



**MBAS**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**September 23, 2023**  
**Mosaic Stadium Boardroom - Regina**

Name	Position	Attended	Absent
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>			
Donna Seiferling	President/ Team Manager/Technical Director	√	
Ellen Griffin	Vice President/Controller	√	
Moe Hvidston	Treasurer	√	
Karin Kirkland	Secretary/Clinic Coordinator	√	
<b>OFFICERS</b>			
Jo-Ann Paxman	Membership Coordinator	√	
Gord Worona	Fundraising Coordinator		x
Dianne Smutt	Master/YBC Coordinator	√	
Leesa Cunningham	Tournament Director/Statistician	√	
Shelley Bedry	Teaching Division Rep		x
Sheldon Kraus	Senior Division Rep.	√	
Cora-Lee White-Furi	Tournament Division Rep./Zone #8 Rep		x
<b>ZONE REPRESENTATIVES</b>			
Garth Bauer	Zone #1 Rep	√	
Don Hedin	Zone #2 Rep		x
Joyce Kostiuk	Zone #3 Rep		x
Diane Syrota	Zone #4 Rep	√	
Brian Andersen	Zone #5 Rep	√	
Roger Bradley	Zone #6 Rep		x
Kenton Remenda	Zone #7 Rep		x
<b>GUESTS</b>			
Rhonda Kurbis	Bowling Federation	√	
Bev Manwaring	Bowl Sask		x
<b>OTHER MASTERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>			
Jennifer Olson	Marilyn Miller	Jason Raschke	√
Melissa Raschke	Shirley Bird	Krystin Kwasnitza	

1. Meeting called to order by Donna at 2:06 PM.
2. Roll Call- Sign in sheet signed by all members and guests present.
3. Minutes from Semi- Annual General Meeting – March 18, 2023

4. Errors/Omissions - None

5. Adoption of Minutes

- **MOTION** by Diane Syrota to adopt the Minutes from SAGM March 18, 2023,  
Seconded by Garth Bauer **CARRIED**

6. Business arising from the Minutes - none

7. Reports

- **President** –Donna Seiferling

Our friend and fellow Master, David Lamarsh, passed away this summer. He was part of the Masters community for a long time and our Master's family is heartbroken. Our condolences to Dave's family and may he rest in peace.

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 some of the houses, but our teams and Singles persevered, and our very own Josie Brooks brought home the Tournament Women's 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 1st qualifying tournament will be held the 3rd weekend in November in Regina and 2nd qualifying weekend TBD the 3rd weekend in March. 2023-2024 MBAC Nationals are being hosted in Winnipeg, Manitoba; more information about the Nationals will be part of the Team Manager's report.

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

We held 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 in the last fiscal year. To start off this fiscal year, Jeremy led a Community Coach Clinic in Lloydminster on September 10th. We still have plenty of Interest in our Expression of Interest database and will be scheduling more clinics/courses in the coming weeks. It is National Coaches Week, and I would like to wish all our coaches "Happy Coaches Week;" behind every great athlete is an even greater coach!

Our Bowl Sask friends are deciding at their meeting tomorrow what the structure of the lane fees will be for the 2023-2024 season. Depending on their decision, there may be substantial financial increases to run our two MBAS Qualifying and Master/YBC tournaments. Our Tournament Director, Leesa, will present today the 2 scenarios that could come out of their meeting and our proposed Tournament Fee Structure for each. As well, MBAS is going to resurrect the Grey Cup/Super Bowl ticket fundraiser and we have some changes regarding the Elimination Ticket draws/fundraisers for the upcoming year which Leesa will also address.

We have several items to discuss today so I will sign off but not before saying Thank You to all the knowledgeable, hardworking Executive and Officers of the MBAS. As always, I want to thank you, Rhonda, for all your help with the grants and financial piece of the MBAS and as well for booking our AGM meeting room.

- **Vice-President** – Ellen Griffin

My report is short and sweet.

I am pleased to report that the website and e-transfer system is working great, no issues.

We will probably be tweaking the Membership form and the tournament entry forms for the upcoming year if any changes are required. Watch the website for those.

- **Treasurer** – Moe Hvidston

TO ALL EXECUTIVE and MBAS MEMBERS:

Congratulations to the 2023 Saskatchewan Contingent attending the MBAC Nationals in St. John's, Newfoundland and to Josie Brooks and Sherri Duggan for their medals in the Singles competitions. Getting to participate at Nationals in Newfoundland is always an exciting experience.

We are presenting the following (3) three items at this meeting for your approval:

- 2023-2024 Proposed Budget
- 2023-2024 Honorariums
- 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statement

We will also have a few other housekeeping items to deal with, which include motions to pass the following:

- Ratification of all business conducted in 2022-2023
- Approval of all Overages and Expenditures for 2022-2023
- Appointment of Auditors for the 2023-2024 fiscal year

With respect to last fiscal year:

- As always, we are extremely grateful to Rhonda Kurbis for her assistance this past year – in her position as Executive Director of the Bowling Federation she has always proven to be committed to ensuring that all the possible funding available is received. Thank you.
- I would like to express appreciation to Ellen Griffin and Donna Seiferling for their contributions this past year.
  - Ellen did an excellent job of handling the in-coming and out-going e-transfers, a monstrous task in itself.

- Donna did an excellent job getting everyone to and from Newfoundland which I am sure contributed to her gaining a few more grey hairs.

For the record, our 450 Pot will start out at approximately **\$23,860.03** plus all monies collected at the first tournament weekend.

Remember – Take Care and stay healthy.

The following motions were made concerning the finances of the organization:

**a) MOTION** by Moe Hvidston that the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statement be approved as presented by the MBAS. Seconded by: Sheldon Kraus  
**CARRIED**

**b) MOTION** by Moe Hvidston to ratify all business and transactions conducted by the MBAS Executive and Board of Directors in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Seconded by: Leesa Cunningham  
**CARRIED**

**c) MOTION** by Moe Hvidston to approve all overages and expenditures over the operating budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Seconded by: Marilyn Millar  
**CARRIED**

**d) MOTION** by Moe Hvidston to accept the 2023-2024 Profit & Loss Budget as presented. Seconded by: Marilyn Millar  
**CARRIED**

**e) MOTION** by Moe Hvidston that the firm of Jensen, Stromberg be appointed as the auditor for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Seconded by: Jo-Ann Paxman  
**CARRIED**

**f) MOTION** by Moe Hvidston to accept the 2023-2024 Honorariums as amended. Seconded by: Sheldon Kraus  
**CARRIED**

- **Bowl Sask. Report-** Bev Manwaring

Good Morning Everyone!

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 and hope to have everything worked out this weekend. One of the concerns is the Provincial Lineage that was decided at the Semi-Annual meeting at the end of May, 2023. We hope that we can come to a decision that can reflect our ever-changing industry all while helping our fellow associations. Your organization will

be notified of any changes to the Provincial Lineage for the 2023-2024 Season soon after the Bowl Sask AGM on Sunday September 24, 2023.

We are also wanting to let you all know that Jessica Baer has decided to step away from the Finance Position due to professional and personal changes in her life. We wish her nothing but the best! Our meeting is the last of the associations' meetings this weekend and we will be following the proper steps to welcome our new person to our organization first before we announce to the other associations.

We, the Bowl Sask proprietors look forward to working with your organization and your events throughout this upcoming season.

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!

- **Bowling Federation-** Rhonda Kurbis

Thank you for inviting me to attend your meeting.

First, it is National Coaches week, and I would like to thank all of you who coach, facilitate & mentor our coaches for the betterment of our sport.

**Federation:**

We held our meeting April 30<sup>th</sup>. Annual funding was allocated for the 24/25 fiscal year and Map grant funding was allocated for this fiscal year 23/24.

Map grant applications and Follow Up reports' deadlines have been changed to October 15<sup>th</sup> for applications and Follow Up Reports due April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Grant funding is a benefit of affiliation with Sask Sport Inc. and its funding agency Sask Lotteries. Please promote the benefits you receive and purchase tickets. 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.**

The Federation will be holding our AGM October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Winter Games:** I submitted the application for inclusion in the 2026 Saskatchewan Winter Games and we have been approved to participate. We will have to increase our participation in all districts to ensure we are included in future games.

**Safe Sport:** Sask Sport Inc. has adopted Safe Sport and the Federation will be adopting it at our AGM. Once the policy has been adopted it will be posted on the website. This is an extensive policy and I encourage all of you to read it as it pertains to Abuse free Sport, Volunteer Screening and dispute resolution.

**Exceptional Needs:** There is grant funding available for rural communities for programs and services. Should any of you want to apply, please contact me. I have one application thus far this year.

Thank you to Donna, Ellen, Leesa & Moe for all your hard work in ensuring your organization is accountable and providing essential programs and services for your membership and thank you to all of you who volunteer. Our sport is better because of you.

- **Tournament Director** – Leesa Cunningham

Saturday November 18th

1 PM - Nortown - Teaching/Senior (12 lanes minimum)

1 PM - Bolorama - Tournament Division (all 10 lanes)

Sunday November 19th

9 AM - Glencairn – Teaching/Seniors (12 lanes minimum)

9 AM - Golden Mile - Tournament Division (12 lanes possibly)

One change that was decided upon is that as of this season the 4<sup>th</sup> tournament will no longer be free entry. There will be changes coming down the pipeline from Bowl Sask regarding lineage, so we are attempting to build our finances to try and adjust to these.

The changes from Bowl Sask are currently up in the air as they are proposing an adjustment to what they voted on in June. If they decide to table the decided upon increase, the Master's fees will remain the same as last year (aside from the 4<sup>th</sup>).

If they choose to keep the same amount or close to it, there will be some major changes. At this moment lineage is going from \$5.75 (plus taxes) per game to \$40 per lane per hour. Based on this and the time our group usually takes to finish a game, this translates into approximately \$10 per game per person. If this occurs, we have decided to remove the \$1800 of prize money paid out at each weekend so that the entry/lineage increase isn't as much for the bowlers as the Masters would then subsidize, making it \$120 (\$240 per weekend) per day instead of \$135 (\$270 per weekend). This will be for the first weekend; an increase may be necessary for the second weekend as the bank for the next hosting is currently needing some help. Due to the time allotted being a guess/estimate we will have to reassess after the first weekend, if these numbers make sense.

Elimination and Grey Cup tickets are being done this season, both being licensed events. November will see the Elimination draw, however, there will not be one for the contingent members as all monies were paid out directly to the sellers (who do not qualify under SLGA licensing) and it ended up being at a cost to the organization. Also, it was difficult to fairly distribute the elimination tickets to the contingent members, with some contingent members receiving the ability to cover more of their assessment than others.

- **Master/YBC** –Dianne Smutt – No report.

Master /YBC Provincials will be held on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

- **Technical Director Report**- Donna Seiferling

**Update on #'s**

We have a total of 735 Coaches with 530 with RIS.

586 Community Coaches – 383 with RIS; 42 Trained Competitive Coaches – 41 with RIS and 107 Certified Competition Coaches – 106 with RIS. 72% of our Coaches have RIS; it was a good idea to have our Community Coach Clinic participants take the RIS course prior to attending the Clinic. To compare the 72% with RIS in 2023, 2019 it was 56% and 2021 61%. I am assuming that most of the 205 coaches that do not have RIS are not actively coaching. I will be sending out an updated Zone Coaching list to our Zone Reps shortly and I ask that you take a good look at the list letting me know about any coaches that have moved, died, no longer will be coaching for one reason or another.

**Website:**

As mentioned before, check out the website at [www.saskbowl.com](http://www.saskbowl.com) under the Coaching Tab regarding info on becoming a coach; how to let us know if you are interested in becoming a coach and courses and clinics that are available to take.

**Evaluations:**

Evaluators across Canada were sent an email this week to advise that if they receive a request for evaluation to check the date that coach completed their Intro to Comp course. If more than 3 years since their training, they must pay the \$40.00 evaluation fee directly to the evaluator. Evaluations will only be approved in the Locker when we have confirmed receipt of payment or confirm that we have forgiven the fee. C5 will continue to pay the evaluation fee if the coach is still within the 3-year period from training.

**Virtual Clinics:**

We have included on our Expression of Interest for Community Coach Clinic a question on whether they would be interested in a Virtual Clinic if offered. There are other provinces that offer virtual, but we do not in Saskatchewan. I asked Sheila what was required for one of our Learning Facilitators to be able to deliver the virtual option and she said they would need to be trained on using zoom or teams' delivery platform and understand how the program is delivered and will need to be part of a Virtual Clinic. The Executive had a discussion regarding this and while we explore this option more and work towards someone being able to deliver here in Saskatchewan, our preference would be to have our coaches attend an in-person clinic; mainly because it is more conducive to teamwork/communication, and they would not miss the on-lane training.

**New Business:**

I believe that, because we are the Teaching Arm of the Federation, to be a member each bowler should have a minimum certification of the current Community Coach Clinic and have taken their Respect in Sport. Way back then the story is that the MBAS allowed bowlers to be members if they had taken two of the three parts of the old NCCP Level 1 so many had the Technical and Practical parts but not the Theory part. In 2011, when Coach Canada decided to streamline their courses, they introduced the Community Coach (1 day clinic) to take the place of the Old NCCP Level 1. If you had all three levels of the Old NCCP Level 1 Coach Canada gave everyone 2 years to take Making Ethical Decisions and that would upgrade you to the new Community Coach status. If you only had the 2 parts to NCCP Level 1, you would need to take the 1-day Community Coach Clinic to have coaching status; and for those that had the 3 parts but didn't take the Making Ethical Decisions by 2013 they too now need to take the Community Coach Clinic to

continue to have a valid Coaching Status. So.... MBAS at the time said, if you qualified to be a MBAS member prior to 2011, then you would qualify going forward. So, we have MBAS members that have no valid coaching status nor RIS and some that have the Community Coach certification but no RIS. I have checked with a few provincial Masters Associations, and it is a requirement to have at a minimum the Community Coach and Safe Sport Certification to be a member. If you feel that we should continue to honor our decision in 2011, I am okay with it BUT, I strongly suggest that all MBAS members have their RIS (Respect in Sport) certification. Discussion?

After discussion, it was agreed that all MBAS members, including the Executive and Officers need to complete the Respect in Sport online course.

- **Fundraising Coordinator** – Gord Worona – No Report
- **Clinic Coordinator Report** – Karin Kirkland

Welcome back everyone to another successful season of bowling.

Our first Community Coach clinic was held September 10<sup>th</sup> in Lloydminster where six new coaches joined our ranks. Swift current is looking to hold one in early October, and we are looking at holding an Introduction to Competitive Coach clinic in either Saskatoon or Regina, date to be determined.

If anyone needs a clinic, or for more information, please direct them to the website to fill out the Expression of Interest form.

- **Membership Coordinator** – Jo-Ann Paxman – No report
- **Team Manager / MBAC Report** – Donna Seiferling

Saskatchewan's contingent attended the 2023 MBAC Nationals in St. John's, Nfld. from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nfld. wasn't very organized and we were met with some challenges; flights were changed on a regular basis from the get go and included 13 members flights that just plain got cancelled 2 days before coming home; not enough rooms were booked for the event and it ended up costing each Provincial Masters group extra for rooms to accommodate all of our needs – BIG shout out and thanks to Ellen Griffin who became part of the Nfld. Hosting Group; she worked tirelessly with the Hotel to ensure everyone going to the MBAC Nationals had a bed to sleep in; as well helped out in other areas the hosting group needed her. We had a record number of guests come to the Nationals so there was plenty of cheering going on for our contingent. As mentioned in my Presidents Report, the lanes at some houses were a little tough to bowl on; incredibly lucky for anyone to come away without any serious injuries. On the positive side, our very own Josie Brooks brought home the Tournament Women's Singles Gold and Sherri Duggan earned a Bronze in the Teaching Women's Singles.

The 2023-2024 MBAC Nationals are in Winnipeg, Manitoba – this is you drive to Nationals for the Saskatchewan contingent. Dates are set for early arrivals June 29<sup>th</sup>; Practice and Opening Ceremonies June 30<sup>th</sup>, Manitoba Night July 2<sup>nd</sup>; final day of bowling and banquet July 4<sup>th</sup> and departures July 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be staying at the Delta Hotel Marriott located at 350 St. Mary Avenue. Rates are \$202.00 per



night (taxes in) based on occupancy of two; additional charges will apply for 3rd or 4th adult in the room. \$18.00 per day for parking is extra.

Discussion is needed at next year's AGM regarding how we will handle flights to BC.

**Upcoming Nationals:**

Winnipeg -2024  
BC – 2025  
Southern Ontario – 2026  
Saskatchewan - 2027

- **Division Reports –**

**Senior Division:**

14 members registered (7 women, 7 men)  
11 participated in the tournaments  
Congratulations to Josie Brooks – Gold in Tournament Division Singles  
and Sherri Duggan – Bronze in Teaching Division Singles.

Poor Seniors team ended up in eighth place.

- **Zone Reports**

**Zone 2** – Don Hedin has stepped down as zone representative due to health concerns. The MBAS Executive has appointed Jackson Leroy to step in until elections in March at the SAGM.

**Zone 4**-Diane Syrota

- Thank you to Krystin Kwasnitza for all your help with the new scoring system set-up.
- New lanes and scoring system installed. This has resulted in higher scoring.

**Zone 6**- Roger Bradley – absent, Leesa gave the following report

- New scoring system installed at both Fairhaven and Eastview Bowl
- Master/YBC has been set for October 22, 2023

**8. New Business:**

1. Coaching/Virtual Clinics

- Currently Saskatchewan is not doing any coaching clinics virtually.
- All MBAS members, including Executive and Officers, must complete the Respect in Sport online.

2. Grey Cup/Super Bowl/Elimination Draw

- A license has been obtained to run the Grey Cup/Super Bowl in both the North and the South
- Tickets have been distributed to the zone reps.
- Tickets are \$2.00 each this year.
- No credits will be given this year for sales.

- A license has also been obtained for the Elimination Draw. Tickets will be distributed at the November tournament.
3. Tournament Entry fees and lineage
    - Discussions arose concerning the proposed fee increase for lineage. This will be voted on tomorrow at the Bowl Sask meeting.
    - MBAS will be notified of the result.
  4. Honorariums
    - Discussion arose concerning a discrepancy between the honorariums of both the President and Vice President.
    - A motion was passed to Increase the President's honorarium to \$600.00.
    - It was decided to add the title of "*Controller*" to the Vice President's title.
  5. Correspondence:
    - Letter request for sponsorship for an adult bowling tournament. MBAS denied support as it was felt that the youth should benefit from any type of sponsorship and not adults. Also, it would set a bad precedent for future.
    - Letter to Master Bowlers Association from Bowl Sask regarding increase in Provincial Lineage from the Semi – Annual meeting in May 2023.
9. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 5:00 PM