



# *Ontario Tenpin Bowling Association*

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## *Board Meeting – October 4, 2008*

A Board meeting of the Ontario Tenpin Bowling Association was held In Oakville, Ontario at the Hilton Garden Inn Toronto/Oakville.

### **Roll Call**

- President Charlotte Konkle, Vice President Della Trude was in attendance.
- Directors in attendance
  - Gus Badali, Alvin Clarke, Lena Donahoe, Marj Hicks, Deborah Hope, Ron Jones, Ann King, Linda McCormick, Karen Nicol, Robert Oliver, Mike Payne, Jayne Picott, Denis Welch, Louie Willemsen.
- Directors who were absent:
  - Brian McLean
- Life Members in attendance
  - Robert Trude, Barrie MacKenzie, John McLean, Shirley Williams.

### **Special Report - Ontario Bowling Council - Ministry of Health Promotion:**

Kevin Picott was asked to fill us in on the above.

What the Government is trying to do is find out different information for all the sports across the province. They are gathering information for their base funding cycle. Every three years they have a set amount that they grant to each sport. They have a set budget and they figure out within their four goals what you are trying to achieve. These goals are participation, capacity, excellence and interaction. They are trying to figure out how they best can distribute the money across the sports organizations to achieve those goals. In addition they have this other thing going on called the Quest for Gold. The Canadian Government goal is to be number one in medal count in the 2010 Olympics. So naturally the Olympic sports will get a little more money so they can achieve that goal. So the purpose of this organization is to try and achieve these four sports goals and distribute money to whoever they think can do that.

## Special Report - Ontario Bowling Council - Ministry of Health Promotion – Con't

So in the past we have not been really getting much from them. Last year we got about \$2000.00, and that was kind of last minute. We had a week to get it in.

We went through this one exercise where they were showing funding for international level tournaments if we were to bring one to Ontario. This does not matter who it is. It could be seniors, adults, mixed, men, women or junior whatever. It is just for the sport of tenpin bowling. They did not even want to talk to you unless you wanted more than \$75,000.00. What they try to do is find out how to get as many people as possible into a sport and how to keep them there. They are the ministry of health so they are trying to get people active and fit. The goal is to reduce the amount of money on the health care system. The basics of how the funding works is you need to write up a long report on how you are going to achieve these four goals. In the end it is whom ever is more convincing that they are going to achieve their goals are the ones that are going to get the funding. So you therefore have to define things like your standards, your policy, what you are going to do for recruitment, how you are going to measure it, how you are going to measure it to see if you succeeded. As well they want to know how you are going to save money, how much you are going to spend and where. All this information is required three years in advance because this is on a three year cycle. What happens is you apply this year and they say you get x thousand dollars for the next three years. Then in three years you have to come back and look at it again.

The other thing they are looking for is excellence. The Quest for Gold is the highest level. But they are also looking for the mid level when Ontario athletes are winning at the National level. Such as how many Ontario bowlers are qualifying for Team Canada. How many Ontario bowlers are going on to the tournament of the Americas or the Pan Am games or something like that. They want to increase that number. They want to know what you are doing to train these bowlers, how many coaches you are bring into the system, what kind of equipment you are buying for them, what kind of facilities you are setting up. So the bottom line is you try to get them to pay as much of the bill as you can.

They are also looking at capacity and the ability to handle a great influx of bowlers. Do we have the coaches to keep them in place, as well as the volunteers, and the board members? What we are doing to keep our board members trained. Can they handle a great influx of bowlers. How we are compensating secretaries etc.

They are also looking at your ability to track this. It is not just direct CTF members that can get benefit from this but also the people of the organization that benefit indirectly. It includes the casual bowler that simply goes out to bowl and never registers with the organization. They would still get benefit from the CTF rules and regulations. Basically the government wants a number. How many bowlers are open bowling and benefiting from the CTF rules and regulations? If we could count those and figure out how to get an accurate number and prove it to the government then they will fund you based on that number of bowlers.

The last thing they are looking at is the interaction between the different organizations. That would be Provincial level to National level. Such as does the CTF organization know what is going on here? Do we know what is happening between the provinces? It also goes down to the local association and league levels. As well do the coaches in Kingston know what the coaches in Windsor are doing? Is there some annual coach get together to share ideas?

## **Special Report - Ontario Bowling Council - Ministry of Health Promotion – Con't**

All these things are things you can apply for funding. They do not tell us how to spend the money they just give you the money and you have to promote these four goals.

Now the bad news is the government will only deal with one organization. That means 5 pin and 10 pin needs to go together and figure out how they are going to divide the money up.

If any sport does not wish to accept this challenge funding will be switched to those who do.

Robert Trude said we should all thank Kevin for all the work he has put into this.

### **Opening of the meeting**

- Charlotte Konkle opened the meeting at 2:02 pm.
- A motion was made by Barrie MacKenzie to dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Robert Oliver. Carried.
- A motion was made by Barrie MacKenzie to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed with one correction. Seconded by Karen Nicol. Carried.
  - Correction: Marj Hicks did not attend the board meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. This has been corrected and a new copy of the minutes is on the web site.

### **Presidents Report**

I want to give special thanks to Della for doing a great job as acting President since December – I am sure that she will continue to support the OTBA board and all of its members for the next year in her capacity as Vice President – THANK YOU, Della! I look forward to working with you - just like the old days.

OTBA is entering its 5<sup>th</sup> year of operation – we have accomplished a lot in that time. We have brought together a diverse group of individuals and created a workable Board of Directors – what a team we are! We all seem to work together well and I would hope that we will continue to do so.

As I see it, there are some things that we need to put at the top of our list for this coming year:  
#1 – we need to provide awards to our members...I know that we have tried so hard in the past to come up with suitable ones and have not succeeded. My hope is that the Awards committee will come up with feasible awards so that the Board can move ahead on this at the October meeting

#2 – we need to come up with some ideas to spend some money that will benefit our members – suggestions that I have heard are: providing free-of-charge lane certification courses for all associations and providing cost-free coaching clinics to update our present junior coaches.....just some thoughts.....

Because we are volunteers, we do not receive the thanks that we deserve – so with that in mind – I want to thank you all for doing a great job in the past and I look forward to working with all of you for the two years.....THANK YOU!

## Committee Reports

- **Audit**
  - No report at this time. This is an annual function.
- **Hall of Fame.**
  - Ron Jones stated that the Hall of Fame Committee received two nominations. Pending the committee approval they would be Michael Ricker and Ivan Nelson.
  - The bylaws will be changed at a later time to remove any references to the Jamboree.
- **Sports Council Report**
  - John McLean and Jayne Picott thanked Kevin Picott for all his hard work on putting together an application to the Ontario Sports Council. He managed to get a \$2,300 grant application together in one week!
  - Jayne Picott stated that the government is only giving ONE grant to the bowling industry. It is very hard getting both the 5 pin and 10 pin groups together. We need to know exactly how this money will be divided. Jayne stated that we need to form a committee between both the 5 pin and 10 pin associations.
  - Rob McLean will be putting on a coaching clinic at Classic Bowl on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Jayne Picott also stated that she gave out about 300 pamphlets to bowling centers about the sports for life program.

- **Awards**

- **YOUTH**

- A deadline for submissions to the provincial association of July 31 each year would be used.
- Scholarships of \$100.00 for the Provincial Highs. This would be Province wide and NOT for each association. There would be 10 awards.

One Boy / One Girl in each category Bantam, Preps, Junior, Intermediate and Senior would be awarded.

The total cost would be \$1,000.00. This money would be held in the Junior Scholarship Account.

The ages for these divisions would be as determined by CTF.

A minimum of 66 games and bowled at least two thirds of the season would be required for this award.

John McLean amended this motion and asked that the 66 games be removed and simply state two thirds of the season. This was to handle the leagues that bowl 4 game blocks.

Motioned by Karen Nicol and seconded by John McLean. Motion carried with 11 votes for and none against.

- **ADULT**

- A deadline for submissions to the provincial association of July 31 each year would be used.
- Plaques for one man and one woman for High Average will be awarded. This will be for the Provincial High and NOT each local association. As well the bowler's entire membership fees for the next season will be paid for. Again this will be the same two bowlers (one man and one woman).

A minimum of 66 games and bowled at least two thirds of the season would be required for this award.

Motioned by Karen Nicol and seconded by Shirley Williams. Motion carried with 13 votes for and 2 against.

- **Awards – Adult – Con't**

- Series Award for any bowler with a 175 and below. Starting this season and will be a once in a lifetime award.

Award would be a Clock/Small Calculator (to be confirmed) with the trillion on it as well as Ontario T.B.A..

Motioned by Karen Nicol and seconded by Linda McCormick. Motion carried with 14 votes for and none against.

- Century Award for any bowler with a 100 pins over average in one game. Starting this season and will be a once in a lifetime award.

Award would be a Clock/Small calculator (to be confirmed) with the trillion on it as well as Ontario T.B.A..

Motioned by Karen Nicol and seconded by Linda McCormick. Motion carried with 14 votes for and none against.

- Single Game Award for a 200 game if the bowlers average is 140 and below. Starting this season and will be a once in a lifetime award.

Award would be a small travel clock (to be confirmed) with the trillion on it as well as Ontario T.B.A..

Motioned by Karen Nicol and seconded by Marj Hicks. Motion carried with 14 votes for and none against.

- All award applications would be sent to the local association who would in-turn submit them to the Provincial Association after verifying that the bowlers are eligible sanctioned bowlers.

- **Nominating Committee**

- No report at this time. This is an annual function.

- **Rules and Legislation**

2. Article VI, Section A – Annual Meeting

Please confirm the timelines for the meeting notice and the timelines to submit delegate credentials and setting of a quorum for the annual meeting. Paragraph 4 states that notice of the meeting will be sent at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, while paragraphs 1 and 6 refer to delegate credentials and setting of quorum to be made 60 days before the meeting. It seems that the delegate credentials are to be received and the meeting quorum will be set before the notice of annual meeting is sent out. Please confirm if the meeting notice should be 60 days, with delegate credentials to be received and setting of quorum to be made 30 days before the meeting.

- The report from Stan May (above) not approving the changes to the bylaw was discussed. This seems to be what CTF does so the Association Manager will go back to CTF for clarification or approval.

- **Scholarships**

- John McLean went over the scholarship report which is attached.
- The total assets of the scholarship account are \$116,726.81
- The total amount of scholarship money owing is \$87,573.00
- To date we have paid out \$33,000.00 to approximately 240 bowlers.
- A motion by Ron Jones and seconded by Jayne Picott to accept the scholarship report was put forward. The motion carried.

- **Tournament Committees Report**

- **Men's / Women's Tournament**

- The results from last year's tournament are on the web.
- The financial report will be presented at the AGM as not all expenses have come cleared yet.
- The tournament committee met and had a meeting to discuss next year's tournament. Next year there will be a MENS, WOMENS and MIXED tournament.
  - Handicap will be based on 100% of 240 instead of 90% is being recommended.
  - Dress code will be required. This information will be mailed out with the tournament confirmations.
  - No postdated or partial fees will be accepted.
  - No Registered Mail or Courier packages for the entry fees will be accepted.
  - Instead of 1 in 7 for the winners (Prize Ratio) it will be 1 in 8.
  - Entry forms will be colour coded. Mixed will be green, Men will be white and Women will be Yellow.
  - Mixed division MUST be two men and two women for teams.
  - Mixed division MUST be one man and one woman for the doubles.

A motion by Ron Jones and seconded by Deborah Hope was put forward to accept these changes. Motion carried.

- Next years tournament will be four weekends in May and each day will have 4 shifts. The shifts will be 9 am, 12 noon, 4 pm and 7pm.
- They may also be running a strike 9 tournament on the Fridays with Brackets.
- If you are staying overnight BOOK YOUR HOTEL EARLY! There is a lot happening in Kingston in May.

- **Jack Erb Memorial Ontario Seniors Tournament.**

- Karen Nicol stated that there were 77 entries received by this meeting.
- The tournament will be held at Burlington, Bowl in Burlington on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Both the entry forms and hotel information is on the web.
- A bid to host the 2009 tournament has been received by Parkway Lanes in St. Catharines on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2009. The cost will be \$13.00 for 6 games.
- A motion by Linda McCormick, seconded by Lena Donahoe was put forward to accept this bid. The motion carried.



- **Ivan Nelson Memorial CTF Youth Championship Tournament**

- Round one will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Classic Bowl in Mississauga Ontario.
- Round two will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> at Prime Time Bowling Center in Burlington Ontario.
- We will be hosting the 2010 National tournament.
- Bob Oliver stated he felt that the survey to hold the tournament in one weekend should have been directed to each bowler/parent and not just the coaches. Kevin will look into how to do this.

- **Annual Youth Championship Tournament**

- This years tournament (and next) will be held at Parkway Lanes in St. Catharines.
- Squads will be every Saturday and Sunday in May for the first 3 weekends.
- We will be adding an all events category this year at NO cost to the bowler.
- The doubles will ONLY be held on the Saturday evening. Due to the number of lanes it might be possible to hold it on the Friday Night as well. If this is the case it will be noted on the coaches' confirmation reports.
- Last year we handed out over \$10,000 in scholarships.

- **Family Twosome Tournament**

- Next year's tournament will be held at Classic Bowl in Mississauga Ontario on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- There are no rule changes.
- Entry deadline will be January 6, 2009.
- Tournament will cost will be \$37.00 per double.
- Entries are on the Web.

- **Pepsi Cola**

- This year there will be NO advancements for US or Canada. The winners in Canada can still get the \$2,000.00 Scholarship.
- As of yet Robert Oliver has not received anything from CTF. However the tournament will be held the last Saturday in April being the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- CTF is still putting up the scholarship money.
- Robert Oliver also confirmed with USBC that we can still send 2 bowlers onto the Gold.
- Rule changes for next year will be:
  - Handicap will be 100% of 200
  - Advancement ratio will be 1 in 4 and NOT 1 in 6 next year.
- Entries are on the web.

- **Old Business**

- A motion was made by Gus Badali and seconded by Ron Jones to accept last year's scholarship report. Motion carried.

- **New Business**

- The bid forms on the internet for the Junior and Adults tournaments should be updated to replace “JAMBOREE” with “BOARD MEETING”
- John McLean asked how do we retain and/or get new bowlers. We need these bowlers for the government grants.
  - One way is to do coaching clinic so we can coach the youth. Rob McLean is putting on a coaching clinic but the cost is \$100.00 per individual.
  - We need to subsidize the “teach the teacher” courses. The cost in today’s market is expensive.

A motion by Louie Willemsen, seconded by Jayne Picott to spend money on promoting bowling was put forward.

25% of the cost of Coaching Clinics  
25% of the cost of Lane Certification Courses

This would be reviewed annually.

The individuals would be responsible for the entire amount.

The names of the individuals that passed would be sent by the coach instructor to the Provincial Association Manager and then the refund cheques would be issued.

This motion carried.

- Gus Badali stated that there is an age limit problem on the Junior Program. He stated that International competition is now 19 and under yet our youth program goes to 21. He wants to make clear that this age limit is ONLY for the tournament and NOT the youth leagues.
- A bid to host the May 2010 Men's / Women's / Mixed tournament was read from Essex Chatham – Kent B.A. The tournament would be held on May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 (and if needed 29, 30). The squad times would be 9 am, 12 noon and 3:30 pm. The center used would be Revs Rose Bowl Lanes and the cost would be \$3.00 per game including all taxes. The tournament Manager would be Wayne Dubs and Donna Lloyd.
  - A motion by Ron Jones and seconded by Deborah Hope was made. The motion carried.
- Ron Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Deborah Hope.