

Niagara Tenpin Bowling Association
Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – MAY 1, 2011
Bob Hodge Room, Parkway Lanes, St. Catharines, ON

President Brian McMaster opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Directors present: Brian McMaster, Charlotte Konkle, George Bechkos, Sam Navaroli, Gord McCormack, Peter Spanyol, Dan Ceccato, Bonnie Casstrucci, Marj Hicks and 9 members for a total of 18.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – May 2, 2010

MSC:

REPORT OF PRESIDENT – Brian McMaster (report read and placed on file)

Brian welcomed everyone to our annual AGM. This year there are no directors up for election. We are always looking for volunteers to help with tournaments and committees. If you are interested in running for a position on the board you have a year to think about it. We will move forward with your help and stop the decrease in membership and bring this sport back to where it belongs.

MSC:

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION MANGER – Rolly Aitken (Report read and placed on file)

Membership to date is adults -1338 down 310 and youth 154 down 60. Honour scores as of today for adults – 300-28, 299-9, 298 -1, 800-6, 11 in a row-15. Youth honour scores – 300-1, 700-4. 1 record score Wednesday Mixed at Cataract Bowl 5 person mixed team single game of 1156. The old record was 1135. MSC:

FINANCIAL REPORT – Rolly Aitken (Report read and placed on file)

Balance in membership account as of May 1, 2011 - \$2,673.07. MSC:

ACTS OF THE BOARD: MSC: Charlotte Konkle, George Bechkos that Acts of the Board are accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative: C. Konkle (report read and placed on file)

Committee appointed by president and approved by the NTBA Board of Directors. The main purpose of committee is to review NTBA bylaws and policy manual and report back to board on any changes or updates that need to be made. Committee will be doing a full review next year. MSC: Sharon Walsh, Gord McCormack that report is accepted.

Finance and Audit: M. Hicks (report read and placed on file)

Final audit of all 2009/10 accounts were conducted in September 2010 and found to be in order. A copy of these statements were passed around for all to see. The six-month audit in January of 2011 also found everything to be in order. MSC: Peter Spanyol, Dan Ceccato that report is accepted.

Tournament: P. Spanyol (report read and placed on file)

Peter thanked his committee and all members who helped with all tournaments. We had a successful year with our tournaments to date and have one more to scheduled, the Championship tournament to be held at Fairview Lanes, May 7th. The gift cards given away at each tournament were well received by all bowlers. The bright spot in our schedule this year was the increased participation in our association tournament by reverting to the open entry format and separating the events over three weekends. As

always we welcome feedback from our bowlers regarding our tournaments and encourage our bowlers to spread the word about these tournaments to their fellow bowlers. MSC: George Beckhos, Rob Kent that report is accepted.

Youth: no report

Scholarship: M. Hicks (report read and placed on file)

Our Gail Navarroli Memorial Scholarship Fund winner for 2009/10 was Richard Newman who is attending Mohawk College. Winners of the Jack Erb Memorial Youth/Adult Tournament scholarship are Sarah Klassen, Mitchel Maxner and John French. Our Youth Bowler of the Year winners are Jordan French – CT, Anthony Frattaroli – FV and C.J. Telford – PK. MSC: Gord McCormack, Keith Ryan that report is accepted.

Public Relations: S. Navarroli (report read and placed on file)

After much delay we finally got Karen Cote help in composing and distributing a newsletter for our members. Thank you to Karen for taking on the initial task and to Bonnie Castrucci for stepping in to help finalize it. A suggestion for next year is for the committee to start gathering information as soon as possible after the end of the season for that next seasons first issue can be out late Sept. or early Oct. As Chairperson of this committee, Sam would like to compile a list of league Presidents and Secretaries postal and e-mail addresses so that we can continue to pass along as much information about our association as possible to our members. It has been suggested that we also set up a membership database so that we can interact directly with our members. MSC: Charlotte Konkle, George Bechkos that report is accepted.

Hall of Fame: G. McCormack (report read and placed on file)

Our inductee this year was Phil MacGregor from St. Catharines in the performance category. Gord thanks his committee and also added that a photographer from the paper Snap and two students from Niagara College were there to record our tournament. MSC: Sharon Walsh, Rob Kent that report is accepted.

Awards: M. Hicks (report read and placed on file)

Four updates to awards were introduced metals pens for 250, 450 & 650 replaced the plastic pens and a note pad with pen replaced the patch award for the 175 Game. MSC: George Bechkos, Charlie Ryan that report is accepted.

Average Book: S. Navarroli (report read & placed on file)

2010/11 average book will be set up and printed as soon as possible after league secretaries submit their reports. MSC: Sharon Walsh, Dan Ceccato that report is accepted.

Web Site: D. Ceccato (report read & placed on file)

Nominating: C. Konkle (report read & placed on file)

No directors are being elected this year only 2 elections are being held, one for CTF delegate & alternate and one for OTBA delegate & alternate. Eligibility for delegates/alternates position – must be a least 18 years of age and must be a member in good standing of NTBA at time of election and throughout term of 1 year beginning August 1. CTF allows 3 delegates for 1501 – 2500 members based on last year's membership as of July 31, 2011. Present delegates are Brian McMaster, Erin McMaster & Dan Ceccato. OTBA allows 2 delegates per 800 members based on last year's membership as of July 31, 2011. The present OTBA delegates are Sam Navarroli and Karen Cote.

The vote if necessary will be a plurality vote – the candidate receiving the most votes is elected. MSC: Keith Ryan, Rob Kent that report is accepted.

Coaching: C. Rosa – no report

CTF REPORT: B. McMaster (report read & placed on file)

Brian, Erin & Sam attended CTF Annual General Meeting in Kelowna B.C., April 8 & 9, 2011. The following are highlights from their report:

President's report – Sandy Lowe installed in Hall of Fame, Athlete category

-two successful electronic board meetings held to meet with restricted budget

-comments on "How to Increase and Maintain Membership"

-last years dues increase has paid off past debts and will provide funds required for new services

Executive Director – membership decline of 6.7% (08/09 to 09/10) largest local decline was Quebec with 14% and Ontario had 7.2%

-last fiscal year showed decline in award costs due to integration of "Once in a Lifetime" awards.

-fee progressions to be investigated – ie. age categories

Committees – no major rule changes

-National fundraising distributed Oct-Dec – 22.5% of sales goes to selling unit

-award rule changes – Senior rule – 170 avg. or less for 550 and Regular – 150 avg. or less for 500

- 3 positions for directors – successful candidates where Deborah Hope (ON.), Ron Molinski (MAN) and Tyrel Rose (QUE)

-Canada doing well in both adult & youth competitions. We were unable to send team to 2011

Commonwealth games due to cost. Athletes will have to extra careful regarding any drugs taken because of new regulations.

-ongoing goal to implement incentive program that can be earned by associations

-CTF Connection available on website

-"Learn to Tenpin Bowl" manual approved and working with a school board regarding including it in their curriculum.

-still trying to replace Pepsi Tournament for youth

-Awards Task Force recommendations being reviewed and this will be an ongoing project.

-award crests are changing to pins once old inventories are deplete

-300 rings have room to add diamonds for subsequent 00's at a cost of \$55.00 plus HST

-hoping and working on having one organization to govern all bowling in Canada. This would mean more funding from Sports Canada. Bowling in the lowest funded group of six.

OTBA REPORT: C. Konkle (report read & placed on file)

Tournament – Adult tournament will be held at Rev's Bowlero in Windsor for 3 weekends starting May 14 and finishing May 29. Entries closed April 22nd. As of this date no location for the 2012 tournament is known.

Youth tournament will be at Classic Bowl for 2 weekends, May 7 to May 15th.

Coaching and Lane Inspection – OTBA will pay partial fees for any person wanting to attend these courses. 25% to a maximum of \$25.00 after person has attended and completed the course. At the present time there are no courses being offered in Ontario. For further information contact Charlotte at CharlotteKonkle@otba.ca.

Awards – OTBA offers awards for highest average in province for women, men and youth. This information is taken from league's final report and sent to OTBA by your association manager. Series Century award and 200 Game award are sent to association manager by league secretaries and he forwards them onto OTBA. OTBA Annual General Meeting is June 12/11 at Hilton Garden Inn in Burlington. Karen Cote & Sam Navaroli are Niagara's delegates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Question – Nick Caroli – how many leagues are in the association. Ans. 32 leagues listed.

Question – Sharon Walsh

Question Keith Ryan – how much increase in numbers since making local tournament open once again and going back to 3 weekends. Ans. Singles were down, doubles & teams were up.

Question – Nick Caroli – could we give something back to bowlers every 5 years to induce more members to come out to tournaments?

Questions Charlie Ryan – do we have an update on how Ed Whipp is doing? Ans.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES: - Charlotte Konkle

DELEGATES TO CTF ANNUAL MEETING IN WINDSOR, ON.

Two credentials were presented to Committee Chair – Charlotte Konkle before meeting which according to policy manual any if there are any candidate nominated from floor all credentials must be presented to members. Two on slate were Sam Navaroli and Marj Hicks. Both said they would run.

P. Spanyol nominated Brian McMaster – yes. S. Walsh nominated Erin McMaster – yes, S. Navaroli nominated Dan Ceccato – yes. MSC: G. Bechkos, S. Walsh that nominations be closed. Sam suggested that we follow president set in past six years. MSC: S. Walsh, N. Caroli that president set be followed. 17 members eligible to vote. G. Bechkos and S. Walsh to be runners.

Results of voting in order of number of votes – Sam Navaroli, Brian McMaster, Dan Ceccato.

ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO CTF ANNUAL MEETING IN WINDSOR, ON.

MSC: S. Navaroli, Keith Ryan that Marj Hicks, Erin George be the alternates for CTF.

MSC: G. Bechkos, D. Ceccato that ballots be destroyed.

OTBA DELEGATES TO ANNUAL MEETING (2)

MSC: S. Navaroli, G. McCormack to do same procedure as past 6 years.

Marj Hicks nominated Sam Navaroli - yes

S. Navaroli nominated Nick Caroli – yes

As there were no further nominations from the floor MSC: G. Bechkos, S. Walsh that nominations be closed. After a show of hands Sam Navaroli and Nick Caroli are the delegates to Provincial Annual meeting.

ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO OTBA ANNUAL MEETING

Sharon Walsh nominated Bonnie Castrucci – yes

Sam Navaroli nominated George Bechkos – yes. After a show of hands Bonnie and George are the alternate delegates to the Provincial annual meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: MSC: G. McCormack, C. Ryan that meeting be adjourned. Time 4:21 p.m.

Minutes recorded by M. Hicks