Rose were selected as recipients of the 2013 Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Award for their athletes’ medal-winning performances this year. Cathy is part of a committee who has hired a consultant to find out why bowling is not an Olympic Sport. This committee consists of one person from Europe, one from North America (Cathy) and one from China. Many of the high level bowling tournaments advertise their tournaments by using initials, FIQ, WNBA, WTBA, and the bowlers are not aware that an international tournament is going on. They are now going to combine these three organizations and call it ‘World Bowling’. They have made a new logo using the Olympic colors. This will mean that changes will have to be made to our Bowler of the Year Point Structure to clarify the new identities. Cathy said ‘I dream and test my dreams against my beliefs. I dare to take risks and I execute my vision to make those dreams come true’.

Brian McMaster, Sports Organization Committee, spoke about the Pan-Am Games – at Planet Bowl July 22-26, 2015. They need about 40,000 volunteers for the Pan-Am Games. If interested, go on website. You will volunteer for 12 days, July 19-26 and will have a video interview. The Pan-Am Games is the largest event ever held in Canada so if you have a chance to see some of it, go. Cathy Innes is part of PABCON

and is working with Brian and Erin McMaster. There will be participants at the events that will go on to the Olympics in other sports.

Laurie Griffith, Team Leader for the Youth, spoke to the delegates and said it is time we changed our way of thinking. Get sponsors to help, e.g. bowling manufacturers give discounts on bowling equipment, have sponsors give coupons like we got when we went to the WIBC tournaments. U.S. youth pay \$18 fee and get free shirt. Maybe we can get someone in Canada to do the same. Dream It, Wish It, Do It.

In the absence of CTF Director Deborah Hope, Ron Molinski presented the Awards Unit report. They recommend changing the following awards to once-in-a-lifetime with a certificate given for subsequent ones after that, effective for the 2014-2015 season.

- 100 pins over average watch for both Adult and Youth
- 11-in-a-Row plaques (front 11 and back 11), 298 game and 299 game plaques (can purchase plaques)
- Youth 700 series watch or pendant (watch, pendant or rings can be purchased for subsequent 700 series)

The delegates voted and approved the changes. Richard Doucette asked if there was a way to track the once-in-a-lifetime awards. Stan will look into it.

Jim Lester presented the Youth Unit report and stated that they are looking into combining the 5 pin (YBC) and 10 pin youth. They are just in the preliminary stages now so it might take a long time. He also said that CTF now has a scholarship award that is available to ALL CTF youth bowlers. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Delegates also heard reports from the other Unit Chairs (Athletes Council, Membership Services, Coaching Development, Long Term Athlete Development Program, Marketing) and Bowl Canada (Hirsh Schnayer) updating the work that was completed this season and what will be taking place in 2014-2015.

CTF Elections - Dan Tereck advised the Delegates that the CTF Directors who are up for election today, April 26, 2014, will have their terms extended to December 31<sup>st</sup> and at the electronic meeting in November the elections will be held. All future CTF Director terms will start January 1<sup>st</sup> and end December 31<sup>st</sup>. In order to qualify to vote at the November 2014 electronic meeting, all local associations need 50% of their sanctioned members into CTF. There may be policies to guarantee registered Delegates are sanctioned and have their data with CTF before they can be included in the meeting.

Della Trude said this is going to be very hard for the GTTBA since many leagues do not send in their sanctions until after November 1<sup>st</sup>, some as late as March or April. Many delegates questioned why we did not phone the leagues and Della explained that we do. If we need the 50% of membership in by November 1<sup>st</sup>, the GTTBA may not be represented at this November 2014 electronic meeting.

Before the meeting adjourned, each of the candidates up for election (Jim Lester, Ontario, Dave Kist, Calgary, Jean-Marc Lavoie, Quebec) had the opportunity to speak to the Delegates.



There was a question and answer period and Richard Doucette advised the Delegates that the Toronto bowlers are going to be very upset with the cut back on the awards. It seems that CTF is always taking from the bowlers. Ron Molinski, Winnipeg, said his bowlers do not want the plaques but Della said the Toronto bowlers do. We only have one bowler who does not want the plaques and one bowler this year requested the money for his award go to CTF Team Canada, all the others want the awards.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

**Report of the Legislation Study Committee** – Alvin Clarke - The Legislative Study Committee has reviewed the current Bylaws of this Association and recommends that only changes will be made to conform to the new CTF Not-For-Profit Corporation By-laws, as set down by the Canadian Government. Alvin moved for acceptance, seconded by Jim Holmes Motion carried

**Report of the Nominating Committee** – Alvin Clarke – The GTTBA has four positions open for election. The Nominating Committee presented the following three names for election to the Board for a three year term: Denise Critch, Joe Johnson and Vashti Mascoll. 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 three names, seconded by Doug Critch. All were elected by acclamation.

**Question and Answer Period:** Cliff Redman asked about getting a copy of the CTF changes before the leagues start next season. Suggestion was also to put it up on the website and maybe call the secretaries about the changes. Alvin stated that not everyone has a computer. President Della will put a copy of the CTF changes on the GTTBA website. Deborah stated she could inform the new secretary to check the website for important changes and if a secretary does not have access to a computer, Deborah will inform them of changes. Deborah Hope moved for acceptance of the notification and seconded by Cliff Redman. Motion carried

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:**

The Provincial Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Burlington on Sunday, June 8, 2014 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](http://www.gttba.ca).

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.