

BOWLING FEDERATION OF SASKATCHEWAN
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
October 15, 2023
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Executive Members with no voting privileges:

Shirley Bird, President

Dennis Brooks, Vice President

Rhonda Kurbis, Executive Director

Ellen Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer

Delegates with voting privileges:

Leesa Cunningham, S5PBA

Jan Cunningham, Bowl Sask.

Donna Seiferling, MBAS

Moe Hvidston, MBAS

Bev Manwaring, Bowl Sask.

Roger Bradley, S5PBA

Guest: Mary Cunningham

Shirley Bird called the meeting to order at 11:00.

Scott Jule, Manager of the Sport Medicine and Science Council of Saskatchewan, gave a presentation by cell phone of their programs and services. Board discussion and suggestions. Board will discuss further with their respective organizations and decide by November 30th whether they will proceed with any of these programs.

Roll Call

1. Reading and Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2023.

MOTION by Leesa Cunningham to adopt the Minutes from April 30, 2023. Seconded by Donna Seiferling. **CARRIED**

Any errors or omissions – none.

2. Business arising from the Minutes:
Winter games 2026 - Rhonda will address this in her report

Facebook – Member Organizations posts on Facebook are for information purposes only. Not allowing comments to those posts will prevent negative comments and bullying. If anyone has any concerns or questions they should contact the relevant people.

3. First Call for Nominations – Vice President – 2 year term
Donna Seiferling nominated Dennis Brooks, seconded by Leesa Cunningham.

4. Reports:

a) Federation President, Shirley Bird – no report

b) Federation Executive Director, Rhonda Kurbis

Sask Lotteries funding:

All grant funding is a benefit of affiliation with Sask Sport Inc. and its funding agency Sask Lotteries. Knowledge and recognition of Sask Lotteries is mandatory for grant recipients. Should you require graphics, posters, etc. please contact me and I will forward them to you.

Winter Games: I submitted the application for inclusion in the 2026 Saskatchewan Winter Games and we have been approved to participate. I asked Derek Hlewka if he would accept the position of Technical Liaison and he has accepted. Will be working with him on possible changes to the technical package. There was some excellent discussion and ideas that came out of the Bowl Sask meeting so looking at incorporating some of them. We will have to increase our participation in all districts to ensure we are included in future games.

Volunteering with Youth: It is mandatory for all persons volunteering with youth in any capacity to have a vulnerable sector police check and a Reporting of Criminal Charges form, both of these submitted to the Federation office and they must also have completed the Respect in Sport. This is in accordance with Sask Sport guidelines. Should any of your volunteers not have all three of the above, they are to be removed immediately. This constitutes non-compliance of Sask Sport guidelines and deems you ineligible for grant funding and you are not covered by the Federation insurance policy and you are vulnerable to litigation. You are also putting your organization at risk as well as the Federation.

Bowl Canada has implemented a rule that police checks nationally be conducted every two years. The reasoning is due to some provinces not having a volunteer screening policy. I sent Bev Manwaring a letter for presentation to Bowl Canada requesting that our Province be exempt from this rule as we have an excellent volunteer screening policy in place and our police checks are required every five years.

Safe Sport: Sask Sport Inc. delayed the adoption of the Safe Sport Policy. There are amendments required and the policy will be presented to their respective Board of Directors November 24th. Sask Sport will send the policy to us once they have adopted it. Once received, we will have to review it and make any necessary changes to the policy. Once completed, the policy will be sent out to you and we will adopt it at that time. Sask Sport has a deadline of January 31st for us to adopt the Safe Sport policy.

Exceptional Needs: There is grant funding available for rural communities for programs and services. Should any of you want to apply please contact me.

Tracy Anseth applied and received an Indigenous Sport Development grant in the amount of \$500.00.

Member Organizations elections and new Executive/Board Members should be communicated to the Federation and partner Member Organizations asap after the respective meeting. Minutes should be completed and emailed two weeks after the respective meeting.

I would like to thank all of you who volunteer at all levels of our sport. Thank you for your contributions.

Member Organizations Reports:

c) Bowl Sask., Bev Manwaring – will email

It is good to see all of you and cannot believe we are back here meeting so soon! The season of leagues and tournaments is now upon us and as we welcome new and past bowlers back, our routines will start all over again.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Bowl Canada meetings this past June in Toronto. While we were busy with meetings, we were also fortunate enough to take in a Blue Jays game and visit Niagara Falls. It was a quick week and I met a lot of delegates from across the country.

Over the past few weeks our Executive has met to discuss a few concerns. One of the concerns is the Provincial lineage that was decided at the Semi-Annual meeting in June. It was decided that going forward our Proprietors will be charging an hourly rate of \$30.00/lane/hour. This change is due to our changing industry moving forward. We hope that with this change we can work together with our fellow associations to move forward.

There has been a couple of changes to our Executive since we last met. One being that Mary Cunningham has since retired as Treasurer and Jessica Baer stepped in to help, however, Jessica has decided to step away from the position due to professional and personal changes in her situation. We wish her nothing but the best! We have since appointed our newest Treasurer, Jan Cunningham, who is with us here today. Jan brings with her a wealth of knowledge and we are excited to be working with her.

At our Annual General Meeting a few weeks ago in Regina, Rhonda provided us with the good news that we once again have the Saskatchewan Winter Games for our kids. Thank you again Rhonda for all the work and look forward to working with you to make the next Winter Games the best ever!

In closing, I would like to say, once again, that if anyone ever has any questions or concerns, I am only a phone call away. If I do not know the answers, I will do my best to find out!

d) MBAS, Donna Seiferling

The MBAS contingent attended the 2023 MBAC Nationals in St. John's, Newfoundland from June 29th to July 3rd. The lanes were a little tough at a few of the houses but our teams and singles persevered and our very own Josie Brooks brought home the Tournament Womens Singles Gold; she fought back from a slow start and kept fighting to the last ball in the 3rd game of the Gold Medal match. Sherri Duggan, our Teaching Ladies Single, brought home the Bronze. Congratulations Ladies.

Our first 2 qualifying tournaments will be held the 3rd weekend in November in Regina and the last 2 qualifying tournaments will be held the 3rd weekend in March/24; location TBD. The 2023-2024 MBAC Nationals will be in Winnipeg, Manitoba – June 30 – July 4th/24. We are scheduled to host the MBAC Nationals in 2027.

The structure of lane fees effective for the 2023-2024 season has changed; at this point and after some calculations, we feel there will be substantial financial increases to run our first two MBAS qualifying

tournaments and the Master/YBC Tournaments. Example: On our Teaching/Senior side for one tournament day, 6 hours for 8 games; practice time, 2 buffer lanes and announcement/presentation time, the increase is \$35.00 per bowler vs old fee structure. To combat the increase we increased lineage fees for each bowler per tournament day by \$12.00 and dropped our prize money payouts; this leaves subsidizing \$15.50 per bowler per tournament day. If we do not have buffer lanes the increase is \$27.00 per bowler per tournament day and that leaves us subsidizing \$7.50 per bowler per tournament day. We will do an actual assessment after our 1st Tournament weekend; fingers crossed we are wrong. Is any other Association concerned or feeling the same? Is this a common fee structure across the country? Presently, our Associations in Saskatchewan are competing for Saskatchewan bowlers' monies for entries/memberships to our tournaments. We are concerned that this will have an impact on our membership and tournament entries going forward. I am already not sleeping concerning what lane fees will be when it is our turn to host MBAC Nationals in 2027. Just to be clear, we do not begrudge our Proprietors to be able to make money because if they do not, where will we bowl; it just may be a bigger jump than we can all manage long term.

In 2022-2023 our Active Athlete Membership reached 100. Our 2023-2024 Membership and 1st Tournament Weekend links are now live.

I am happy to report that the MBAS Audit of Financial Statements for the 2022/2023 season was completed on time and will be made available on our website. The MBAS presently is in a good financial position.

In the last fiscal year, the MBAS hosted 8 Coaching Clinics; 6 of which were Community Coach and 2 that were Introduction to Competition - as well we evaluated 11 Trained CC to move them to CCC. To start off this fiscal year, Jeremy Wetsch led a Community Coach Clinic in Lloydminster on September 10th. We still have plenty of interest in our Expression of Interest database and have scheduled a Community Coach Clinic in Biggar at the end of October and an Introduction to Competition Course in Yorkton the November 10-12 weekend; with more courses/clinics to be scheduled soon. There are 530 coaches with their RIS; 383 Community Coaches; 41 Trained Competitive Coaches and 107 Certified Competition Coaches.

Because the MBAS is the Teaching Arm of the Federation as well, we run a Master/YBC tournament. We have made the decision that those on our Executive/Officers Board and those participating in our tournaments will require their RIS Certification. It was a surprise that 5 of our Executive/Officers Board did not have their RIS Certification. We recommend that all Associations follow suit with their Executive/Officers Board as well as anyone that is working with youth like YBC Coordinators etc.

Posting on social media, especially our Facebook group is a terrific way to get word out and update our Association Members on anything that is happening, tournaments, rule changes etc. If anyone has concerns, the right avenue would be to directly contact someone on the Board or attend a meeting but that was not the case, someone would bring something up online and then there would be a pile on; before you know it, it turned into bullying and disrespect. A year ago, the MBAS made the decision when posting on our Facebook Page we would turn off the ability for anyone to comment and for anyone to start a thread they would need approval from our Admin people. It was the right decision. In the case of anyone wanting to post, we were able to help them with their concerns without posting and for anyone who had concerns about what our Association was posting, they contacted our Association to discuss. Our hope is that our fellow Associations would also adopt this rule; I was dismayed to see the posts/comments thread that followed when Sask 5 posted their new Executive.

As always, I want to thank you, Rhonda, for all your help concerning our Associations and am thankful for our Associations' good working relationships.

Following Donna's report there was a discussion of the new lineage fee structure.

e) S5PBA, Dennis Brooks

No written report. Dennis advised that the Sask 5 Tournament Directors are Shirley Bird and Roger Bradley. The 1st Vice President is now Leesa Cuningham and the 2nd Vice President is now Shirley Bird.

Since he is new to the position he has not had a chance yet to meet with the Executive with respect to the new lineage costs.

5. Committees:
Exceptional Needs: nothing to report

6. Second Call for Nominations – none

7. New Business

a) Audited Financial Statement

The Audited Financial Statement was received on October 10, 2023 and sent out to the Delegates by email for review. Rhonda had some comments. Discussion.

MOTION by Moe Hvidston to accept/adopt the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan's 2022/2023 Audited Financial Statement as presented. Seconded by Bev Manwaring. CARRIED

b) Expenditures over operating budget

MOTION by Donna Seiferling to approve all overages in expenditures over operating budget for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Seconded by Leesa Cunningham. CARRIED

c) Ratification of business

MOTION by Roger Bradley to ratify all business and transactions conducted by the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan Executive and Board of Directors for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Seconded by Donna Seiferling. CARRIED

d) Appointment of Auditor

MOTION by Moe Hvidston to appoint the accounting firm of Priority Accounting Services as the auditor for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Seconded by Jan Cunningham. CARRIED

e) Executive Honorariums

MOTION by Roger Bradley that the Federation pay the following honorariums to the following Federation Executive members for the 2023/2024 fiscal year: President - \$400, Secretary-Treasurer - \$400 and Vice President - \$200. Seconded by Donna Seiferling. CARRIED.

8. Third call for nominations. No further nominations.

MOTION by Leesa Cunningham to move nominations cease. Seconded by Roger Bradley. CARRIED

Dennis Brooks has agreed to let his name stand and therefore, Dennis Brooks will remain as the Vice President for another two year term.

9. Other Business:

Safe Sport was addressed in Rhonda's report.

In camera session – Mary Cunningham left the room.

Motion by Roger Bradley to allow Sask 10 Pin to be re-instated as a Member Organization of the Federation. Seconded by Jan Cunningham. Discussion. DEFEATED.

Leesa made a request for sponsorship monies for the Bob Pedde provincial Special O tournament. This tournament would not be eligible for Exceptional Needs funding from the Federation, however, it may be eligible under the Indigenous grant funding. After discussion, it was decided it was not a viable option and would not be pursued further.

10. Next meeting will be April 28, 2024 in Saskatoon. Location tbd.

11. Adjournment 2:20 pm.