

MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION OF B.C.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2008 were presented. There were no errors or omissions.

Doug Mumford moved, Seconded by Dianne McPhee that the minutes are accepted as distributed. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SHERRY WRIGHT

Financial Results for 2007/2008 Season

Financially, the 2007/2008 season was a strong year. The following is a brief summary of the season's highlights. Revenue was up in all categories from previous years due to the increased number of members. On a positive note, fundraising was up from the prior two years. Fundraising is vital to the financial stability of this association.

As expected, expenses related to the increased revenue were up as well. However, the net income for the year ended in a positive position.

The balance sheet shows the balance in each of the funds. The travel fund grew slightly from the past year. The national hosting fund is in the process of being rebuilt after the 2007 hosting. The association will have to continue to work towards accumulating funds for the next hosting. The gaming fund doubled from the prior year. All funds are moving in a positive direction.

Financial results for this current season to March 31, 2009

This season's Income Statement reflects the financial results to March 31, 2009. Still to be recorded are the revenues from the last tournaments in April and the remainder of the costs for Nationals in Saskatoon. The executive have managed to secure an exceptional airfare by booking and paying for the flights early. Shirt revenues and costs are up this year due to the introduction of the popular golf shirts.

The current Balance Sheet shows the total available funds (both bank balances and short term investments) at March 31. The association is well positioned to meet the remaining financial obligations of the Nationals in Saskatoon and rebuild the Hosting fund for future hosting obligations.

The above results are due both to the time and dedication of the Board as well as the commitment of all the members to Master Bowlers Association of B.C. and to the game of bowling.

Russel Hunt moved, Glennis Godfrey seconded that the report be adopted as given. Passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DAVE BISSOONDATT

I would like to welcome everyone here and congratulations and good luck to all who are bowling this weekend. We have participation from all over the province and I thank everyone who made the effort to be here. Taking time off from work and our busy schedules is not always the easiest thing to do these days.

This year we addressed a number of issues to help us move forward as an organization. The backbone behind any Master Bowlers Association in Canada is the Technical Division. With the assistance of a number of individuals, I am pleased to say that the Community Coaching program is now on the way. I will expand on this in the Technical Report which will be presented later in this meeting.

Also, as I mentioned in my report at the last AGM, we were requesting that the proprietors dedicate a section of their handbook for Master's information. I am very pleased to say that this has been done, so now each proprietor should have at their fingertips information they may require about the Masters and whatever contact information they may need.

Also, as mentioned at last year's AGM in regards to the Senior division, the re-institution of the composition of the Senior division team. That being at least one member of each Gender has to be on the team. This will be dealt with in the Seniors Report later.

Another big change that was made this season was the wearing of golf shirts during single tournaments. The designated green golf shirts were well received and many members expressed their approval with the comfort in bowling with these shirts. Please note that these golf shirts DO NOT replace the official Masters shirts for coaching and Opening and Closing ceremonies at the Nationals.

Another thing that was on our Agenda for this year was targeting the graduating YBC bowler to join the Masters. Unfortunately, this was not followed up on but will be done this coming year.

This year the Nationals will be hosted by Saskatchewan in Saskatoon from July 1 to July 4. Travel days will be June 30 and July 5. The theme for this year's Nationals will be "Hats off to Bowling". Those who qualify for the respective teams and singles will be asked to wear some style of hat at the Nationals during "Saskatchewan Day". It is suggested to dress up as a contingent or each individual team within a contingent can have their own style. The hosting committee would like the hats to be colorful and looking festive. A lot of activities are planned and everyone's participation will be appreciated. It's part of the fun of attending the Nationals. Also, rookies are required to wear a BIG festive hat. There is always something extra for the rookies at these events. This year, being the 100 years of bowling, a 100 year crest will be put on each competitor's shirt. In closing I would like to Thank the board for a job well done this year. I want to acknowledge Russel Hunt, Tammy Salway and Iain Walker for their contribution on the Board. These individuals will be stepping down and will not seek re-election. I am sure that they will be available to the incoming board for any assistance they may need.

Finally, I would like to say that I will be stepping down as President of the Master Bowlers Association of B.C. and choose not to seek re-election. I want, at this time, to express my appreciation for the support of the members during my term as President. A special appreciation to all the Board members whom I have had the privilege of working with throughout the last few years. I appreciate their hard work and dedication to making

the MBA of B.C. the organization it is today.

Also, at the MBAC meeting in Montreal in January this year there was a couple of changes made regarding the Nationals. In the Senior Division, the consensus from the majority of provinces is that the Seniors wanted to be treated fairly and equally at the Nationals. That being said, in the Senior division, starting this year, medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place pins over average. There will be no scratch awards. This is because the Senior division is conducted in the same format as the Teaching divisions and the same format of awards will be done.

That being said, there will be a “Special” award added on to each division at the Nationals. I am not at liberty to give details at this time but I am sure it will be a very pleasant surprise at the Nationals.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD:

The following Board members are allowing their names to stand -

Russel Hunt

Rhonda McDougall

Scott Hawrelak

Jackie Grosart

Sherry Wright

Nominations from the Floor -

Jim Bushell

Barrie Wright

TECHNICAL REPORT – DAVE BISSOONDATT

I am pleased to report that the Community Coaching course is finally a reality. This has been a long drawn out process but the fact that it is moving forward shows progress.

Course facilitators attended a special training in Vernon last summer to be trained in presenting this program. This facilitators training was conducted by Fran Clark of Calgary. The facilitators that attended were Dianne McPhee, Terry McPhee, Joan Ritchie, Jim Bushell, Lee-Anne Wilson, Rob Patterson, Wendy Boudot, Larry Richet, Shelly Stoushnow, Gina Kidd and I.

This course will replace the Level 1 course which was offered by the MBA of B.C. It's made up of eight modules and cost \$50 to take. A full course binder with all the information will be given when you attend the course. This is an eight hour course.

Also, there is an “Ethics” module of this course (module 7 of the full course) which is offered for \$25. This module takes approximately 2 hours to present and is highly interactive.

There have been many questions asked as to who takes these courses.
If you have taken the Level 1

- (a) After April 1, 2004 and Competition A in the old Theory course – No need to take the Ethics portion.
- (b) Before April 1, 2004 – Need to take the Ethics module at a cost of \$25
- (c) New Coaches – Full Community Coach course for \$50.

Level 2 Coaches do not need to take the Ethics module at this time. No decision has been made about this as yet. The Community Coach course and the Level 2 courses are being coordinated jointly by the Technical Director and the office of the Bowling Proprietor. Mickie Keepper and Sheilagh Myers have been of great assistance with this program. All inquiries for these courses should be directed to the Bowling Proprietors or the MBA of B.C. Technical Director. All course materials and notices about upcoming courses will be sent out by the BPA of B.C. office. The MBA of B.C. technical director will be totally involved in the process but ALL records about registration will be held at Bowling Headquarters office, and be up to date. I know there have been concerns of the lengthy process of having a coach registered. I am sure this way it will speed this process and double check that all documents are forwarded to the C5 and C.A.C. offices in a very timely manner.

So far 9 courses have been given. 5 Ethics and 4 full community coach courses. I would like to acknowledge these individuals who have given their time in doing this. I would firstly like to say a big “Thank You” to Dianne McPhee in putting forth the effort in getting the program on the way. Also, lets not overshadow the work that Terry McPhee, Joan Ritchie and Jim Bushell have done in a very supporting role and at times have all taken a turn in leading the way. Also, the tremendous work Rob Patterson and Wendy Boudot have been doing on the Island in getting all coaches up to date in their training. I would also like to recognize Larry Richet in the Okanagan, Shelly Stoushnow and Gina Kidd in the Kootenays and LeeAnne up North. Without these individuals, this program would not have been as progressive as it has been.

This year has been a year of major changes, and I think we have done great.

MEMBERSHIP – RHONDA McDOUGALL

Lifetime	21
Associate	12
Teach Only	54
Teaching Division	36
Lifetime/Teaching	5
Teaching/Senior	1
Senior Division	20
Lifetime/Senior	9
Tournament Division	36
Lifetime/Tournament	2
Tournament/Senior	2
Tournament/Teaching	<u>2</u>
Total	200

Year Pins

10 Year

Ryan Borne

Jackie Grosart

Rob Patterson

Nancy Van Oosten

15 Year

Sid Armbruster
Lionel Baker
Kim Chadwick
Ken Chambers

20 Year

Glennis Godfrey
Gail Chambers

Lifetime

John Petipas
June Smith
Sandy Waage (From Last Year)

400 games

Tournament Division Michael Elder 418 Feb 21, 2009
Tournament Division Larry Johnson 410 October 18, 2008

Marg Mumford questioned the cards and membership cards coming so late. Rhonda apologized and said they would be issued on time next year.

SENIOR DIVISION – RUSSEL HUNT

First of all I want to thank Joan Ritchie and Scott Hawrelak for looking after the scoring and results of the Senior Division'

There were 34 senior participants this year with 18 in the finals this weekend. This year the top two scratch and the next three P.O.A. will qualify for the Provincial Team. If unfortunately all of the finalists are of the same gender the next highest P.O.A. of the opposite gender will qualify.

There are a few suggestions and concerns I have with the Senior division for the following year:

1. The scoring of the 16 games played over these two days should count toward your average for the following year to prevent any potential manipulation of scoring (Sandbagging).
2. If all of the qualifiers for the Provincial are of one gender do we automatically add the player of the other gender with the highest P.U.A. thereby removing the lowest of the original team members?
3. To follow up on the last point, if we haven't considered these potential problems with our qualification method should we now look at how other provinces conduct their qualifying and institute a consistent nation-wide method of qualification?

MOTION: That the 16 games of tournament play at the Provincials should count toward your average for the following year to prevent any manipulation of the scoring. Seconded by Doug Mumford.

Motion defeated

TOURNAMENT DIVISION – DAVE ANDRES

Last year's Ladies team won the bronze medal at the Nationals in Burlington (Hamilton), Ontario, where Dana Myran recorded a 405 on Day 2. May this year's teams do even better in Saskatoon.

Tournament 1 – Valley Lanes in Rutland

15	Ladies	Kao Ogilvie
20	Men	Chris Richet

Tournament 2 – Lincoln Lanes in Vernon

15	Ladies	Kim Chadwick
27	Men	Greg Olson

Tournament 3 – Willowbrook Lanes in Langley

13	Ladies	Lori Belancic
23	Men	Barrie Wright

Tournament 4 – PoCo Lanes in Port Coquitlam

13	Ladies	Jackie Grosart
22	Men	Darren Rich

Tournament 5 – Varsity Lanes in Vancouver

10	Ladies	Kim Chadwick
15	Men	Chris Richet

Tournament 6 – Old Orchard Lanes in Burnaby

9	Ladies	
15	Men	

Larry Johnson bowled 410 at Valley Lanes, October 18th, 2008. Michael Elder bowled 418 at Willowbrook on February 21st, 2009.

Thank you to all the proprietors for hosting our tournaments, for their cooperation and support.

Thank you to all the participants for their patience, and I appreciate the more timely responses to Rhonda's reminders this year. Good job, people! The proprietors (and I) can organize our schedules and programs in a timely manner.

ELECTED TO THE BOARD

2 Years

Russel Hunt
Rhonda McDougall
Scott Hawrelak
Jackie Grosart
Sherry Wright
Jim Bushell

1 Year

Barrie Wright

Jo-Anne Borgford moved that the ballots be destroyed. Seconded by Russel Hunt
Passed

TEACHING DIVISION – SCOTT HAWRELAK

The Teaching Division was successful this year. There were 18 ladies and 18 men at the Provincials. We did bring up 1 lady to even out the field. Subsequently, we lost 1 lady due to sickness. It took 8 hours to bowl 8 games at Old Orchard with the seniors as there were 53 bowlers on 16 lanes. This is way too long. There are a couple of possible solutions. One would be to eliminate Provincials all together as they do in Manitoba and add on a 6th tournament taking the best 4 pins over average to the Nationals. Another would be a set number of provincial finalists which would allow a set lane draw to be done and used each year. We could eliminate bowling provincials at centres of less than 20 lanes. Or we could split the seniors and teaching division for provincials and go to smaller centres each year depending on the Zone we will be in. This would mean requiring extra tournament directors, judges of play and statisticians.

Again, this year, I hope to have the suggested schedule set by June 1. Hopefully, this will eliminate any scheduling conflicts with Bowl BC tournaments like there was this year.

Also, I hope all my Zone directors will be returning next season. I will be in contact with you over the summer.

Thanks to Joan Ritchie for helping co-ordinate the day to day operations of the Lower Mainland zone as it is a big Zone and can be a lot of work at times.

COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBSITE – IAIN WALKER

We have had another successful year getting results on the internet as soon as they are available. In the last year our website received 208,733 hits. This sounds like an extraordinary number but realize that every time someone visits any page on our site that is a hit. To put it all in perspective, during the Nationals that we hosted received 1.1 million hits in the month of July.

For next season I believe we will have a major rewrite of the rules, to simplify them, they will be posted as soon as received.

At this time I would like to announce that I am resigning from the board of directors effective July, 2009. However, if the board still wishes, I would still be willing to maintain the website, help with their printing needs because I can save the Masters money with my connections, create the program that runs the Teaching and Seniors Provincial and I will still do the elimination draw program.

I would like to thank the current board and any other board members I have had the privilege of working with.

FUND RAISING – JACKIE GROSART AND DEBBIE EALEY

Thanks to everyone who donated and who bought 50/50 tickets and lets sell them all next year

MASTER OF THE YEAR

Senor Division – no Submissions
Tournament division – Larry Richet
Teaching Division – Terry McPhee

OLD BUSINESS

Tournament proposal from Jennifer Neff will be discussed at this year's Proprietors meeting for YBC Seniors to bowl with Tournament Masters.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from a person who did not give their name or address regarding taking the new Community Coach course and saying she/he would not be taking any more courses. As this person did not give this information we cannot answer the letter.

Letter from Lynn Schulberg on several points:

Why 4 ½ to 5 months wait for shirts?

Why 4 ½ to 5 months wait for Membership cards?

Why can we not be privy to all info from all meetings? We are all members in good standing. This is all of our organization!

Will you remake Annette Casavant's dress shirt. She wears size 12 not 16!

Or she will take it to her dress maker – approximately \$50 to redo.

Lynn sent a picture of Annette along with her shirt. Rhonda will go to Sharon Borkowsky to find out what the original measurements were on her form.

NEW BUSINESS

Laddie MacKinnon – Asked why the decision to split the Teaching and Seniors for the Provincials, at the 2008 AGM, was addressed to the Seniors only.

Dianne McPhee said we should acknowledge the smaller centres.

Jo-Anne said that the two divisions should split for the Provincials.

Lillian Jewell said that part of the problem was manual scoring, today.

It will be talked over at the next board meeting

Golf shirts

Dave Bissoondatt would like our green golf shirts be used at the Nationals as well as the qualifying tournaments. New shirts with the year on it can be used during the year.

MOTION: Rhonda McDougall moved to go with the golf shirts to the Nationals with 100 year crest put on it, with no date specified. Seconded by Jo-Anne Borgford.

Carried

Kim Chadwick mentioned that the second tournament of the Tournament division will be run during the Olympics next year.

Will be dealt with.

TRAVEL – DIANE FRANCIS

Congratulations and little packages will be given upon completion of tournaments.

We will travel via Calgary and will save the board nearly \$9,000. We are using Air Canada because of savings and two free seats. Preassigned seating, together. Dianne will take all of the information by email. If you are making your own travel arrangements let Diane know.

Jo-Anne Borgford said that everything went through Bowl B.C. for years. She is concerned that we have to pay them for their help with the technical. Would like to know why we are associating with Bowl B.C. again? Need to look at the board.

Dave said that Bowl B.C. has distributed all of our correspondence to the bowling centres and they are turning all funds for the technical courses back to us.

LeeAnne Wilson asked what Bowl B.C. does.

They get hold of the proprietors with posters regarding the technical courses with information on when the courses are going to be given, collect names of people who want to take the course so that the instructors know who has prepaid for the courses.

They distribute manuals and things needed for the courses.

Marg Mumford asked why LeeAnne Wilson was let go.

Dianne McPhee said that communication on the Lower Mainland was better as we are closer together and it could be harder in other regions to get courses together.

Dave Bissoondatt said that LeeAnne, Sheilagh Myers and Dave should get together and take care of the problem.

MOTIONS

Jo-Anne Borgford moved that the President should be voted on by the members. Russel Hunt told her that she needs to get it in writing so that it can be distributed to the rest of the members so it can be voted on next year.

President has to come from one of the five Table Officer positions – President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Technical Director.

Jo-Anne will write up the motion before the end of the weekend.

Marg Mumford asked why every member does not receive a copy of the constitution and rules. This should be done as soon as a person joins the Masters. The constitution has not been changed since 1998.

Doug Mumford moved that the meeting be adjourned Kelly Gorsek seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9.22 p.m.

Elimination draw followed.

ATTENDANCE LIST

Diane Francis	Senior/Tournament	Marg Mumford	Senior/Teaching
Doug Mumford	All	Lori Belancic	Tournament
Berle Bakewell	Senior	Terry McPhee	Teaching
Dianne McPhee	Teaching	Ryan Borne	Teaching
Iain McRitchie	Tournament	Gord Stewart	Teaching
Richard Redwood	Teaching	Liz Redwood	Senior
Dave Bissoondatt	President	Mary Bakewell	Associate
Debbie Ealey	Teaching	Dwayne Engelmyer	Teaching
Paul Kitamura	Senior	Kelly Gorsek	Tournament
Kim Chadwick	Tournament	Lil Jewell	Senior
Barry Cornwall	Senior	Kao Ogilvie	Tournament
Russel Hunt	Senior	Jo Borgford	Teaching
Debbie Neff	Senior/Tournament	Jennifer Neff	Tournament
Ed Nakamoto	Senior	Kim Williams	Teaching
Dorothy Burt	Teaching	Laddie MacKinnon	Teaching
James Bushell	Teaching	Nancy Van Oosten	Teaching
Glennis Godfrey	Senior	Mel Low	Teaching
Glenn Little	Teaching	LeeAnne Wilson	Teaching/Tournament
Scott Hawrelak	Teaching	Iain Walker	Teaching
Rhonda MacDougall	Tournament	Joan Ritchie	Teaching
Jackie Grosart	Tournament	John Petipas	Teaching
Sid Armbruster	Teaching	Lynn Bukala	Teaching
Tracey Ann Dicks	Teaching		

Total 45