



Maine State USBC

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Minutes – January 25, 2009 – Crossroads Restaurant, Augusta

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

Roll Call – a quorum of 11 were present.

Present: Fred D. Gordon, Eleanor Douglas, Joseph C. Mizda, William Langbein, Carolyn Doyle, Andrew Woodward, Debra Edgecomb, Noreen Holt, Gloria T. Yawn, Debra Milner, John Archer, Ruth Archer

Absent: Betty Gamble, Roger Blackmer, Joseph Ramsdell Jr., Norm Grasse, Lynn Chellis, Peter Provencher, Jacob Webb, David Frye, Joyce Poulin

Attendees: Linda Austin

Minutes of August 24, 2008 Meeting Motion to accept the minutes of August 24, made by Eleanor Douglas **CARRIED.**

Association Manager's Report

- There are still outstanding checks from the Open and Senior tournaments.
- Non-conforming bowling balls are on the web. Tournament directors need to be aware of these balls.
- Sent a Form 990-n to the IRS.
- Consider a grant for Linda Austin for creating and maintaining the website.
- Propose Linda Austin as Assistant State Association Manager.
- Roland Grondin, Jr. is recovering from a heart attack. We may need someone to represent this association on the Joseph C. Mizda Scholarship committee. Andrew Woodward is willing to step in.
- February 1, is the deadline for scholarship applications and so far, we have one.

Financial Report

Andrew Woodward stated that a worm destroyed his computer. As soon as his computer is restored Andrew will get the October/January audit and the budget to the Association Manager. The mileage reimbursement form has been created and presented to the Association Manager.

President Gordon spoke about USBC revoking the NY USBC charter and the resulting litigation and issues with the NY tournaments. President Gordon indicated the number of sanctioned Maine bowlers is just below the 4000 mark (last year there were about 4100).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth No report. No representative present.

Nominating The following terms expire July 31, 2009

Incumbents

1st VP	Eleanor Douglas	
Directors		
EMUSBC	Betty Gamble	Youth: Roger Blackmer
CMUSBC	Joseph Ramsdell, Jr.	
FCUSBC	John Archer	
LAUSBC	Debra Edgecomb	Youth: Peter Provencher
MRUSBC	Jacob Webb	
SMUSBC	Carolyn Doyle	Youth: Vacant

There was discussion about the Application for a Position on the Board of Directors form and it was agreed that a subcommittee of Linda Austin, Gloria Yawn, and Joseph Mizda would review the application and indicate necessary additions/changes.

Hall of Fame Eleanor Douglas reported that at the meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee on January 25, Robert Tremaine, of LAUSBCA and, Gloria Yawn, of EMUSBC were voted into the MSUSBC Hall of Fame for meritorious service. The induction ceremony will take place at the annual meeting.

Ways and Means Noreen Holt passed out the calendars to be sold by March 15. Pins: original order of 300; have sold 128 to date. Prices for reorder: \$1.15 each for 300-500; \$1.12 each for 500-1000. President Gordon instructed Noreen to order 500 pins.

Admin Manual Gloria Yawn reported the manual has been updated and will be sent to the board.

Eleanor Douglas made a motion to accept all committee reports CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

State Awards Program President Gordon reported that he was able to purchase the jackets through Wright's Sporting Goods and have them embroidered for less than USBC charges for the jackets. The ongoing cost is minimal since the setup fee is only paid once. There may be an issue with the Pepsi jackets since they have changed their logo. People who have been awarded a jacket were pleased with the quality and comfort of them. The President is still having problems getting high-average shirt information from the local association managers.

Website Linda Austin reported the site is being entered in the US Bowler USBC Association Media Awards Competition. She would like to have photos of the exterior or the sign for each bowling center. The bowler2bowler blog is running.

Gloria Yawn of EMUSBC made a motion that \$300 be awarded to Linda Austin for creation and maintenance of the website and that it be recorded as an operating expense item. Motion seconded by Ellie Douglas CARRIED.

2008 Youth Tournament No report. No representatives present.

2008 Seniors' Tournament No report. No representatives. Joseph Mizda indicated there was still one outstanding check.

2009 Women's Tournament Carolyn Doyle reported the entry forms were out. Closing date is March 15.

2009 Open Tournament William Langbein distributed entry forms. US Cellular is adding \$1500 to the prize fund. President Gordon had been asked by a bowler if they could put together a team consisting of out of state bowlers. As the rules are now, yes.

2009 Pepsi Tournament No report. No representatives.

2009 Youth Tournament No report. No representatives. Joseph Mizda indicated the youth tournament is scheduled for March 7-8, 14-15. Forms have been distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Masters vs. Open Entry A bowler has requested that the board consider awarding the MSUSBC Open Tournament All Events winner with a paid entry into the USBC Open Tournament rather than the USBC Masters Tournament. Masters entry fee is \$450; Open entry fee is \$600. MSUSBC currently pays for the shirt and \$200 in expenses as well as the Masters entry fee. Tabled until the next meeting.

Championship Subsidies President Gordon stated that each year, there are about 12 bowlers attending USBC events and the MSUSBC pays the entry fees and allots \$200 per bowler for expenses. "How can we better serve our bowlers? What else can we do for them? Should we raise the expense allotment? Currently \$1.50 per MSUSBC Open Tournament entry goes into the general fund. It was suggested at another meeting that this money be put into the prize fund. Should it?" President Gordon appointed Andrew Woodward, Norm Grasse, Linda Austin and William Langbein (chairman) as a subcommittee to review these issues and present options at the Annual Meeting.

Assistant Association Manager Joseph Mizda appointed Linda Austin as the Assistant State Manager subject to board approval.

Change in By-Laws Tabled

Term Limits Tabled

Expense Money Joseph C. Mizda indicated ten seniors are attending the USBC Senior's Tournament. MSUSBC pays for their shirts and entry fees.

Other William Langbein suggested that there be seed money for state tournaments to cover the cost of printing and supplies. Tabled.

There being no further business to come before the Maine State USBC, President Gordon adjourned the meeting at 15:43.

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting at Brunswick Golf Club, River Road, Brunswick, Maine, Saturday, May 2, starting at 6:00 p.m.