

USBC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2017

Meeting called to order at 3:31pm by President Cory Hanninen. In attendance were Cory, Robyn Barker, Chris Dunbar, Bertha Croghan, Mike Evjen, and Chuck Barker. Skylar Olson & Mary Porter were out of town, no word from Robbie Wells.

Minutes were e-mailed, Mike motioned to accept, Cory seconded, approved by majority vote.

Treasurer report had little to report in nine months since last meeting, mainly awards going out. Last season financial shows \$2600 negative. Adult memberships are down from 830 last season to 719, but still early in season. Youth showed drop in 14 memberships. Ken reported all memberships have been processed to date. Mike motioned to accept treasurer report, Chris seconded, approved by majority vote.

Cory reported no progress on hall of fame, still trying to figure out best way to induct. His thoughts are that more people with a vote on inductees makes a better process; current hall of fame members, board of directors, and league officers would have a best collective insight into deserveable nominees. Cory currently has a list of 14 people, suggesting "vote for 4" would be a good start to the process. There was a collective agreement to distributing the list to all league officers after board approval, with Cory tabulating results and reporting at the next board meeting. Ken will prepare the list for tentative distribution the following week.

Delegates to the May state delegate meeting were set as Ken & Patty, Mike & Gloria, and Chris & Maryann. Chris gave a report on his first-time experience at the last meeting, was very enthusiastic. He relayed his disappointment at the amount of Missoula representation on the state hall of fame board, supporting our efforts with the league voting list. Mike reported his disagreement with the state wanting to extend term limits; it is his belief the board has the responsibility to seek out new members. The Hall of Fame banquet was a bit crowded due to facility scheduling problems. Ken also reported the benefit of shopping via smile.amazon.com where money is donated to the charity of your choice (hopefully missoula usbc). Ken said he'd mention the smile.amazon.com in the upcoming league newsletter.

Ken & Mike attended the association leadership academy at bowling headquarters in Dallas, all expense paid. Ken said only people invited to this were associations that had not had any national convention attendees. Ken's big report was the lack of conflict in our organization, had trouble participating in the "how to make things better" portion of the conference. Mike's experience was extremely beneficial having insight into many of the topics covered during the seminar. He believes more local community outreach is needed regarding the benefits of bowling, there has been a decline in national membership since 1989.

Changes were covered for upcoming association week. Cory read Mary's recommendation that the Women's tournament be one division based on previous participation. Combining the previous divisions appears to increase the spots that cash. Chris motioned to make this change, Mike seconded, approved one division in women's tournament. It was agreed to drop the 10am Sunday shift, leaving an 11am and 2pm shift with no oiling. It was agreed that Ken will e-mail board members those bowlers with only a sport trio average along with their prior three-year tournament participation for an agreeable tournament adjustment. The tournament entry form will be changed to reflect averages will be adjusted based on recommendations from the tournament director and association board of directors. Cory also relayed a suggestion to not schedule doubles-only/singles-only bowlers with team bowlers, Ken will make sure this happens.

A brief discussion of the youth tournament rules regarding scholarships for high bowlers not being available to bowlers placing first in two events, it was agreed to change rules to read that you win in each event, no problem with placing first in two events.

Ken gave his resignation as association manager due to total dislike of the Winter cold. His job allows him to work anywhere, he's moving to Vegas to be near family and sporting events. He suggested buying an association laptop that he can get things loaded to run the remainder of the season to make sure everything is working fine for the new association manager. Ken will get an application from the online association resource center, he will also contact David Prange for guidance on hiring a new manager. The board approved the purchase of a new laptop up to \$400.

With all business completed, Chris motioned to adjourn, Robyn seconded, adjourned at 4:48pm

Ken DeYoung, Association Manager