

MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION OF BC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday April 14, 2018
Comfort Inn & Suites
Surrey BC

Call to order 7:15pm

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and reviewed. As there were no errors or omissions found a motion to accept the minutes as presented was made:- Moved by Rick Redwood, seconded by Kevin Jewell, carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lillian Jewell has only just taken over the position of Treasurer and was unable to access some of the previous reports so was unable to present a full financial report. She reported that the balance of the chequing account as of April 14, 2018 is \$53,134.01.

Lillian Jewell moved her report be adopted as presented, seconded by Scott Hawrelak, carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good evening everyone and welcome to the 2018 Annual General Meeting, Thank you to everyone who is attending and showing your support to the Master Bowlers Association of BC.

I want to thank our Board of Directors for doing such a great job this year and to our Zone Directors for their hard work in their areas. It's a thankless job but without your efforts, the Master Bowlers Association of BC would not survive.

This year was a bit of a trying year in that we lost our Treasurer Ken Chambers who passed away on November 11, 2017, and our Technical Director, Jim Bushell stepped down for personal family reasons, Their shoes were hard to fill but I want to thank Lillian Jewell and Lee-Anne Wilson for stepping in when asked and doing a great job in the interim.

I know we have heard a lot of suggestions from bowlers this year regarding their feelings on how to make things better for the Masters. There are too many to mention but I hope people will make themselves heard during this meeting.

Following this season we will be looking at increasing the fees paid by the members. This isn't something that we want to do, but faced with increasing costs to travel, lack of support in fundraising and the fact that we haven't increased any fees in eight years despite this, we are faced with reality and are forced into it.

This year we lost one of our sponsors for the shirts for Nationals so the shirts will cost bowlers a bit more than last year; but thank you to Kevin Jewell who is sticking with us and continuing to support us.

This year as always, we may have some contentious issues to discuss during our meeting so I ask everyone to be respectful and give people a chance to be heard.

I want to wish everyone participating good luck in bowling this weekend and early congratulations to those bowlers who do well enough to go to Nationals in Thunder Bay.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following members terms of office are up this year and wish their names to stand for nomination:

Laddie MacKinnon
Joan Ritchie
Laurie Stefurak
Kim Wilson
Lillian Jewell
Lee-Anne Wilson

The following nominations were received: Marie Dacosta and Jo Borgford.

There are 5 members to be elected for 2 years and 1 to be elected for 1 year

No further nominations were received from the floor so nominations were closed, moved by Nigel Borgford, seconded by Jordon Schuss, carried.

Ballots were handed out. Thank you to Eileen Kitamura and Wayne Mazur for counting the ballots.

An invitation was extended to Tammy Marino, President of the Proprietors Association and to Kelly Gorsek, President of the BC 5 Pin Association but neither were able to attend but did send letters to be read.

BowIBC

Good evening and thank you for the invitation to be part of your Annual General Meeting. Even as the season is winding down BowIBC has a couple of upcoming events on the calendar.

Next week the provincial finals of the Bowl Canada Cup will be held. Newly added for 5 Pin this year is a scratch singles event marking the return of an elite 5 Pin Championship to the Bowl

Canada program. The Bowl Canada Cup is the biggest national bowling event in the country with Adult & Senior teams as well as singles events in both 5 and 10 pin all competing in the same location at the same time.

The annual BowlBC 400 Club Tournament is moving to May in an effort to increase participation and coincide more precisely with the bowling season we have chosen to move the date for the 2017/18 season. We continue to invite those who have bowled a 400 game in a Bowl BC Member centre to participate for two seasons as well as inviting anyone who has achieved a perfect game for life. New this year is the inclusion of bowlers who do not participate in a Bowl BC Member centre league; they are now eligible with a paid entry fee.

For those of you coaching YBC please remind the kids that the deadline for scholarship application is fast approaching, May 1st.

BowlBC and the BC Masters face common issues such as membership, suitable host centres, funding, finding new coaches/volunteers. We look forward to working together to tackle these issues and continuing to promote the sport of bowling. Please feel free to contact me or BowlBC office with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Best of luck to all of you competing this weekend.

Tammy Marino, President of BowlBC

BC 5 PIN BOWLERS ASSOCIATION

To all competitors this weekend:

We hope you all have safe travels and bowl well this weekend.

To the National teams, good luck at nationals and bring back some hardware to BC

The BC5PBA has an exciting year ahead as we will be hosting the Open Nationals in 2019 here in the lower mainland. We encourage you all to come as a bowler, coach or spectator to make this event a success.

Good luck to all tomorrow as you finish off your provincials.

Sincerely

Kelly Gorsek, President BC5PBA

REPORTS

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR - Lee-Anne Wilson

First off I have to apologize for my absence. As you know I was down for the Open 2 weekends ago and then this past weekend we hosted the Northwest Open in Terrace and it was decided that I have not given my foot enough rest after having surgery on the 12th of March.

Now for my report:

In this past season we have approximately 33 new community coaches which is great news.

Unfortunately we are not able to conduct a competitive course but we have discussed it and are looking at holding at least one per season. I know that there are coaches waiting to be evaluated so they achieve certification and if these people could let me know then we will set something up and get this done as soon as possible.

We are waiting for confirmation but the competitive course is going to be held May 26 and 27th, I know this is really late in the season but it's a start.

We need to convince coaches to move forward.

Please forward me information that you would like to see us advance with.

Thank you, I am always on the end of my phone or my email.

There was a great deal of discussion following this particularly regarding the dates for the competitive course and this will be passed on to Lee-Anne.

SENIORS DIVISION - Joan Ritchie

I would like to thank Russel Hunt, Rob Patterson, Yvonne Kuxhouse and Richard Redwood for the help with the tournaments bowled in their areas. Thanks for getting the stats to me right away after the events.

We had 22 participants registered this year with 18 making the Provincial finals. 25-300 games were bowled during the year with the highest score being 363 by Russel Hunt in the first tournament.

This year being an even numbered one, the top three scratch winners and the top two POA winners will make up the national team, with at least of member of each gender being on the team. Please make sure you get your average information and assessment in as soon as possible.

TOURNAMENT DIVISION - Laurie Stefurak

Tournament #1 - Capri Lanes

Chelsea Ealey - 1970

Stu Ryan - 2151

High single game men 360 - Stu Ryan

High single game ladies 361 - Kelly Gorsek

300 games Ladies - 2, Men 12

Tournament #2 - Lincoln Lanes

Chelsea Ealey - 1983

Matthew Harms - 2064

High single game men 383 - Iain McRitchie

High single game ladies 319 - Chelsea Ealey

300 games Ladies - 1, Men 12

Tournament #3 - Grandview Lanes

Charmaine Loft - 1871

Matthew Harms - 2117

High single game men 321 - Matthew Harms

High single game ladies 323 - Charmaine Loft

300 games Ladies - 2, men 7

Tournament #4 - Old Orchard Lanes

Jackie Grosart - 2122

Jordon Schuss - 2217

High single game men 371 - Jordon Schuss

High single game ladies 338 - Kelly Gorsek

300 games Ladies - 4, men - 14

Tournament #5 - Scottsdale Lanes

Chelsea Ealey - 2133

Stu Ryan - 2251

High single game men 359 - Larry Johnson

High single game ladies 338 - Chelsea Ealey

300 games Ladies 4, men - 9

Tournament #6 - Scottsdale Lanes

TBA

TEACHING DIVISION - Michelle Zurch

Thank you to all my zone directors, Russel Hunt, Yvonne Kuxhouse, Rick Redwood, Ryan Borne, Jo Borgford and Lee-Anne Wilson in Jo's absence.

There were 20 men and 12 women registered. We had 2 women drop out due to medical reasons. Out of those registered 17 men and 10 women made provincials. One of our women decided to bowl Seniors at the provincial level. We pulled up the 18th bowler on the men's side so they would not have to bowl with the vacancy but unfortunately one of our bowlers had to pull out at the last minute for medical reasons so both the men and the women are bowling with no vacancy.

Good luck to all bowling tomorrow and those that make the nationals.

GOLF TOURNAMENT - Iain Walker

I believe the tournament was a success. We raised \$770.09 at the event. Thanks to the Board and all of the volunteers that came out to help on the day. Special thanks to everyone who donated a prize or sponsored a hole. We had 40 golfers at the tournament and we had room for 72 so we have lots of room for growth. Everyone received a door prize. I would once again encourage everyone to get as many door prizes donated as you can as it just helps us to increase our profit. Everyone knows someone who can donate something. We had 18 sponsors at \$75.00 each. We definitely could use more sponsors, we can double up signage on some of the holes. We had 2 hole in one sponsors for \$5000.

We had several extra items at the tournament that raised money.

We had a 50/50 draw which raised an extra \$165.00

We sold mulligans which raised an extra \$140.00

We had a liquor raffle which raised an extra \$211.00

The tournament will be held on August 18th at 1pm at Poppy Estates, keep that date open. With the unfortunate passing away of our Treasurer Ken Chambers, that tournament has been renamed the Ken Chambers Memorial Golf Tournament, fundraiser for the Master Bowlers Association of BC.

If you want to volunteer, donate a prize, sponsor a hole, or play in the tournament please contact a Board member so we can get organized.

Thanks for your support.

WEBSITE - Iain Walker

We have had another successful year getting results on the internet as soon as they were available.

This year our website received 355,000 hits, which shows how our members do benefit from the site, lots of people checking standings, downloading forms and viewing the rules and tournament locations.

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER - Laddie MacKinnon

Laddie reported that we made \$1027.00 on the chocolate sales. He stated that he was not happy with the efforts of the members in selling these chocolates as it is a very easy way to generate funds for the Masters. He hopes to see a much better effort next year.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - Kim Wilson

This report will be fairly brief since we made several changes last year. The only changes made since last AGM was clarifying some of the language concerning dress shirts and uniforms.

This year we will also review and clarify some of the eligibility rules for seniors dealing with if a person turns 50 after the first one or two tournaments are thrown but will be 50 years old for the remaining three tournaments.

I mentioned last year that when the Marijuana and Transgender laws and guidelines become more clearly defined and official, we will have to review our existing rules and make adjustments or additions accordingly. An example of this is whether marijuana will fall under the same requirements as tobacco or will it fall under the same regulations as alcohol. Early indicators are that it will fall under the same regulatory body as alcohol but some aspects such as designated smoking areas will fall under tobacco and smoking regulations. In some cases it will be a simple case of adding the word marijuana in addition to alcohol but there are now several cases where individuals are stating medicinal marijuana is now allowed to be smoked if deemed necessary for pain management and it cannot be considered a performance enhancing or enabling substance. As stated earlier this is not just a simple case of adding the word marijuana.

For potential transgender issues it gets even more complicated but not from a legal point of view. The laws will be very specific as to the rights and responsibilities but where it may get complicated from a bowlers point of view is the issue of men and womens teams, bullying and harassment. We will have to rewrite the definition of what constitutes a men's team and what

constitutes a women's team. Anti-bullying and harassments discipline guidelines for MBABC will have to be reviewed once there is more clarity. Also early indicators are that federally there may be stricter enforcement in some provinces compared to others. Discipline rules, regulations and suspensions will also have to be reviewed once there is more clarity. We will also have to ensure that there is a discussion with Proprietors, BowIBC, BC5, YBC and the National body to ensure everyone is following the same definitions of team make-up.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BRIEFING- Kim Wilson

There is a Buddhist teaching that says having the Right Thought, the Right Action and the Right Speech perfectly explains what an Oversight Committee role is in society today.

Not everyone on the Board or attendees will agree with some of these points but the sole purpose of an oversight committee is to identify potential issues, possible remedies to those issues and the potential consequences if these issues are not rectified. Major corporations, Crown corporations, private sector and all levels of government utilize the benefits of an oversight committee. So many times groups get so involved as to what's best for them they sometimes lose sight of the big picture and an Oversight Committees role is to make these deficiencies known and in most cases public. There is a legal and analytical term "Occams Razor" which means that the best solution to a problem is usually the simplest and the one that's obvious from the beginning. A lot of times these solutions are turned aside or ignored because it may offend a certain political alliance, agenda or embarrass a political leader. The world though is starting to realize that the obvious and simplest is usually the best solution. The continuing issues around the US 2nd Amendment are a glaring example. An Amendment written in the 18th century may not be applicable in today's world, and what people fail to recognize (or chose to ignore) is that the 2nd Amendment was just that, an Amendment because the original Constitution had flawed wording. A further amendment is a simple solution to a difficult problem.

In this report I will briefly touch on 12 items which in a couple of cases we will simply be following legal definitions and instructions.

- Board members should be undergoing police record checks to ensure that the people making monetary decisions for the membership are trustworthy in this role. The current Board has made the decision that beginning in 2018 all current and elected Board members will have to successfully pass a criminal record check.
- Marijuana and Transgender laws. Once the marijuana laws are more clearly defined and made into law MBABC will fully support and amend any rules and regulations which this ruling could impact. As Marijuana laws may include designated smoking areas that may be similar to existing smoking area laws MBABC will monitor and adapt their rules and regulations accordingly. Transgender policies and guidelines will also be supported. MBABC will also have to state that in its rules and regulations that harassment or

bullying complaints relating to Transgender policies and guideline infractions will be cause for disciplinary action. Discussion should take place between Proprietors, BowlBC, BC5, YBC and MBABC to ensure that guidelines and policies are applied consistent. Bowler input, discussion and awareness is also crucial to this process to make it work well for everyone.

- Under current federal and provincial anti-bullying and harassment laws MBABC may have to look at its current status of identifying and initiating rookies. There should also be discussions with the national body on this matter. If even one person lodges a formal complaint any type of funding from official sources could be cut off. Unfortunately even in Nationals program they are identifying and singling out rookies. In other sports athletes may have been identified with an asterisk such as “amateur” or “rookie” but that is because these athletes fall under a different set of rules for things such as being paid, not being paid or fall under league minimum pay rules. There are also different discipline standards in some sports and that’s why they are identified as such.
- MBABC should inquire if nationally we have a formalized short term and long term marketing plan, or is each province on its own? Provincially there should be one in place so that there are no overlaps with the various bowling organizations and Proprietors. Jurisdictions for fundraising can easily be dealt with through discussion. Corporations and private business have a lot easier time dealing with a group that has a written and formalized marketing plan compared to simply receiving a form letter asking for money. Most marketing plans have detailed plans as to how money will be raised and spent. With rising costs long term marketing plans could be utilized to keep costs down and short term could be utilized to support teams going to Nationals. The Board should see if a former or current master is attending university trying to obtain a Marketing degree.
- Due to the latest tragedy at the trampoline park and the incompetence of the owner and employees there should be discussions with the proprietors to ensure that each bowling centre has some type of emergency response training for their staff. They should have some type of training for major or minor injury, bomb threats, evacuation for fire, etc. There also should be a staff member onsite that has some type of basic first aid training in case an employee or bowler gets injured or suffers a medical condition. Training can be as simple as knowing how to evacuate the building or how to place a 911 call but MBABC should have assurances that in an emergency the first people out of the building are not the staff. Having items like AED’s (Automated External Defibrillators) onsite could be a great asset to the bowlers, proprietors and their staff.
- Several of the issues I have discussed already have mentioned looking at a formalized discussion process with the Proprietors, Bowl BC, BC5, MBABC and perhaps YBC. As bowlers and Board members we should be aware of the issues proprietors face on a daily basis and in turn they should hear directly from us what our concerns are. Over the last few years it seems we have developed an “Us vs them” mentality and that has to be

corrected quickly for the sake of everyone involved. I have sat on many consultation, union management and working groups dealing with various factions that don't usually get along and almost in every case the people at the table have to get along and like each other or it doesn't work. Police and Firemen are a perfect example. Egos get involved as to who's more important. Usually at these type of meetings senior officers are never included and the usual participants are usually individuals that have the authority to discuss and make decisions for their particular group. Over the years I found it amazing how much working groups could get accomplished once trust and understanding were established.

- The next item may be a non issue but we currently have an appointed Director who is also a Proprietor. If this was a formal discussion group I wouldn't see this as an issue but as it stands now I see this as a potential conflict for this individual. As a Director this individual's alliance and priority must be with the MBABC Board and not the Proprietors. I had inquired shortly after being elected a Director if all Directors should be swearing some type of oath since as Directors their alliance would be the betterment of the sport of bowling, MBABC and all its members. An oath could possibly remedy the conflict of interest issue as any deviation from this would be seen as not upholding the oath they swore.
- Definition of Master. If you look up definitions of "Master" they all state "Skilled practitioner of a particular activity", "Having or showing great skill or proficiency", "Acquire great knowledge or skill" or similar words along those lines. There are also definitions concerning slavery but not sure we want to go there. The point of this is since Masters does not really have a truly defined Mission Statement as to what they do concerning the sport of bowling an auditor will automatically look at the name. This is the same approach Sports Canada and other sports bodies look at various groups to see if they qualify for additional or any funding. As I am a certified auditor the first thing I would be asking as an auditor was prove that the bowlers of MBABC are skilled and would require proof as to their skill level. The only group that would meet these requirements are the Tournament Masters and the higher averages in both Seniors and Teaching unfortunately. Some of my subsequent comments may help us getting on the right track.
- Sports Canada and other groups now only fund for Performance and Development of skills. Not saying that's right but simply stating fact. This is why several sports have minimum standards or times that you must achieve to be allowed to participate at a provincial or national level. You could place 1st or win a particular match or tournament and if your score or time does not meet the national or agreed upon standard you cannot advance regardless of your placing. Unfortunately if your particular sport does not have these type of measures in place funding is almost impossible to obtain. If you want to know how serious they are in this both the men's and ladies Olympic curling team have to now face a board made up of Curl Canada and Sports Canada. This board will do a

performance review as to their performance at the Olympic Games and if found their performances were deemed inadequate Curl Canada could lose a majority of its performance funding and monies will be allocated to skill development instead. Skill development is also not as easy as it sounds because if they fund skill clinics, etc., you have to be able to prove all persons taking these clinics have improved their skill level.

- Making it to Nationals is not a right but a privilege. We should be making it harder to make Nationals not easier. Bowlers that had to play well and fight for everything to make the team are a far superior team than a team of individuals that perhaps have figured out how to manipulate the system just to make the provincial team. Hearing comments like certain people always play well at provincials but maybe no in league or qualifying is an automatic danger sign to me. We should start eliminating those loopholes as a start. For seniors we made the first step by dropping the average calculation from 80 games to 40 as it meant you were playing against an average that was established within the last year instead of perhaps someone using games they had bowled almost three years prior. Yes your average can change quickly but that is how you are bowling at the current time. You are talking to someone that didn't have their 80 games due to injuries so talking from experience not a what's the chance of that scenario. On top of that when my circumstance did happen I had someone say to me that it was great I got a chance to carry over games from 3 years prior. To me that's not what the definition of Master stands for. Believe it or not that's also what Sports Canada and others see when they look at our sport. We have no controls in place and no repercussions if people continually abuse the system. This has to change.
- Average and perceived average manipulation needs to be addressed. I had someone say to me that people will always play around with their averages and there is nothing that can be done about it. I say this is totally false. There are very obvious ways averages can be made more in line with the way a person bowls at that given time. Including a person's league average in establishing a provincial average should be dropped after a bowler has bowled 40 tournament games. How you bowl in a league has absolutely nothing to do with how you bowl in a Masters tournament or provincials. Unless everyone is bowling under the same standards and conditions it is not comparable and should not be included in establishing a provincial average. What should be included in your provincial average is the 16 games a person bowled in the previous years provincial tournament as that was bowled under masters rules and standards of bowling. As these games were bowled as a sanctioned Masters tournament they have to be included as they are no different than your 5 qualifying tournaments.
- I know there are greater cost implications but every couple of years some Tournament Masters tournaments should be played on the island as long as there are enough players from the island to justify. Rising costs to bowl, accommodation and just the cost to participate impacts bowlers from the island and other parts of BC far more than it

impacts the bowlers from the lower mainland and finding ways to balance that out should be looked at.

I just recently returned from a 5 week vacation down in Palm Springs and on every TV channel and billboard was a certain President spewing "Let's make America Great again". The smart politicians down there are all asking the same question "exactly when in American history were they actually great and under what conditions were all American people actually living at that time". I made a comparison of this concerning bowling since a lot of people want bowling to go back to the great sport it used to be. When bowling was a great sport we had far better overall participation and skill level than what we do now. Costs were low and every bowling centre in every town was filled to capacity 5 or 6 nights a week and during the daytime as well. In reality though we can't go back to the days of ultra cheap lineage and cheap travel costs since the proprietors and business owners do have the right to make a reasonable living. What we can do though is work and discuss with these various groups to come up with agreeable solutions. Perhaps bowlers have to change their attitudes a bit and work with the proprietors and agree to bowl later in the day or early evening instead of first thing in the morning. Yes there will be travel and other implications. We have over the years become so used to doing the same thing over and over using the same process we sometime lose fact that our system may not be good for everyone and we have to perhaps look at ourselves as possibly being part of the problem.

In closing I know people will instantly want to dispute and think why change something that works for them. Problem is a lot of people don't join Masters because of these issues and a lot of Tournament Masters would rather just quit than play in another division or system that is obviously flawed. And trust me even right this second there are now people thinking to themselves "that's good we don't want any more players as it will be harder to make the team".....in a nutshell that's what is wrong with the Masters today, but with some changes we can get this going in the right direction.

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ballots were counted we had a four way tie so a second vote was required. The following names were put forth for a second vote: Joan Ritchie, Kim Wilson, Lee-Anne Wilson and Marie Dacosta.

Following this vote the following members were elected to the Board of Directors for a two year term:

Lillian Jewell
Laddie MacKinnon
Laurie Stefurak
Marie DaCosta
Kim Wilson

Joan Ritchie was elected to a one year term.

Motion to destroy the ballots, moved by Kevin Jewell, seconded by Richard Redwood, carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Lorretta MacKinnon

Total members for the 2017-2018 season: 100

Senior Participants	16
Associate Members	4
Lifetime (non-participant)	16
Teach Only	9
Lifetime participant	12
Teaching Participant	18
Tournament Division	19
1st year member	4
Senior & Teach Part.	2

5 YEAR AWARDS

Chelsea Ealey
Yvonne Kuxhouse
Michael Linsenmeier
Nick Uttley
Hank Krahn

10 YEAR AWARDS

Jennifer Neff

20 YEAR AWARDS

Laddie MacKinnon

30 YEAR AWARDS

Donna Koyko
Rick Redwood

35 YEAR AWARDS

John Steele

40 YEAR AWARDS

Paul Kitamura

NATIONAL SHIRTS - Lorretta MacKinnon

Lorretta presented the shirt to the bowlers. This has been approved by the Board as the shirt to be worn at the 2018 National Championships.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the shirt. Chelsea Ealey stated that she didn't like anything at all about the shirt. Several others complained about the green. It was explained that our registered color with the Master Bowlers Association of Canada is green, actually seafoam green.

Chelsea asked why the board selected the shirts and not the bowlers who were going to be wearing them and why we couldn't change. Lorretta explained that there was not enough time

to get a different shirt. Chelsea stated that she got shirts for the C5 nationals in three weeks time and that we had more than enough time. She stated she would be willing to help.

Jordon wanted to know why we couldn't go back to the dress shirt. It was explained that we do not have a seamstress at this time as well we are almost out of the material and that the cost for the dress shirts would have to go up. The dress shirts were discontinued at the request of the bowlers.

MASTER OF THE YEAR - Robbie Perkins

Robbie reported that nominations had been received in all divisions but only Senior and Teaching Divisions were being awarded.

MASTER OF THE YEAR - SENIORS DIVISION - Kevin Jewell

MASTER OF THE YEAR - TEACHING DIVISION - Jo-Anne Borgford

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all the members we wish to extend our congratulations.

2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Joan Ritchie

The 2018 National Championships will be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario with travel days June 29th and returning July 5th. All travel information will be given to all those who qualify for the teams.

NEW BUSINESS

Following proposal was presented at the Semi-Annual meeting of the Master Bowlers Association of Canada last year.

Master Bowlers Association of BC would like to put forward a proposal/motion for the 2019 Senior National Master Bowlers championship.

The proposal/motion would not only enhance competition at the national championship it would also have lasting benefits for the Masters as a whole.

Adoption of this proposal/motion would:

1. Enhance the competition level of the existing national championship format.
2. Help alleviate issues concerning the wide variation of averages between some of the provinces
3. Help in retaining current senior Master bowlers that are disenchanted with the current format that the national championship is played under.

4. Potential to increase senior membership when it is announced that the national championship format has changed, and that provincial championship format can be altered slightly to accommodate these changes.
5. Will offer aging or tournament masters who want to continue/extend their bowling careers an alternative to bowling in a POA format. As the provinces are slowly finding out a vast majority of tournament Masters no longer competitive usually retire from the Masters instead of bowling under a POA format. Senior Masters was originally formed as a division to give tournament or teaching Masters over the age of 50 a competitive but relaxed division to play in.
6. Will not affect the outcomes of provincial tournaments but will add further incentive at the Provincial Championships and make each provincial team more competitive at the National Championships.
7. Will not add any additional travel costs to the existing National Championships.

MOTION

That each match play game at the National Championships will now award 1 point for a POA win, 1 point for a scratch win, 3 points for a POA total win and 3 points for a Scratch total win. In total each game will be worth 16 points instead of the current 8 point format.

Further Rationale if needed:

This format will allow even the lowest or similar average bowlers a chance to win scratch points if they are playing against a similar averaged bowler, but to address that a further motion could even be added stating team line-ups must have similar average bowlers playing each other. And that wording can be precise as need be. Visiting team submits line-up first.

A high average team could win a majority scratch points per match but that will be offset by the fact that a lower average team will do better on the POA match wins and total and will also obtain Scratch points when similar averaged bowlers are playing each other.

In closing the name "Master Bowlers" should have an impact within the bowling world. The word Master has noun, adjective and verb meanings and all of them state "skilled practitioner, great skill and proficiency and complete knowledge and skill in a particular activity" definitions.

Adopting this MBABC proposal we feel will bring us one step closer to achieving the original intent, concept and vision of the Master Bowlers.

The other members of the national Board were going to take this back to their provinces to get feedback from their bowlers and would report back at Annual meeting.

The follow proposal was presented to the Teaching Division by Michelle Zurch.

I would like to make an amendment to Rule 17 that currently states:

“All national coaches in the Teaching Division must be registered and in good standing as a Teaching Participant for the current year”.

TO:

All national coaches in the Teaching Division must be registered and in good standing as a Master Bowler of BC for the current year, including Tournament, Teaching, Senior and Teach Only (or be willing to register as such).

The reason I would like to see this change is currently there are 8 people on the list that would be eligible. They could potentially all make the National themselves. If we changed the rule we would have 26 people or more to choose from.

MOTION

To change Rule 17 to allow Teaching Division to choose a coach from any division of the Masters providing the bowler is a member in good standing.

Moved by Michelle, seconded by Sharon Redlick, carried

MOTION - Seniors Division

That the Seniors division will continue with the current format with the exception that the team make up will be 3 POA and 2 Scratch bowlers every year. Moved by Paul Kitamura, seconded by Jack Scott, carried

MOTION - Seniors Division

That the 16 games bowled at the Provincials be included in the 40 games bowled and used for establishing average for Provincials. Moved by Russel Hunt, seconded by Kevin Jewell, carried

MOTION - Teaching Division

That the 16 games bowled at the Provincials be included in the 80 games bowled and used to establish average for the Provincials. Moved by Jo-Anne Borgford, seconded by Nigel Borgford, carried

Debbie Ealey asked whether the rule regarding minimum averages in the Tournament Division was still in place. Robbie Perkins stated that a few years back it was suggested that we do away with the minimum averages in the hope that we could get some new bowlers, particularly women and was under the impression that it had been removed from the rules.

As it is still in the rules it is up to the discretion of the Tournament Director whether to abide by them or not. If the Tournament Division wishes to have them removed a motion will need to be put forward at the next AGM.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.