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LCTA 2019-2020 Annual General Kick Off Meeting

On Thursday August 22nd the Lambton County Tenpin Association (LCTA) had its 2019-2020 Kick - Off meeting at Marcin Bowl with approximately 70 people in attendance.

President Mel Matthews welcomed bowlers and guests. He introduced the LCTA Board - Shirley Matthews (Association Manager) and Board members Sarah Ingles, Carol Jean, Kathryn Tetreault, Zyg Mazgaj, Gary Rochon, Matt Thompson, Ben Lapointe, Jean Lacroix Sr., Tony Spano and Rod Honke.

Hall of Fame Member (Pat Crumb) and Lifetime Members Pat Crumb, Carol Jean, Shirley Matthews, Gil Jean, Louie Willemsen, Dave LeClair, Mel Matthews, and Rod Honke were honoured. Rod Honke gave a brief summary of the new inducted Life Time Member and presented the plaque to Rigby Callander.

Marcin Bowl (Pat Thompson, Matt Thompson, Janice McMillan and Staff) were thanked for their hospitality in hosting, preparing a light lunch and allowing bowling after the meeting.

A Moment of Silence was held to honour recently deceased and passed deceased LCTA members, family members and friends.

Shirley Matthews stressed the importance of each League Officer's (Secretary/Treasurer and President) duties and responsibilities. She also stressed that it is very important for all League Secretaries to read the Association Manager's letter that is included with the League Secretaries kit as it contains



valuable information in performing their duties properly. Also, to read the 2019-2020 CTF (Canadian Tenpin Federation) League Officer's Handbook as it explains the duties and responsibilities of the League Executive. Registration fees remain the same at \$25.00 (\$20.00 National, \$1.00 Provincial and \$4.00 Local).

Mel Matthews announced the women's, youth and men's upcoming tournaments this bowling season where they will be held, dates and the entry fees.

Shirley Matthews went through the LCTA Financial Report for the 2018-2019 Season, the LCTA 2018-2019 Budget for the Yearly Scholarship Account, the LCTA 2018-2019 Audited Financial Report and the LCTA Financial Budget for the 2019-2020 Season. All reports were voted on and accepted.

President Mel Matthews gave his report. He said the LCTA current Board members are all volunteers that meet on a monthly or bi-monthly basis to ensure that all LCTA members are all registered and able to bowl in not only our locally sponsored tournaments but also at the Provincial and National levels. The Board helps leagues with any concerns, rule interpretations, etc. and ensures all bowler scores receive recognition be it be badges, pins, plaques, plates, watches or rings. Mel also asked for support from our local bowlers to volunteer for board positions to keep the LCTA functioning in a timely manner. He also gave a report on the local LCTA Tournaments (Women's, Youth and Men's) last year with the number of participants and a financial loss/gain. He talked about how there has been a steady decline of sanctioned 10 pin bowlers since 2004 not only in the LCTA but also in the CTF. Specifically for the LCTA, in 2004 there were 5 Bowling Centres with 70 lanes, 50 Leagues and 1,755 sanctioned bowlers. In the 2018 – 2019 season, there were 2 Bowling Centres, 22 Leagues and 693 bowlers with a loss of 1,062 bowlers. Mel stressed that is why it is so important for all bowlers to promote our sport and find ways to increase membership. Any suggestions would be most welcome. He thanked the LCTA Tournament Director Sarah Ingles and her volunteers for all their hard work and professionalism this past season running all the LCTA tournaments. He also thanked the LCTA Publicity Director Rod Honke for the weekly bowling reports "Honker's Highlights" on the LCTA Web site (www.lambtoncountytenpinassociation.com) and encouraged bowlers to check out the web site to find the bowling reports along with the many other bowling items (Executive, Year Book Averages, Scholarship Forms, Tournaments/Results,



Tournament Entry forms, Honour Scores, Hall of Fame/Life Members and interesting videos on bowling). He also thanked the LCTA Web Site Master Dave LeClair for his hard work in keeping the LCTA Web Site and Facebook Page up to date.

Mel also talked about the privilege of attending the OTBA (Ontario Tenpin Bowling Association) Provincial Annual Meeting along with the LCTA Association Manager Shirley Matthews on June 23rd, 2019 in Burlington representing the LCTA bowlers. He reported that OTBA President, Charlotte Konkle, was inducted into the OTBA Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.

In closing his report, Mel thanked our ASSOCIATION MANAGER Shirley Matthews for handling such a difficult job with such efficiency this season once again and the LCTA BOARD DIRECTORS for their hard work and commitment over the past year. He also congratulated LCTA member, Kevin Schofield, for his super performance in China bringing home 2 gold and 2 silver medals (more to follow on Kevin's performance in the week ending September 14th bowling report).

Rod Honke thanked Webmaster Dave LeClair once again for his expertise and up keep of the LCTA Web Site and also Roy Mezzatesta who is a roving photographer taking pictures to go along with the bowling reports. He also encouraged LCTA members to visit the association web site to find bowling information and also read the weekly bowling reports.

Scholarship funds (\$500.00 each) were presented to Hollie-Anne Jean and Patrick Cullis.

Presentations were made to bowlers who last year recorded Honour Scores (800, 300, 299 & 298), Youth 700 Series and 11 Strikes In A Row. The bowlers received rings, plaques, plates or watches.

- Only 1-800 (801) series was rolled last year (Steve Lewicki –Hi-Way Bowl - 1st week of bowling).
- 300 games were fired last year by Jim Creasor, Jordan Croskery (2), Ben Lapointe (Youth league), Jim Lapointe, Karyne Legault, Roy Mezzatesta, Marc Renaud, Ryan Skinner and Johnny Wilkinson.



- 299 games were rolled last year by Steve Lewicki, Ralph MacDuff, Kirk Ramsay, Matt Salmons, Scott Salmons and Kyle Skinner.
- 298 games were tossed last year by Shane Chipman, Jim Creasor, Kevin Dunn, Steve Lewicki and Stephane Sirois.
- 700 series wheeled by Youth bowlers last year were Domenic Cocozzoli (700), Ben Lapointe (740-735), Morgan Pelkie (780 – 754 – 722) and Joshua Trott (702).
- 11 strikes in a row were recorded by Kyle Adamson, Shane Chipman, Dan Chopp, Brad Cook, Dan Cook, Shawn Cotterill, Jarrod Petrany, Adam Pinel, Larry Plumb, Kirk Ramsay (2), Bill Ridealgh (2) and Stephane Sirois.
- 100 pins over average recipients were Kyle Adamson, Sean Bakken, Sean Burr, Jeff Chortos, Kevin Dunn, Lewis Collins, Derek Loker (Youth) and Ryan Pinel (Youth).

Election of a Three Year Director took place. Teresa Ingles was elected to fill the vacant spot replacing Carol Jean who is leaving the Association Board. The LCTA Board for the 2019-2020 bowling season will be President Mel Matthews, Association Manager Shirley Matthews, Directors Teresa Ingles, Sarah Ingles, Kathryn Tetreault, Zygmunt Mazgaj, Gary Rochon, Tony Spano, Jean Lacroix Sr., Ben Lapointe, Matt Thompson and Rod Honke.

President Mel Matthews closed the meeting, the pizzas arrived from the Gutterballs Restaurant and some bowlers kicked the spiders out of their bowling equipment to try polish up their skills on the old synthetic lanes and the 12 new synthetic lanes.

