



MBAS
Annual General Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2025
Mosaic Stadium Boardroom - Regina

Name		Attended	Absent
EXECUTIVE			
Donna Seiferling	President/ Team Manager/Technical Director	√	
Ellen Griffin	Vice President/Controller	√	
Moe Hvidston	Treasurer	√	
Karin Kirkland	Secretary/Zone 6 Rep/ Shirt Orders		x
OFFICERS			
Jo-Ann Paxman	Membership Coordinator	√	
Leesa Cunningham	Clinics & Fundraising Coordinator	√	
Dianne Smutt	Master/YBC Coordinator	√	
Roger Bradley	Tournament Director/Statistician	√	
Jeremy Wetsch	Teaching Division Rep		x
Sheldon Kraus	Senior Division Rep.	√	
Cora-Lee White-Furi	Tournament Division Rep./Zone #8 Rep	√	
ZONE REPRESENTATIVES			
Garth Bauer	Zone #1 Rep		x
Jackson Leroy	Zone #2 Rep		x
Shawn Hilborn	Zone #3 Rep	√	
Diane Syrota	Zone #4 Rep	√	
Brian Andersen	Zone #5 Rep	√	
Holly Stratulat	Zone #7 Rep		x
GUESTS			
Crystal Hiihner/Ellen/Moe	Bowling Federation	√	
Bev Manwaring	Bowl Sask	√	
Dennis Brooks	Sask 5Pin	√	
OTHER MASTERS IN ATTENDANCE			
	Melissa Raschke	Jason Raschke	
	Marilyn Miller		

1. Meeting called to order by Donna at 2:09 PM.
2. Roll Call- Sign in sheet signed by all members and guests present.
3. Minutes reviewed from Semi – Annual General Meeting – March 15, 2025
4. Errors/Omissions – Marilyn Miller is not listed as “other masters in attendance” however she is noted as making motions.
5. Adoption of Minutes
 - **MOTION** by: Dianne Smutt to adopt the Minutes from SAGM March 15, 2025, **seconded** by: Brian Andersen **CARRIED**
6. Business arising from the March 15, 2025, Minutes - none
7. **Reports**

- **President** –Donna Seiferling

We held our SAGM meeting in Regina on the third weekend in March; the VP Position was up, and Ellen Griffin is in for another 2-year term effective August 1, 2025.

The MBAS contingent attended the 2025 MBAC Nationals in Surrey, B.C. from June 22nd to June 27th. Saskatchewan contingent was focused on results, and I am proud to say they were successful on the lanes.

Our 2024-2025 membership numbers were up six from 2023- 2024; it was nice to see a record number of new younger members taking part this year and the successes they had with the Master's.

I am happy to report that the MBAS Audit of Financial Statements for the 2024-2025 season is complete and will be on the website soon. The MBAS is presently in a good financial position.

It is National Coach week, and it is all about recognizing the incredible impact coaches have on each level of sport and their incredible passion and dedication. “Thanks Coach”

The 2026 MBAC Nationals are in Southern Ontario at the end of June 2026 and as you know, the MBAS is hosting the 2027 MBAC Nationals in Regina.

On behalf of the MBAS I want to thank the Bowling Federation Executive and the three Associations Voting Members with a special shout out to Moe Hvidston and Ellen Griffin for ALL the work and the hours spent in the last 3 or so months getting the Bowling Federation and our Associations back in the good graces of Sask Sport; they literally saved our funding not only for a year but going forward

- **Vice-President** – Ellen Griffin

I am pleased to report that everything on the website with respect to the forms and e-transfer system is still working fine.

The Membership Renewal form will be posted on the website next week as soon as I get the deadline dates from Roger.

Nationals will be in Hamilton next year and Donna will have more info on that.

As always, I wish to thank the Executive and Officers for their advice, help and unwavering support – you are a great bunch to work with.

- **Treasurer** – Moe Hvidston

Congratulations to the 2025 Saskatchewan Contingent who represented us at the MBAC Nationals in Surrey, British Columbia.

Josie Brooks, Tournament Ladies Single - Gold
Teaching Men Team – Gold
Tyler Goosen, Teaching Men Team Singles – Bronze
Seniors Team – Bronze

Speaking from experience, getting to participate at the MBAC Nationals is always an exciting opportunity.

With respect to last fiscal year:

- This is the point in my report where I express how we are extremely grateful to Rhonda Kurbis for her assistance this past year – in her position as Executive Director of the Bowling Federation, and how she has always proven to be committed to ensuring that all the possible funding available is received. Due to circumstances which came to light in June of this year, this is something that I can no longer say with any amount of sincerity ... it breaks my heart.
- I would also like to express my appreciation to Ellen Griffin and Donna Seiferling for their contributions this past year. I am sure both these jobs contributed to their gaining a few more grey hairs. Ellen continues to do an excellent job handling the incoming and outgoing e-Transfers and has really stepped up, above and beyond the call of duty with respect to the Federation crisis.

Donna always does an excellent job getting everyone to and from the National Championships wherever they are being held, and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity this summer to have our 'McDonalds' fireside pep talks.

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

- 2025-2026 Proposed Budget ... *please note Tournament Prize Monies reinstated.*

- 2025-2026 Honorariums
- 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statement

As we do every year, we have a few housekeeping items to deal with, which include motions to pass on the following:

- Ratification of all business conducted in 2024-2025
- Approval of all Overages and Expenditures for 2024-2025
- Appointment of Auditors for the 2025-2026 fiscal year

- a) **MOTION** by Moe Hvidston to approve the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statement as presented. **Seconded** by Jo-Ann Paxman **CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION** by Moe Hvidston to ratify all business and transactions conducted by the MBAS Executive and Board of Directors in the 2024-2025 fiscal year. **Seconded** by: Ellen Grffin **CARRIED**
- c) **MOTION** by Moe Hvidston to approve all overages and expenditures over the operating budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. **Seconded** by: Marilyn Miller **CARRIED**
- d) **MOTION** by Moe Hvidston That the accounting firm of Jensen, Stromberg be appointed as the Auditor for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. **Seconded** by: Diane Syrota **CARRIED**
- e) **MOTION** by Moe Hvidston to accept the 2025-2026 Profit & Loss Budget as presented. **Seconded** by: Jason Raschke (Change was made to the budget to increase the tournament prize money to \$3600 from \$3000. This will change the net income to -\$5575). **As amended- CARRIED**
- f) **MOTION** by Moe Hvidston to accept the 2025-2026 Honorariums as presented. **Seconded** by: Roger Bradley **CARRIED**

For the record, our 450 Pot will start out at approximately **\$28,933.71** plus all monies collected at the first tournament weekend. Remember – Take Care and Stay Healthy.

- **Sask. 5 Pin** – Dennis Brooks

Presidents report to MBAS:

Good afternoon and thank you for letting me sit in on your meeting. Last year was a year to remember. We hosted both of our National Events, and I can say quite proudly that our host committees did a standout job.

Saskatchewan has been blessed to have good cooperation between MBAS, Sask 5 and Bowl Sask. That was never more important than last year.

There was a shake up in our Bowling Federation Executive Director position and I want to thank Moe Hvidston and Ellen Griffin for stepping in and stepping up to get us through a very rough patch in our history.

If I am reading this to you it means that I have been re-elected as President of S5.

I look forward to working with you in the future. Have great success at your events and let's have a great year.

Thank you

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

I would like to start off by acknowledging the hard work and dedication that you all put into your association. It has already been a very eventful summer, and some may even say a bit challenging, with all the changes going on with our Federation and your organization has some great people that have stepped up to help in any way possible.

We are fortunate to host the 2025 Open National Championships this past season. The Provincial and Local Associations put on a spectacular tournament. It was great to work alongside such dedicated and hardworking people.

We are excited and look forward to continuing to figure out the logistics for Winter Games in February 2026. Although there may have been and will be a few hiccups along the way, I feel that it will all come together soon enough. Thank you to all that have done what they can up to this point!

Most of you know that our Treasurer, Jan Cunningham, has stepped away from this position. This weekend will be her last weekend of meetings. We will miss her bubbly personality and in the short time she was with us, she has done a lot for us. Thank you so much, Jan.

We do have another Treasurer coming in and she will be appointed at our AGM tomorrow morning.

We recently learned that the Moose Jaw South Hill Bowling Center was sold by the longtime owners. We wish them nothing but the best in their next chapter. With them leaving, it brings in the McCubbings to our association. We look forward to working with them and helping them along the way.

Thank you again to everyone and look forward to another successful season.

- **Bowling Federation Report – Ellen Griffin and Moe Hvidston**

As you are probably aware by now, Rhonda is no longer the Executive Director of the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan. Rhonda was terminated, with cause, on July 5, 2025. Since this affects all of the Member Organizations, we thought you should all be aware of some of the circumstances surrounding her termination and the sad fact that she came close to single-handedly destroying the Federation and jeopardizing the funding for each of your organizations.

The Federation Executive and Board have always put their trust in Rhonda to perform her duties and responsibilities in order to ensure that Sask. Sport funding was available for the benefit of the Member Organizations. We learned the hard way that Rhonda was not performing her duties and responsibilities for most of

the past two years while she continued to assure us that she was handling matters.

Dealing with Sask. Sport is a crucial component of the Executive Director's job as well as communicating effectively with the Member Organizations that rely heavily on the Federation for funding.

Rhonda has been denied access to Mosaic and the Federation office. All passwords have been changed so she cannot access email, bank or Sask. Sport. The Federation laptop has been returned and the password has been changed. It is also hard to believe that someone would use the Federation business email address for personal use such as dating sites, sex related sites, groceries and travel sites to name a few, there were many others.

We are now desperately trying to get the Federation back on track so that your future funding is not in jeopardy. Sask. Sport has been a tremendous help to me and Moe in this endeavour and we are very grateful that they are allowing the Federation to get back on track without serious consequences.

We discovered that the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan Non-Profit corporation status was struck from the ISC register for failure to file the Annual Return on time which automatically put all Sask. Sport funding in jeopardy and on hold since it is mandatory that the Federation be a registered Non-Profit corporation in good standing in order to receive Sask. Lotteries funding.

The Federation has now been restored as a Non-Profit corporation in good standing and Sask. Sport has accepted the restoral.

The Police Check database was not up to date or recorded properly pursuant to the Sask. Sport Safe Sport Policy. I will be providing a separate report on the Police Check policy and database.

We are finding that Rhonda did not communicate effectively with the Member Organizations with respect to issues and concerns expressed by Sask. Sport. We are now rectifying those issues and concerns and correcting mistakes so you will see, starting in the 2025-2026 fiscal year, some reporting changes that will be implemented for the Member Organizations.

The audit for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was not done. The bank reconciliations had not been done either. Moe and I did the best we could to prepare the documentation for the auditor and the 2023-2024 audit was completed in July, 2025. The Follow Up report for 2023-2024 has been completed as well, however, some funding is still on hold pending completion of the 2023-2024 mandatory review by the Sask. Sport Lotteries Trust Fund people, due to the failure to comply with funding guidelines. We hope to receive this back funding in October, 2025. As a result of the 2023-2024 review still in progress, we are not yet allowed to submit any funding applications for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Also, as a result of the back funding not being received, we are not in a position at this time to pay anything from the Federation, and we would appreciate your patience and understanding in this regard.

Moe and I are now in the process of gathering the information that we need for the 2024-2025 Sask. Sport Follow-Up report which is due November 1, 2025. The 2024-2025 Federation audit is now complete as well.

The good news is that we welcome Crystal Hiibner as the new Executive Director on a part-time basis which commenced on September 16, 2025. Moe and I have spent the last two days with Crystal, and we can tell you that she is sufficiently overwhelmed but is looking forward to learning and getting to know all of you. We have assured Crystal that we are all here to support her and she can reach out to any of us at any time as she navigates through this learning process.

Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan Report for Police Check Screening:

The Police Check database was a mess and not up to date or recorded properly, pursuant to the Sask. Sport Safe Sport Policy. I will now provide you with the correct information and requirements.

Pursuant to the Safe Sport Screening Policy, all volunteers in a non-regular or informal basis such as volunteers for events or tournaments, Judges of Play, YBC Coordinators or supervisors, all coaches – coaching YBC or adults, team Managers, chaperons, employees, Board members, Executive members and especially anyone who has access to vulnerable participants, are required to adhere to the Screening Policy by submitting a Vulnerable Sector Police Check document to the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan Screening Officer every 3 years.

The question was asked whether the Police Checks can be handled and stored by someone other than the Federation. Sask. Sport does not recommend this procedure because if someone other than the Federation handles them, the Federation insurance becomes null and void if there is an incident. The Member Organizations can certainly have an appointed person to collect them for your association or local and submit them to the Federation, however, they cannot be kept somewhere other than the Federation office.

The Screening Policy has been updated on the website.

Crystal Hiibner will be looking into the police check policy further and will advise the Member Organizations.

- **Tournament Director – Roger Bradley**

I hope everyone had a great summer off, things are ramping up quickly.

Currently the tournaments are booked for:

Saturday November 15th
1 PM - Nortown - Teaching/Senior (all 20 lanes)
1 PM - Bolorama - Tournament (all 10 lanes)

Sunday November 16th

9 AM - Glencairn - Teaching/Seniors (all 16 lanes)

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

The tournament lineage was held steady by Bowl Sask. This should result in little to no impact on tournament fees compared to 2024. The lineage per game is \$7.75 per game (taxes included). Entry forms will be available on the website in the next few days.

The tournament entry deadline will be November 9, 2025 at midnight (Sunday before tournament).

The spring tournaments will be in Saskatoon March 21 & 22, 2026. Entry forms will be available at the end of January 2026.

- **Master/YBC** –Dianne Smutt

We had 12 teams bowling in the bantams, 15 in the juniors and 12 teams in seniors. Not all zones competed. Three did not compete and 1 zone had a conflict with other tournaments so did not send anyone to the provincial but had a zone round.

The three centers we used had different prices for lineage.

We gave out 12 bags and towels again this year to the highest scratch and high POA for boy and girl in each division. This was the last year for giving out bags and towels.

The results for the tournament are posted on the website. Next year's tournament is tentatively February 1, 2026.

- **Technical Director Report-** Donna Seiferling

Update on #'s

Our coaching #'s have not changed much since my March 2025 Report. 585 Valid Coaches in Saskatchewan; 435 Community Coaches, 30 Trained Competition Coaches and 200 that are Certified Competition Coaches.

Website:

As mentioned before, check out the website at 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.

Coach Developer:

Leesa is a Master Coach Developer – training interested peoples to be Community Coach and Introduction Competition Facilitators. Countless hours of attending classes, taking online courses, and facilitating clinics and courses and evaluating to reach this level. Leesa, we appreciate the dedication you have given to making sure that every person who wants to be a coach can be.

Tomorrow, Leesa will be facilitating a Community Coach Clinic in Regina and training a new facilitator; last weekend, she started training a Community Coach Facilitator to be a Introduction to Competition Facilitator; as well will be running 2

Introduction to Competition Courses; one in October in Saskatoon or Prince Albert and another in Regina in November.

Changes in Community Coach Clinic

“Coming Soon” but not effective currently, the “Make Ethical Decision” piece will be removed from the Community Coach clinics. When it becomes effective, Community Coach Clinic participants will be required to complete, if they have not already their RIS online with Sask Sport (free) and the Make Ethical Decisions online course on Coach Canada which may be at a cost of \$80.00.

Coach Inquiries

I wanted to address a few inquiries regarding coaching I have received recently; firstly, you do need at least a Community Coach status with your Respect In Sport certificate to coach youth and adults and secondly, there are some Nationals in which a certified Community Coach can coach at and does not require a Certified Competition Coach.

- **Fundraising Coordinator** –Karin Kirkland & Leesa Cunningham

No numbers from last year. This season will do the Grey Cup/Super Bowl tickets, they will be out next week. The elimination tickets will be handed out at the November tournament again. At each weekend we will have the 50/50 and Joker's Wild.

- **Clinic Coordinator Report** – Leesa Cunningham

Last year ran the one Introduction to Competition in Manitoba for 9 people. 6 Community Coach clinics ran last season for a total of 19 new coaches. Tomorrow is the first Community Coach clinic in Regina, Shawn Hilborn will be co-facilitator there beginning his training to become a coach developer. He will need to do one more clinic where he will be evaluated.

Oct 25/26 Cora-Lee White-Furi will be co-facilitator for the Intro to Competition in Saskatoon and will follow up with being the Coach developer for another clinic in Regina November 22/23. Once these two are evaluated they will be able to facilitate clinics solo going forward.

April 2026 they will remove the MED from the Community Coach program and it will become an online course for the cost of \$80. The executive needs to decide how we will deal with this change so that we can ensure no loss of future coaches.

Encourage people to take the clinics now, remind people to fill out an expression of interest on Saskbowl.com, otherwise we won't know they want a clinic.

- **Membership Coordinator** – Jo-Ann Paxman – no report
Jo-Ann gave some numbers from last season. Ellen pointed out that the membership forms had to be changed to reflect the proper gender and race identities (Non-binary, indigenous...).

- **Team Manager / MBAC Report** – Donna Seiferling

As I mentioned in my President's report the MBAS contingent attended the 2025 Master Nationals in Surry, B.C. from June 22nd to June 27th. They were focused on results, and I am proud to say they were successful.

Our very own Josie Brooks brought home the Tournament Women Singles Gold for the second time in 3 years, Justin Vansil, our Tournament Men's Single was oh so close and placed fourth; one match away from the top three.

Teaching Women's Team came in fourth; Dianne Misener one of the teaching women won seventeen out of her twenty-one matches and tied for most wins in her category and she came in first bowling 696 pins over average which earned her a spot on Team Canada.

The Teaching Men's team captured the Gold Medal with 126.5 points which was a record for total points in their Teaching Men's division. Tyler Goosen, the Teaching Men's Single, earned a bronze medal; 1 point out of 1st place and continuing in the Teaching Men's division, Jason Raschke (bowling with left hand)

won 18 of 21 of his matches and winning most matches in his division plus top POA points of 588 which earned him a spot on Team Canada.

Our Senior Team captured the bronze medal in their division; it was a grind to the end. Oh, and not to leave our coaches out, Orest Shular, coach of the Teaching Men earned the coaches spot on Team Canada for coaching his team to the highest POA total out of the Teaching Men. Teaching Women and Senior Team Divisions. Our Tournament Men and Women's teams struggled early but never gave up.

We were missing team pictures for each of the contingent and I now have them so hopefully we will get them to everyone by the end of the first Qualifying Tournament in November.

Roger updated us on when and where our Qualifying Tournaments will be. 2026 MBAC Nationals will be held in Hamilton/Burlington with June 27/26 being early arrivals and July 3/26 being departures. More details to come.

8. New Business:

2027 Nationals- Nothing new to report, other than our Host Committee is near complete; anyone who wants to volunteer please advise. Everyone is busy with the start of the bowling season; we will wait for a couple of months and have a first meeting to start planning.

9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 3:56PM. Executive Meeting to be held March 20th, 2026 and SAGM on March 21st in Saskatoon.