

# USBC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Evjen at 4:15pm. A quorum was established with 27 association members in attendance. Ken introduced the board members in attendance.

The minutes of last season's association meeting were reviewed. Chuck Barker motioned to accept the minutes, Linda Barker seconded, approved by majority vote.

The current association financial report was reviewed. Ken reported Jr. City certificates is under budget for the year. Mike wondered about the NSF check that was returned, Ken explained it was taken care of and is all part of the membership totals on the report. Ron Gall motioned to accept the report, Chuck Furrer seconded, approved by majority vote.

Scholarship committee indicated deadline is March 1, no applications received yet, please let seniors know.

Youth committee had nothing.

Hall of Fame, nominations forms have been given out, applications are available at front desk or online. Mike added that Missoula has been lazy in getting people into the local and state halls. Dave Sears was the last one inducted into the local hall of fame two years ago. Plenty of people deserve to be in the hall of fame, can't make it to state hall until inducted into local. Mike emphasized people filling out the paperwork for an inductee. Induction into the hall is not totally based on what a bowler has done in bowling, but also what the bowler has done for bowling. Ken handed out hall of fame applications, and Mike outlined the procedure that all applications will be handed into Ken, he'll be the only person that knows the name on the application. Each board member will receive a numbered application to use in casting their vote for this year's inductee.

Tournament committee hasn't done anything as of yet.

Audit committee had no report.

The floor was opened up for general discussion of this season's Association Week tournaments. Mike compared this year's tournament against last year, and participation in the open was down slightly, nothing to worry about. Women's tournament was down from last year, but up from two years ago. Mixed City took a hit the last couple years, this year's mainly due to scheduling of all events in a short period of time. Mike said the association has an obligation to do the tournaments based on bowler suggestions, as well as a fiscal responsibility to each center and their open bowling play. To be responsible to the bowlers and the proprietors, we have to work on an even keel together. Weekends are extremely packed with open bowling, so holding the tournament on the weekends can be tricky. With everything held in a nine-day period this year, Mike suggested spreading the tournaments apart. It was suggested putting the open, senior, and women's tournaments into one center; at times, it's not fair to a center to tie-up lanes with minimal participation for a single tournament. Putting those combined tournaments into one center, the other center could fill their lanes with open play. Ken also mentioned (from bowler comments) possibly allowing bowlers enter additional tournaments while bowling the one set of games. A senior could enter the senior tournament by paying \$11 (\$2 expense, \$9 prize) additional to their entry fee.

Mike asked everyone in attendance to let either Ken or Mike know when their season-starting league meeting will be so we can show up and explain what's happening in the association.

Budget updates were discussed. Jr. City certificates will be under budget by \$450, Jamboree/State meeting will be under budget. Scholarships budgeted for \$1500, no entries at this time, deadline is March 1. It was clarified that money for the Women's tournament is figured into the budget, not taken out of what was part of women's money involved with the merge. Owen Wood motioned to accept the budget, Ron Gall seconded, approved by majority vote.

The status of the association's bylaws was brought to the attention of the association. General housekeeping was the main goal of the bylaw changes, majority of which are mandated by headquarters. Everyone in attendance had a copy of proposed changes. First item was adding Missoula prior to United States Bowling Congress for clarification. Second item was to remove Liberty Lanes and change the name Five Valleys Bowl to Five Valley Center for centers within the association's jurisdiction. Next item related to term limits, with changes made for clarification. Since the first three are clarification changes, Mike suggested voting on these items as a whole, Teri motioned to accept, Chuck Barker seconded, all changes approved with majority vote. The next item had to do with how a board member could get back on the board after their term limit had expired. Current bylaws had nothing about the board member being able to be a board member again once their six years had been served. It was felt that someone who wanted to serve the association should have the opportunity to serve again. After three years off the board, the board member could reapply. A question was raised of why the person had to sit out three years rather than one. Mike said his reasoning was that if the person sat out two years, they'd be back on the same rotation as before. Three years would put them on a different yearly rotation. One year was maybe not enough time to let other association members become involved with the board. Shelly motioned to accept the three year change, Chuck Furrer seconded, no discussion of an amendment was made. It was clarified that there would be a proprietor representative on the board at all times. Amendment was made by majority vote. Remaining bylaw changes are mandated by nationals. Shelly pointed out the portion on page 4 regarding the ability for board members to vote via e-mail or teleconference. This indicated a vote needed to be made at this time regarding whether the association does or does not allow this. A motion was made to accept the mandated changes, approved by majority vote. Another vote was made to allow voting via e-mail. Robyn motioned, Linda barker seconded, approved by majority vote. Bylaws were declared current.

The office of Association 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President was up for election, as well as four director positions. Barry Hodges was the only nominee for vice-president, with no other candidates wanting to be nominated from the floor. Barry, Cory, and Linda gave a brief "who I am" report. Mike read Jenifer's application, and gave a brief rundown on Bernie. With only five available positions and five applications, it was approved by majority vote to close nominations from the floor. Chuck Furrer motioned to elect Barry by acclamation, Ron Gall seconded, Barry was elected by unanimous vote. There were only four applications received for a director position, and with four director positions open, Dan Fix motioned to close the nominations, Ron Gall seconded, approved by unanimous vote. Elected by acclamation to director positions were Jenifer Johnson, Cory Hanninen, Bernie Kuhns, Jr., and Linda Barker. Terms for everyone elected begin August 1, 2011 for a two-year period.

With all business completed, Chuck Furrer motioned to adjourn the meeting, Linda Barker seconded, meeting adjourned at 5:14pm.

Ken handed out Association Week prize checks to those in attendance. Remaining prizes were delivered to the league through which bowlers were registered.

Ken DeYoung, Association Manager