

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER TORONTO TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The Meeting was held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at Kennedy Bowl and was called to order by President Della Trude at 10:50 a.m. Delegates in attendance:

AS855	Toronto Post Office Men	AS950	Pioneer Ladies
AU335	Charles Darrow Co-Op	BB245	Be Alive Sunday Doubles
BB433	The Fun Bunch	BB830	Sunday Nite Mixers
BM652	Thursday Zone Mixed	KE080	Metropolitan Stanley Park
KE100	Canada Men	KE108	Sunday Men's Classic
KE126	Danforth Men	KE364	Classic Triples
KE458	P.C.B.L.	KE767	Kennedy Youth Bowl
PB582	X-IT Bowling League	PY054	Barbados Mixed
PY066	Barbados Ex-Police	PY281	United Road Runners
PY656	Ontario Food Terminal	TL001	Ladies Inter-City Travel League
TW059	Friday Nite Hawks	TW344	Phil-Can Mixed
TW345	Tuesday Night Mixed	TW479	Classic Doubles
WO520	RH Thursday Nite Mixers		

Board of Directors present: President Della Trude, Vice President Denis Welch, Directors: Alvin Clarke, Margo Crichlow, Andrea Cunningham, Richard, Doucette, Jim Holmes, Deborah Hope, Vashti Mascoll, Association Manager Robert Trude.
Absent: Jacqui Davis, Joseph Johnson

President Della Trude introduced the head table, the Board of Directors and life members of our local and provincial boards. 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 it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone today. I hope many of you will be able to compete in our tournament that we are holding after our AGM.

This has been a year of mixed emotions. Our membership continues to decline which is quite disappointing. Many of our youth leagues have fewer bowlers which meant fewer participants in our youth tournaments. Some of our adult leagues are now senior leagues and the bowlers feel they no longer need our services. Some leagues have folded. On the positive side, we have seen an increase in our adult tournaments, especially the Mixed Doubles, and CTF continues to improve their service to the local associations and is continually adding new awards for bowlers to receive.

Since our last AGM, your Board of Directors have worked hard to help keep our association running smoothly. Besides serving on committees, many of our Directors deliver or pick up supplies to leagues and also take time to present honour awards to those fortunate to bowl one. Later today several reports will be presented to you regarding what has transpired during the season.

This year we conducted several tournaments for the adults and youth bowlers and in your package that you received today you will see the results of those tournaments. Although our youth tournament entries were down this season, our youth bowlers continue to amaze us with their tremendous bowling skills. It looks so easy for them. I want to thank all the youth leaders and coaches for the time and dedication they give to our youth bowlers.

Our ladies Queen's Divisional Scratch Tournament saw a slight decrease this year but our city tournaments were up slightly. In both the Men's and Women's Tournament we had some high games rolled. In the Men's Tournament Sean Patterson rolled a 300 and we had 6 games over 275 and 2 Clean Games. In the Women's Tournament we had 2 games over 250 with the high of 269 and we had 4 – 650's and 1 clean game. The participation in the High 5 Tournament continues to increase. With the request of several bowlers, this year we moved the Mixed Doubles Tournament one month later than last year and in so doing we saw a great increase in entries. Unfortunately in our tournaments we continue to have disqualifications and I would like to stress that it is very important to read the rules of the tournaments that you participate in and make your bowlers aware that when they enter a tournament it is their responsibility to check their own averages. Hopefully next year there will be no disqualifications. The results of all our youth and adult tournaments can be found on the GTTBA web site. I would like to thank all those bowlers who continue to support our tournaments. Also, a big thank you to Deborah, Vashti, Alvin, and Robert for all the work they did on the adult tournaments and to Margo who did a great job chairing the youth tournaments and also to Jacqui for helping her.

Bowling is a great sport! To be successful, our association needs your help to promote sanctioned bowling. We cannot do it on our own. Many friendships are made while bowling in a league and it is a great way to see different cities by participating in tournaments. But bowling is also changing and unfortunately with this change we are seeing more bowlers drop from sanctioned leagues and only bowling occasionally. We don't have the answers to bring these bowlers back so we need your help, as sanctioned league bowlers, to help promote this sport, ask friends to join leagues so our association, and ultimately CTF, will continue to grow. We would like to hear from you and your bowlers what you would like to see our Association do to make this a stronger association.

Recently Richard Doucette and I attended the CTF Annual Meeting and later today you will hear what changes has occurred in the 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.

I would like to thank all the league executives who do such a great job servicing their bowlers. A special thank you goes to Richard who spends countless hours working on our awards to make sure all the bowlers receive them on time and to Jim for his help in the office and running errands for our association. I would also like to thank Robert who, as our Association Manager, works hard to keep this association on track and those members of our Board who have helped this past season.

As we near the end of the bowling season we would ask that you ensure your final averages are submitted. We are starting to put together information for our 2009 yearbook and we would like to thank those leagues who support our association by advertising in it. As you are aware, we do have a web site and we encourage you and your bowlers to check it out.

Report of the Association Manager – Robert Trude – As of Friday May 8, 2009 the membership so far this season is 5,088 and that is a decrease of 420 members, which represents 92.4% of last years final membership number of 5,508. The total leagues this season is 128, down nine from 137 leagues last year.

As of Friday May 8, 2009 we have had 14 - 800's, 64- 300's, 28 - 299's, 6 - 298's and 46 - 11-in-a-row's bowled and reported to our office. The high triple recorded this season is 836 by Mostafa Nejatbakhsh in the Danforth Men's League here at Kennedy Bowl. The women bowlers are bowling well also, Suzanne Greaves rolled a 298 and Karen Collura bowled a 299 in the SPORT League. The high Triple for the youth is an 844 by B.J. DeFrancesco at Classic Bowl. There have been 300's shot by the following youth bowlers, Edielyn Besana, Brad Elliott, Cameron Ryerson, B. J. DeFrancesco and William Burns.

I would like to thank you, the delegates and executives, who were in attendance at this same meeting last year and to the executives who have read the information we issued to insure that the cheques are made payable to the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association. This year there was only 1 league, down 10 from the final count of 11 last year that continue to issue cheques incorrectly which needless to say holds up the processing of that league's sanction. Reminder, you are all members of the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association; you can not be a direct member of CTF.

As for the tournament information, that is printed in your delegate's package so I will not elaborate on the tournaments.

A reminder, that we are in Suite 215 at 1750 Steeles Ave. W. There are still some secretaries addressing and sending mail to Suite 222.

A reminder, the association has a website where a lot of information has already been posted e.g. - tournament results, averages, GTTBA awards applications, Honor score applications along with the upgrade form for anyone who may want to upgrade their 299/298 award to a ring or their 300/800 award to gold. The tournament results are posted ASAP after they are finalized. I would urge you and other tournament bowlers to be patient and wait at least 30 days prior to calling the office or the tournament manager, to inquire about any tournament results. Remember we are all volunteers and most of us have jobs and other mandates that must be meant and that finalizing a tournament is made even more difficult because secretaries do not reply to our phone calls or are extremely difficult to get in touch with to confirm the information necessary to finalize a tournament.

Our website address is www.gttba.ca. If any of you travel to any of the commercial tournaments in the U.S., please advise them of our website and encourage them to use the website to verify the averages of our Toronto bowlers.

It seems that some of the managers of the commercial tournaments think that we are available at their whim to assist them in finalizing their tournaments in the summer.

Lastly - Please, we again are looking for support for the Annual Year Book by means of leagues taking a year book Ad. The letter was sent out to your league in the same envelope that contained the final average report, this AGM meeting notice and the year end awards in March. Also, in the letter for the third straight year I am again asking for payment up front from the leagues, which is a different approach from a few years ago. I do not have time to be issuing 2nd, 3rd and 4th invoices to receive payment for ads or any other receivable issues plus it cost the association money. The changes to the year book last season were well received and that basic concept and format will be used again this season. The changes did **not reduce** the cost per book, but it did reduce the **total cost** associated with the year book. To the leagues that have already replied and paid for their 2009 year book ad we thank you.

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 again do not know how this association would ever manage without the selfless dedication of Richard Doucette who spends physically hundreds if not 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 2008 Annual Meeting – Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Deborah Hope, seconded by Margo Crichlow. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept the minutes as printed in the yearbook made by Vashti Mascoll, seconded by Rodney Parsons. Motion Carried.

Standing Committee Reports – in the delegate’s packages

Report of the Tournament Committees

Report of the Youth Committee

Report of the Awards Committee

Report of the Bowler of the Year Committee

Report of the Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner Committee

Report of the Hall of Fame Committee

Deborah Hope moved we accept all seven reports, seconded by Clifford Redman. Motion Carried

Audit Report - Robert Trude then presented the Audit Report for the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association for the 2007-08 fiscal year and moved for acceptance of the report, seconded by Vashti Mascoll. Robert asked if there were any questions regarding the financial statements. Question from Clifford Redman – are the changes in the membership dollars received and issued due to the increase from CTF. Robert replied yes, the dues to CTF increased from \$12.00 to \$14.00 which increased the receivable portion even though the membership

dropped and the paid portion to CTF increased accordingly. No further questions. Motion Carried.

Report of the Legislation Study Committee – Alvin Clarke read and moved for the acceptance of the report with the recommendation of no changes - seconded by Deborah Hope. 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 CTF Annual General Meeting in Thunder Bay the weekend of April 18th.

Friday, April 16th, 2009 – On Friday night CTF arranged for two workshops to be held. Brian Van Richter, Director of CTF and Stan May, Executive Director for CTF presented a workshop on the Future of Coaching Tenpin Bowling. The National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) is one of Canada's largest adult coaching programs and it is recognized by 60 major organizations. Brian and Stan explained the importance of coaching and said a coach is described as: 1 - In training (has some training); 2 – Trained (all trained) and 3 – Certified (has completed everything in coaching). There are many bowlers who are at level 1 and 2 but have no interest in completing the certification. There are also three levels of participation: 1 – community sport (e.g. youth and adult leagues, special Olympics, schools and seniors); 2 – competitive (local and regional and provincial and national); 3 – Instructional (beginner bowlers with pro shop lessons). NCCP is no longer teaching Level I Coaching but will continue Level II Coaching and Level III until all the programs have been met. There will be no grandfathering in this program. If you are a Level II Coach you will remain as that and have to take courses and a test and remain there for one year then you will pass the next level. If there are bowlers out there who are interested in coaching, they do not have to start at Level I if they feel they have the competence to perform at a higher level, they can take a test at the higher level to see if they pass.

Each level of the NCCP has to fit into the Long Term Athletic Development (LTAD) program which includes all bowling, 5 and 10 pin as one sport. This past season we gave leagues pamphlets on Canadian Sport for Life. It doesn't matter how old you are, you can bowl. There are 7 stages to this program and right now CTF is at Stage 4 where we have local, provincial and national competition. In order to receive any money for our coaching programs, CTF has to follow the LTAD program and have Level III. The money is paid to CTF through the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC). For any Pam American event, CTF requires Level IV coaching. Right now they have Level III and they do get funding from the government for some coaching events. The Community Sport Coaching clinic only takes 1 day. The cost is \$100.00. It used to take 1 whole weekend which included Level I Theory and Level I Practical. The Competitive Coaching clinic takes approx. 20 hours and this level is evaluated.

Later that evening the CTF Board conducted an Open Forum to give participants an opportunity to ask any questions or concerns they may have about CTF. Topics ranged from league problems, awards, the computer program and the lane certification. Niagara Assoc. President asked which age to use for seniors. The

senior pins say 50 and the tournaments say 55 years of age. Cathy Innes, President of CTF, said a bowler is a senior at age 50.

Since the 300 Game and 800 Series are going “Once in a Lifetime” in the 2009-2010 season, Della asked about the semi-precious stone that bowlers will receive once a bowler bowls a subsequent 300 or 800 in the next season. How will it be shipped and who pays to have the stone put into the ring – the bowler or CTF? Cathy said she would bring it to the Awards Committee but it will probably be the bowler’s responsibility. To ensure the ring does not get lost in shipment, CTF will probably send the stone to the local association who would present it to the bowler and he/she would look after getting it placed into the ring. The bowler does have the option of receiving a plaque for the second ring. The \$100.00 off coupon for upgrades will only be valid for the first time 300 game or 800 series from August 1, 2009 forward.

Della also stated that this year we had a bowler bowl a 299 and CTF sent him a plaque even though the bowler paid for a ring. Della asked if CTF would consider reducing the price of the plaque from the cost of the ring instead of the bowler receiving two awards for the same score. CTF will look into this and let the associations know. Della also asked about engraving on watches and pendants. There will be a \$10.00 fee for engraving on watches. Pendants will get the date the award was bowled engraved on it but if you want the exact score engraved on it, just let CTF know and it will be done free.

Phil Morris, Hamilton Association, asked if CTF could change the lane dressing to a tougher shot for the bowlers. There are so many bowlers who can bowl perfect games. CTF has to abide with the same rules that USBC uses in order for our Canadian averages to be recognized. It would be almost impossible to do anything.

Tom Ferrand from Windsor asked if CTF is becoming more financially sound. Stan May said it may take another 2 or 3 years but it is getting better.

The CTF director from Quebec asked if the Lane Certification manual that Ron Jones updates could be translated into French. CTF will look into it. In order to be a Certified Lane Inspector, you go on-line with the USBC and do the course, pass it on line but you also need a facilitator to have you do the part on the lanes in order to get your Lane Certified Badge. We have several facilitators in Ontario, namely Ron Jones, Robert Trude, Karen Nicol, Jim Lester and one in Quebec, Robert Langouis. One of the delegates from Vancouver would like a trainer in B.C. CTF is looking into training facilitators in other provinces.

Niagara President asked about the CTF software. Why is it progressing so slowly? Can we do a software wish list? Stan May said CTF is using d base which is an old program so they are updating the website but not doing anything with the current program until we get a new system to go with the website. A Windsor delegate said we should have gone with WinLABS. Cathy said it would cost \$100 M to go with WinLABS. Windsor Delegate said we could not get a website and system for that. Cathy said it would cost approx. \$25,000 to update the website.

Jim Lester from Sarnia asked what USBC and CTF is doing to get bowling as an Olympic Sport. CTF replied that nothing is being done right now. Cathy Innes stated that Tiger Woods wants to get golf back into the Olympics (1992 was the last time). Golf is not a member of the Canadian Olympic Committee but Bowling is a member. Cathy said bowling is following all the requirements. Hazel McLeary said if TV wants it, you might get in, if TV does not, you won't get in. To get into the Olympics it will cost a fortune and lots of money has already been spent on trying to get into the Olympics.

Bob Oliver, Windsor, asked if CTF is lowering the age of the youth to 19 like USBC. No. He also asked what CTF was doing to replace the Pepsi after the Provincial Round.

Sheila Stormo, Victoria, B.C., said we should ask what people are looking for instead of agreeing with people who complain about what is wrong with bowling. Be positive!

Tom Ferrand, Windsor, suggested Ron Jones and a Coaching man tour across Canada.

Manitoba holds grass roots coaching clinics and charges \$5.00 per bowler. The Coaches get \$25.00 and give their time free.

Windsor also does coaching clinics, adult and youth. Free Clinic for CTF only – Coaching.

Alf Ferguson, Kingston, would like CTF to keep the awards the same for a while instead of changing them every year. He said it is hard to remember all the new ones. Niagara President said it is good that CTF keeps adding new awards.

CTF is looking at sanctioning a Senior Tournament with different age categories. There would be a local, provincial and national level for sanctioned senior leagues only.

Delivery of the awards was discussed. Cathy informed the delegates that rings would take 6-8 weeks and plaques would take 1-2 weeks. A delegate from Windsor asked if CTF could keep a stock of rings. Cathy said no, because of all the different ring sizes, but CTF will look into it.

Meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

CTF Annual General Meeting
Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: 35 Local delegates, 12 CTF Directors - Total 47
No life members present.

President Cathy Innis called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and announced that Vice President John McLean was absent due to his wife's knee replacement. Rules of the AGM were read and approved. Last year's minutes were approved. Cathy then gave her report. She thanked the local organizing committee for

making the tournament a success and the delegates for attending the Annual Meeting. She announced that the Membership Service Unit has been divided into two units – Membership Services Unit and Association/Education Services Unit. CTF also divided the Development Unit into two units – Coaching Development Unit and Membership Development and Research Unit. She advised that Louis has started his research to determine how many unsanctioned leagues and members are in Canada. We need a strong marketing campaign to attract bowlers to sanctioned leagues. Cathy thinks we already give the bowlers a lot for their money in comparison to other sports. CTF is responsible to the bowlers for their \$14.00 but the local associations are also responsible for the money they collect locally. What are you giving to your bowlers? By the end of the season CTF will have their internal policy manual in place and she thanked Sue Leslie for all her work on this and the board of directors for their dedication to this organization.

Stan May, Executive Director, reported membership has declined from 37,528 members in 2006-07 to 35,063 in 2007-08. Ontario and Saskatchewan have been affected the most. The totals for the awards have increased and CTF has hired Mary Ann Cline, a part-time employee, to process the awards more efficiently this season. CTF has checked with other suppliers for the rings but everyone says 6-8 weeks for delivery. Stan stated that CTF has looked at the membership software to see if changes can be made to help local associations print reports and is trying to get a data change for the Toronto yearbook but he wants to test that to make sure they do not have any problems before sending it out. Questions were asked of the financial statement which showed a deficit this year. With the implementation of the once in a lifetime honour scores we should begin to see some profits soon. CTF is also reducing the amount of Directors Meetings from three a year to two to help offset the expenses. Hazel McLeary suggested that CTF sell towels but Stan said they do not have the funds to buy them and keep them until they are all sold.

The Finance and Budget Report was given and approved by the delegates.

There were three By-Law Amendments, previously approved by CTF, presented to the delegates this year:

Article V – CTF Board – this article was changed so the proprietors can choose who they want to represent them on the CTF Board.

Article VI – Officers – Section A and Section F – they added “Immediate Past President” as part of the CTF Officers and added the “Authority and Duties of the Immediate Past President”.

Several Unit Leaders and Committee Reports were given. Barrie Mackenzie updated the delegates on the Regulatory Unit which reviews all the rules and bylaws of the association and also the playing rules by USBC to keep our averages accepted by USBC.

One of the rules discussed this year was right handed and left handed bowling. The rule is very clear that in a league or tournament, the hand used to throw the first ball must be used for the whole league session or tournament. The league executive may give the bowler the right to use the other hand, due to injury, until

the injury is healed. If this is done, the bowler must establish a new average with the other hand. Bowlers are not allowed to switch hands during competition. Another question that Barrie received this year was bowling with two hands. Can a person switch from side to side? The rule is that whatever hand you put under the bowl must remain the same.

Barrie informed the delegates that USBC wants to sanction the No Tap, Bumper Bowling and he will be checking this out after they have held their AGM to see if it has been passed.

Joe Nunes updated us on all the international tournaments and Hirsh Schnayer advised us on Bowl Canada, previously known as Bowling Proprietors Association of Canada.

Louis Rapagna informed the delegates that 42 local associations had been contacted to fill out a survey on unsanctioned leagues and he received 16 replies. Of the stats that he received, the numbers are very high for unsanctioned bowlers and Louis is working on a plan to get these bowlers to join CTF.

As I mentioned earlier, the 300 and 800 will become Once in a Lifetime awards in 2009-2010. Two new awards have been added to the Senior Awards – 450 series (130 average or less) & 550 series (160 average or less). A 750 series award for both adult and youth will also be implemented. For the Youth bowlers, a 50 game award will be offered to bowlers with an average of 25 or less.

Al Tone of Beamsville and Howard Kotchie of Oakville will be inducted into the CTF Hall of Fame and Zachary Wilkins of Barrie and Valerie Calberry of Brampton were nominated Youth Male and Female Bowlers of the Year.

First year for Senior Bowlers of the Year – Ken Hunter, Winnipeg and Elizabeth Wong, Calgary. Adult Bowlers of the Year are Mark Buffa, Montreal and Robin Orlikowski, Grand Rapids, MI.

The Nominating Committee received 7 nominations for 3 positions on the CTF Board. After elections, Barrie Mackenzie, Brian Van Richter and Don Isenor who were directors on the board were re-elected to the CTF Board.

President Cathy announced that if anyone was interested in helping on the CTF Board to let her know.

Before we adjourned the meeting there was another question and answer period.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Deborah Hope – The GTTBA has five positions open for election. The Nominating Committee presented the following two names for election to the Board for a three year term: Margo Crichlow and Alvin Clarke. As there were no other nominations received by the deadline any nominations from the floor would not be in order. Andrea Cunningham moved for acceptance of the two names, seconded by June Welch. Both were elected by acclamation.

Question and Answer Period:

Question from Geddes St Hill – At the CTF AGM in Thunder Bay why was the bowling so far away? Deborah Hope explained the procedure that CTF uses when arranging the AGM and bowling and unfortunately there was a mix-up this year. In Montreal, where is the closest? The bowling should be much closer to the AGM Headquarters. Question from Clifford Redman – Why sanction if you can not receive another 300 ring? The benefits of sanctioning was explained as well as explaining that CTF has been spending 40% of the money used for awards to 5% of the bowlers. It doesn't seem fair to the other bowlers and therefore CTF is creating awards for the lower average bowlers and for seniors. Suggestion from Clifford Redman – why not send out the notice of the AGM and the packages by email to the Delegates listed on the sanction forms? – Robert answered that we could try that to see if the attendance increases.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

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 11:50 a.m.