



Maine State USBC

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Minutes – August 23, 2009 – Crossroads Restaurant, Augusta, Maine

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Gordon.

Roll Call

Present: Fred D. Gordon, Eleanor Douglas, Debra Milner, Joseph C. Mizda, Linda Austin, Jacob Webb, William Langbein, David Frye, John Archer, Ruth Archer, Lynn Chellis, Carolyn Doyle, Andrew Woodward, Debra Edgecomb, Noreen Holt, Gloria T. Yawn, Roger Blackmer

Absent: Joyce Poulin, Joseph Ramsdell, Jr., Peter Provencher, Betty Gamble

Attendees: Mike & Linda Collins, Sharon & Ron Ridley, Kellie McCrillis, David Charron, Jenna Dionne, Don & Debbie Clayton, James Ward, Ed Cotter, Katy McCrillis

Minutes of May 2, 2009 Meeting Motion to accept the minutes of May 2, made by Noreen Holt **CARRIED**.

Association Manager's Report

- Need a motion and vote on paying the tournament managers for the Seniors, Pepsi and Youth tournaments the same as we pay for the Women's and Open tournaments (\$0.50 an entry).
- Purchase of computer checks – 1200 for \$85.
- Two Open Tournament monitors have money coming to them from last year: Ruth Archer \$2.75 and Noreen Holt \$2.50. Ruth & Noreen gave the money to the JCM scholarship fund.
- Financial report was sent to everyone.
- Don Clayton would like to speak today on the Parkinson's Disease Bowl-a-thon.
- Rick Campbell, in lieu of going to the Masters Tournament, would like to go to the Senior Masters Tournament instead. This is up to the board.
- Sanders of USBC Patches and Emblems called me about Central Maine USBC wanting to get patches for their leagues. Mary Pennacchi needs to be contacted about this.

There was a discussion of changing the open tournament rules so that the all-events winners, if qualified may choose the tournament they wish to enter.

Motion: Bill Langbein made a motion that the MSUSBC tournament rules be amended so that the All-Events tournament winners, as long as they are qualified under the rules, may attend the Open Masters or Senior Masters.

Amended Motion: Bill Langbein amended his motion: That the MSUSBC tournament rules be amended so that the All-Events tournament winners in the Open and Women's tournaments, as long as they qualify under the rules of the tournaments, may choose to attend the Masters/Queens or the Seniors Tournaments. **CARRIED**

Continuous Form Checks: David Frye made a motion to purchase continuous form checks. **CARRIED**

Financial Report read by President Gordon. The audit (dated July 15, 2009) for 2008-2009, all accounts, income received, expenses, and fees have been duly confirmed. On the accounting sheets provided by the Association Manager and Bangor

Savings Bank, all accounts are found to be in order. Petty Cash ledger is in order. The Association Manager payment of \$600 can be released.

There was a discussion of the financial report format.

President Fred Gordon made a motion to accept the financial report. **CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth: President Gordon reported there have been some upheavals in the Youth Committee. In the absence of Youth Committee leadership President Gordon called for a meeting of the State Youth Committee to be held August 30 at 1:00 p.m., at Crossroads Restaurant, Augusta.

2010 Youth Tournament scheduled for Portland will be held in Portland. The contract is being worked on now.

Nominating No report.

Finance and Budget Andrew Woodward reviewed changes in the Budget Worksheet. Deb Edgecomb made a motion to accept the Budget report. **CARRIED.**

Hall of Fame Ellie Douglas reported that forms and rules are on the website.

Ways and Means Noreen Holt reported that we had 800 MSUSBC pins; 264 have been sold; 536 remain. Andrew Woodward, for audit purposes suggested that when anything is sold at a tournament that a report be mailed to him. Noreen deposited \$24 for pin sales.

OLD BUSINESS

State Awards Program President Gordon reported that the new style winner's jackets are costing \$5 more per jacket. All jackets have been awarded except the two latest Pepsi Winners. There was a brief discussion of youth bowlers who have not received their awards yet.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Budget item of \$700 for awards. The money originated with the WIBC during the merger. It was agreed to put this money into the general fund.

Website Linda Austin reported she is still looking for photos of all the houses. Janet Boyden, Tri-State tournament director sent the following email: Please congratulate your board for one of the best websites including USBC, I have seen for any bowling association. It most certainly deserves first place recognition from USBC.

2009 Pepsi Tournament There are still outstanding awards that need to be given out. Waiting to get information from Norm Grasse.

2009 Seniors' Tournament Noreen Holt passed out the Senior Tournament rules & entry forms which will also be available on the website.

Financial Subcommittee No report.

Mixed League Tournament Fred Gordon spoke about a California group who was putting together a mixed league tournament. All information has been presented to all associations. There are too many unanswered questions. No association seemed overly interested.

Ops Manual, Bylaws President Gordon asked Deb Milner, Gloria Yawn & Betty Gamble to review the Ops Manual & Bylaws to make sure they are in compliance with changes made by USBC.

New Business

2010 Women's Tournament CMUSBC – Hallowell, Sparetime Recreation, Tournament Manager: Mary Pennacchi. March 27-28, April 3, 10-11.

2010 Open Tournament EMUSBC – Bangor, Family Fun, Tournament Manager: Ed Cotter . Tournament dates: April 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25, May 1/2. Joe Mizda reported there has been a change to the MSUSBC contract. Tapes have to be taken in case any honor scores are bowled. USBC states we have a 60-day window. Annual Meeting date has not been set.

2010 Youth Tournament SMUSBC Yankee Lanes, Portland, March –
Waiting for contract from home office of Bowl New England.

2010 Pepsi Tournament Future Ed Cotter informed the board that there is no longer a National Pepsi Tournament. USBC took the scratch version of Pepsi qualifying to be a Junior Gold qualifying event. There was a discussion of Pepsi Gold and the costs of competing at the national level.

Bowling Balls, Equipment, etc. No report.

National Champions President Gordon would like to present our National Champions with a jacket. Andrew Woodward made a motion to purchase six jackets for the national champions. **CARRIED.**

There was a discussion of the Open and Women's proposed rule changes and prize funds.

Website Quiz President Gordon asked if there was any interest in promoting a website quiz about bowling for our members. Prizes could be \$100 and a paid entry into one of our tournaments.

Tri-State Jamboree President Gordon was asked by the Tri-State Board if Maine would be interested in getting back into the Tri-State Jamboree.

Agree to include Linda Austin on Executive Committee John Archer made a motion that Linda Austin be accepted as a member of the Executive Committee. **CARRIED.**

Parkinson's Bowl-a-thon Don Clayton explained the history of the bowl-a-thon which is a fund-raiser. 'Hopes to have a bowl-a-thon in Bangor, Augusta, and Portland in 2010.

BVL President Gordon read a letter from Joyce Poulin regarding BVL. After a brief discussion, Andrew Woodward made a motion that MSUSBC donate \$500 to BVL to be voted on annually at the Annual Meeting as to direction and amount for the following year. **CARRIED.**

Other

Youth Tournament Assistance Ed Cotter presented his argument for the MSUSBC to provide assistance to the Youth Tournament in the form of scholarships without having to raise tournament entry fees. Youth tournament entries have been falling. The youth membership fees are rising. There was a discussion of the Finance Committee and what they were assigned to do.

Plastic Ball Challenge EMUSBC – is hosting a singles plastic ball tournament. Oct 24, noon at Family Fun lanes. Part of the cost will help fund the youth tournament scholarship fund, and the Wounded Warriors project.

Paying Tournament Managers Andrew Woodward made a motion that we pay the Tournament Managers for the Seniors, Pepsi and Youth tournaments the same as we pay in the Open and Women's tournaments, \$.50 an entry and add this to the tournament rules.

Calendar Raffle Noreen Holt of the Ways and Means Committee stated there would be a calendar raffle in 2010. The calendars will be handed out at the January meeting. Unsold calendars and money must be returned to Noreen Holt or Deb Edgecomb by March 1. Drawings will begin on April 1.

Pepsi Tournament Manager David Frye

There being no further business to come before the Maine State USBC, President Gordon adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Crossroads Restaurant, Augusta, Maine, Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 1:00 P.M.