

**BOWLING FEDERATION OF SASKATCHEWAN  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
October 4, 2020  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Executive Members with no voting privileges:

Shirley Bird, President

Rhonda Kurbis, Executive Director

Dennis Brooks, Vice President

Ellen Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer

Delegates with voting privileges:

Andrea Stratychuk, S5PBA

Moe Hvidston, MBAS

Les Wardrop, MBAS

Mary Cunningham, Bowl Sask.

Kyle Harre, Bowl Sask.

Guests: Donna Seiferling by zoom

Leesa Cunningham

Shirley Bird called the meeting to order at 11:08.

Roll Call

1. Reading and Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2020.

**MOTION by Kyle Harre to adopt the Minutes from May 9, 2020 as distributed. Seconded by Les Wardrop. CARRIED**

2. Business arising from the Minutes:

Commit to Kids – didn't get anything set up yet so we still have a credit with the Child Protection Agency.

Strategic Plan – received a year extension to review and revise the Strategic Plan because of covid. Re-schedule for the April Board of Directors meeting. Ellen to send out the current Strategic Plan to the Delegates in February, 2021.

Executive Director's salary – Rhonda left the room. The Delegates decided that, because of the current pandemic and financial situation, her salary will remain the same until April, 2021 when it will be reviewed again.

3. First Call for Nominations – President – 2 year term  
Moe Hvidston nominated Shirley Bird, seconded by Kyle Harre.

4. **Reports:**

**Federation President, Shirley Bird** – verbal report

Interesting working with everyone for the past couple of years and if anybody else wants the job of President, I have no problem with that.

**Federation Executive Director, Rhonda Kurbis**

It has been a trying time for everyone involved in our sport. That being said, our sport is taking place with guidelines set forth by the Government of Saskatchewan as well as Bowl Canada's re-open strategies. Meetings with Sask Sport have been ongoing since Covid-19 literally shut everything down and these meetings continue. The Business Response Team (BRT) is the arm of the Provincial Government overseeing Re-Open plans under the Ministry of Immigration and Career Planning. This is a change from the previous Ministry of Trade and Export, thus we are communicating with new personnel. The information from the BRT has been conflicting, confusing and by no means consistent. Lobbying the Ministry as well as the BRT finally saw our Bowling Centre's doors open in July.

The Health Ministry, BRT, Sask Sport and the Provincial Sport Organizations held two meetings via zoom. The information communicated from the meetings was emailed to all pertinent individuals of the respective Member Organizations.

- Leverage the Mini-League System as much as possible which allows up to 50 participants at one time including coaches, officials & participants. Facility size is a factor in determining participation numbers. Only 30 participants are allowed in the competition area at one time.

- Rural areas/communities will be allowed to form mini leagues with surrounding communities & participants but cannot add more communities after the mini league has been set.

- An athlete cannot participate in more than one mini league in a particular sport but can participate in a mini league in another sport. However, if a participant chooses, they can quarantine for 14 days and then participate in a different mini league in the same sport.

- Coaches that work in more than one mini league must wear a medical mask.

- Training can be done inter-provincially but is very deliberate as to what that pertains to and must be approved by the BRT & Ministry of Health.

- Question was raised why some businesses are allowed to do one thing and others are not as in the case of restaurants. Reason given, it is presumed you are dining out with your social bubble of persons and are socially distanced from others in the restaurant. Depending on the type of sport/recreational activity and the size of the facility, social distancing must be adhered to and masks worn if social distancing is not possible.
- Conflicting and inconsistency of information from the BRT: They stated it was the way questions were posed and when a conflict or inconsistent response is given, they are doing their best to clarify and correct responses.
- Updated guidelines will be forthcoming in early October.

The last Sask Sport Meeting was held September 30<sup>th</sup> and some items communicated and discussed were:

- Sport facilities are recognized as “business” but sport is not. We need to change that perception with the Provincial Government as we collectively account for over one billion in revenue and employ over 23,000 people. Further to this I would like to have an economic impact study conducted for our sport. This would assist us in soliciting sponsorship and promote how beneficial economically the sport of bowling is to the Province of Saskatchewan. I will research the feasibility of having an economic impact study conducted.
- The PSO’s asked Sask Sport to advocate on our behalf to recognize sport as a business. We require assistance to operate and restrictions placed on our sports are completely unfair.
- At this time, Saskatchewan is the only province not allowing inter-provincial competitions other than the Atlantic Provinces bubble.

I will work with the Member Organizations to implement all that is necessary to ensure safety protocols are met and adhered to and that we follow the Government of Saskatchewan’s Covid-19 guidelines. I want to commend Bowl Sask for all they have done to adapt their programs and services to the re-open guidelines.

Sask Sport has been asked to participate in the “Stop the Violence” campaign which is focused on gender based and interpersonal violence. Stop the Violence week is November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Canadian Tire’s Jumpstart program has quite a bit of funding available. You can access their financial assistance programs on their web site: [www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca](http://www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca)

**Police Checks:** Please ensure you have the person’s birth name when inquiring about police checks. Also did anyone get married/divorced and potentially change their last name.

**Map Grants:** Due to the uncertainty of the future, I will accept Map Grant Applications, however, I will not be able to allocate any funding until the project has been completed. Map Grant deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Allocation amounts and guidelines will be posted on the saskbowl web site in October.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Federation Executive for assisting me and to the Executives of the Member Organizations for implementing and working through the challenges we face to allow safe participation in our sport. And to Les, I appreciate all you have done for our sport and for me. I will still be calling you for advice and to give you hell once in a while. Thank you for your dedication to our sport.

Member Organizations Reports:

**Kyle Harre, Bowl Sask.**

Since this Federation meeting is a couple of weeks separated from the Association meetings, I hope that you've had time to forget what we reported then.

Thank you to the Executive for working out the details allowing the Member Organizations to continue to hold in person meetings during this time of COVID-19. I will be the first to admit that of the recent meetings, BOWL SASK did the poorest job of maintaining physical distancing. I could list a number of excuses why that happened, but in the end, they would be just that. EXCUSES. This will not happen again.

Thank you to Rhonda for continuing to attend the meetings with the Health Authorities and Business Response Team, advocating bowling's position and reporting to the members of the Federation. I will continue to "not shoot the messenger".

Bowl Sask continues to work on, or more accurately "not get started" on a Child Advocate Policy. This past year COVID has been the "squirrel" distracting us. If any of the other members have something in place that we could adapt, or have a starting place for us to develop our own, it would greatly be appreciated.

We are still looking at what options we have to run our tournaments from last season. Most probable are the events that are POA, and can be run in their own house or league with online submitting of results from the proprietor.

A few weeks ago I was contacted by a reporter from CJME radio station asking about how COVID has affected bowling and what we are doing to maintain a safe environment for customers. It was aired Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup> on the Greg Morgan morning show. Greg did a voice over of the reporter's questions and they inserted my answers to make it sound like I was in the studio with him. I haven't figure out how to get a direct link to it

at the time of my writing this report, but cjme.com, morning show, last hour of the Sept 29<sup>th</sup> show around the 10 min 30 sec part is where he starts talking about bowling.

In my most recent reports to the associations, I mentioned that Bowl Canada was no longer a member of the BFC. Recently the BFC held their AGM. We have received an update from Bowl Canada and that door is not closed. There are still many details up in the air as all parties are working on what needs to happen moving forward. Bowl Canada Vice President, Ray Brittain did not seek re-election as President of BFC despite encouragement from the other members. He did accept the position of Vice President. C-5 President Annette Bruneau is now the BFC President and CTF President, Dave Kist, is Treasurer.

I look forward to continuing the great working relationship that Bowl Sask has with all partners in the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan.

### **Les Wardrop, MBAS**

Since our Nationals were canceled, there is not a lot to report since our April meeting.

We held our combination SAGM and AGM on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at which time, due to ongoing health issues, I chose not to seek another term as Masters President. Although there were nominations to fill that position, none of the nominated members chose to let their name stand. Therefore, following our Constitution/Bylaws guidelines, our Vice-President, Donna Seiferling, will assume the role of Interim President until our next SAGM, hopefully in March, 2021. We had five other elections as well at that meeting for zone reps, and the incumbent representatives were all re-elected.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the 2019-20 Audited Financial Statement is not available to be approved; a motion was made and carried at our AGM that once the draft is received from the auditor and reviewed by the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan, the draft will then be approved by the MBAS Executive by an email vote. The MBAS will be appointing a new auditor for the 2020-2021 fiscal year at our SAGM.

We are continuing to plan for the upcoming season, but with so many unknowns, it is a difficult task. Our plans are to proceed as normal with contingency plans set in place if we are not able to follow our original timeline.

We have not held any coaching clinics during these uncertain times, but we are in consultation with the C5, preparing a scenario so we can institute an online format. Three of our facilitators are registered to begin their training to deliver these on-line courses as well, to a limited extent, continue with in person courses. The C5 has tightened up their timelines for Intro to Competition trainees to complete their certification process, from 5 years to 3 years, with C5 covering the cost of the evaluation. If the evaluation is not

completed after the 3 years, the cost will be paid by the coach. At this time, any coach who is past their 3 years will have until June 30, 2021 to get their evaluation completed with C5 covering the costs.

I must thank Rhonda for convincing the Sask. Sport people to allow us to manipulate the acceptable guidelines as to where money can be spent, and not lose our funding.

Our instituting of the online and e-transfer system for our entries and membership has worked out very well for the Executive and our members but has created chaos for our Treasurer, something we will need to remedy this season.

We are planning for Nationals in Edmonton this coming year, but with so much uncertainty, that is still not a for sure possibility. The Maritimes were accepted to the Masters fold with the hopes they would send at least a partial contingent to Edmonton, but they have hit roadblocks of their own and will not be joining us until at least the 2023 Nationals, which are now slated for NFLD.

We are entering this season financially sound, in a large part because of not spending \$30,000 to send a contingent to NFLD, and the Federation not withdrawing our funding because of that.

For some unknown reason, the Masters have deemed it fitting to present me with a LIFE MEMBERSHIP to the MBAS. I was caught off guard accepting this honor at our AGM, and rendered speechless, a rarity as you know.

In closing, I would like to especially thank, Rhonda, Shirley and Ellen as well as the Federation and all the Member Organizations and their personnel for the acceptance of me personally and the outstanding working relationship we have had over the years.

### **Shona Stapleton, S5PBA**

Good morning to you all, welcome to our new normal for this year at least (who knows for how long). Most of the bowling centres have a plan for safe opening and also for safe playing in leagues. This year is definitely going to be one for the books, so we all must adapt if we wish to continue our sport or any sport for that matter.

Dennis and I attended the C5PBA AGM through a “GoTo Meeting” on August 29<sup>th</sup>, again another new normal for the time being.

### **CTF/C5 Merger**

The biggest discussion, besides the new protocols, pertained to the C5PBA and CTF merger. At this time it is still in the discussion phase. The merger is on the table due to Sport Canada funding which will no longer fund those affiliates that are under the

umbrella. C5PBA is under the umbrella of the CTF. The discussion is around how all programs can work together and still be able to offer the same services/competitions as in the past for all ages of bowlers.

A joint LF in Calgary with the CTF is being planned; further information will be sent out as received.

### **Coaching**

For those who have done their Intro to Comp coaching clinic and have a deadline coming up to get the evaluation done, the deadline has been extended to June 30, 2021. People who have not yet taken the Intro to Comp training need to have RIS or Safe Sport before they take the course (which is not an issue for Saskatchewan because RIS is needed to complete our Community Coaching). C5PBA is covering the \$50 cost to have the evaluations done to complete the Intro to Comp but that must be done within the three-year deadline or the participant will have to cover that fee themselves.

### **2020 Youth Challenge**

C5PBA held off as long as possible to cancel this year's Youth Challenge; it was a hard decision but one that had to be made. A petition out of Alberta was brought to our attention at the AGM; the petition was to allow the senior bowlers that are in their last year as YBC bowlers to bowl in the 2021 youth challenge for this year only. This was shot down; every year we will have seniors that will be bowling in their last year as a YBC bowler. They would lose that opportunity as well.

The C5 has decided that, for the YBC senior bowlers, they will give each of the ones aging out a \$200 scholarship; and each bowler that won their qualifying in the province they are from would also receive a souvenir from the C5.

For the 2021 Youth Challenge there are still concerns regarding rooming and flights, the cost could go up significantly; we will likely not be able to room the teams together anymore. This is again dependent on the restrictions that we currently have.

The 2021 Youth Challenge will be held in Manitoba (Winnipeg?)

- Hotel is the Canad Inn - \$129 plus taxes
- Banquet, breakfasts will be at the hotel
- Lunches at the bowling centres.

### **2021 Open**

- To be held in Newfoundland
- Lineage is \$5.75
- Bowling centre is the Plaza Bowl  
36 lanes; we can use other centres if necessary for social distancing

- Firming up hotel details.

### **CAC - Online Learning**

- An online Sports Manual is being developed (this will be free of charge)
- Commit to Kids
- RIS
- CAC Course

### **Comp Intro**

- On line course free “Making Headway” – must take
- Online MED is part of the evaluation – must take

Looking at a blended learning system:

- 3 home study sessions
  - o References manual
  - o Practice plans
  - o Video of coaching individuals
- Breakout sessions to interact with other coaches

Developers Trainers – online

- 4-hour course

LTAD

- Updating program from 2010
- More info will be sent out

Instructor – Master Coach Developers

- An invitation to the provinces is coming later

Congratulations to Les Wardrop on receiving his Life Membership with the Masters Association. It has been a pleasure working with you; and thank you for all you have done for the sport of 5 pin bowling.

Committees:

### **Exceptional Needs:**

Committee will decide what will need to be done, probably have a conference call to determine next moves. If anyone knows of any rural centres that need assistance, please let Rhonda know. If a rural centre needs assistance, only 1 or 2 people will be allowed to travel and masks will need to be worn.



Mary wonders if Kindersley needs some assistance because the proprietor doesn't understand English very well and probably doesn't understand the system either...is there anything we can do to help. Dennis will look into it.

5. Second Call for Nominations – none

6. Old Business:

7. New Business

a) Audited Financial Statement

Rhonda has not received the MBAS or the Sask. 5 audits. This delays the Federation audit because the Federation audit cannot be started until all the Member Organizations audits have been received and reviewed. This seems to be a problem every year.

All Member Organizations have to have their audits done for their AGMs in September. We realize that there are sometimes extenuating circumstances beyond anyone's control which can delay the audits. In order to alleviate this problem, it was decided that the Federation AGM would be moved to the middle of October each year.

Once the Federation audit has been completed, it will be sent out to the Delegates by email for reviewing and voting to adopt.

**MOTION by Kyle Harre to accept/adopt the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan's 2019/2020 audited financial statement. Seconded by Moe Hvidston. CARRIED**

b) Expenditures over operating budget

**MOTION by Les Wardrop to approve all overages in expenditures over operating budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Seconded by Andrea Stratychuk. CARRIED**

c) Ratification of business

**MOTION by Moe Hvidston to ratify all business and transactions conducted by the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan Executive and Board of Directors for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Seconded by Kyle Harre. CARRIED**

d) Appointment of Auditor

**MOTION by Andrea Stratyckuk to appoint the accounting firm of Priority Accounting Services as the auditor for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. Seconded by Les Wardrop. CARRIED**

e) Executive Honorariums

**MOTION by Kyle Harre that the Federation pay the following honorariums to the following Federation Executive members for the 2020/2021 fiscal year: President - \$400, Secretary-Treasurer - \$400 and Vice President - \$200. Seconded by Andrea Stratyckuk. CARRIED.**

Other new business:

Bylaw Amendments – all of the proposed Bylaw amendments were reviewed and discussed.

**MOTION by Kyle Harre to accept the Bylaws as amended. Seconded by Mary Cunningham. CARRIED**

The amended Bylaws will be posted on the website.

Tom Paterson is running bowling schools around Sask. for kids and adults and is following all covid protocols to ensure everyone is safe.

Lengthy discussion on bowling tournaments re pandemic guidelines and interpretation of guidelines.

8. Third call for nominations. No further nominations.

**MOTION by Les Wardrop to move nominations cease. Seconded by Andrea Straychuk. CARRIED**

Shirley Bird will remain as the President.

9. Next meeting date will be April 25, 2021 in Saskatoon. Meeting location and time TBA.

10. Adjournment 1:08 pm.