



## **Maine State USBC**

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Minutes – May 2, 2009 – Brunswick Golf Club, Brunswick, Maine

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m. by President Gordon.

President Gordon reported that USBC had recently announced the winners of their 2nd annual media awards. First place for best USBC website: Maine State USBC. President Gordon recognized Linda Austin as webmaster and entrusted the website award plaque to her.

**Scholarship Presentations** Ellie Douglas reported: The committee met March 29, at Crossroads Restaurant, Augusta. There were ten applicants. The committee awarded four \$1000 scholarships. Award recipients: Andrew Sawyer (LAUSBCA), Tyler Cotter (EMUSBC), Brittany Farrington (MRUSBC) & Ryan Casey (EMUSBC). Since the Joseph C. Mizda Scholarship fund began, \$44,000 has been awarded. To continue, we need your support. Please put us in your budget.

**Hall of Fame Inductions** were made by Ellie Douglas. Inducted to the Hall of Fame were Robert Tremaine (LAUSBCA) and Gloria Yawn (EMUSBC). Ellie Douglas, President of LAUSBCA, introduced Robert Tremaine. Nikki Yawn of EMUSBC introduced Gloria Yawn. Plaques were awarded by President Fred Gordon.

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Fred D. Gordon, Eleanor Douglas, Debra Milner, Joseph C. Mizda, Linda Austin, Jacob Webb, William Langbein, David Frye, Lynn Chellis, Carolyn Doyle, Joyce Poulin, Joseph Ramsdell Jr., Norm Grasse, Debra Edgecomb, Noreen Holt, Pete Provencher, Gloria T. Yawn, Betty Gamble, Roger Blackmer

**Absent:** John Archer, Ruth Archer, Andrew Woodward

**Delegates:** CMUSBC: Alan Hilton (youth), Sharon Spaulding, Mary Pennachi, Laurie Pelletier, Kelly Ramsdell, Elaine Hilton; EMUSBC: Arlene Wolfinger, Cecil Bischoff, Nikki Yawn, Joe Yawn, Ed Cotter (youth); FCUSBC: Kelly McCrillis; LAUSBCA: Tom Giberti Sr., Mike Edgecomb, Mark Fortier, Robert Tremaine, Steve Harlow (youth); MRUSBC: Ronald Belanger, Dennis Carney, Bryan Fuller, Jason Pulsifer (youth), Rudy Emmons; SMUSBC: Shirley Gordon, Brad Crothers, Brad Hersey (youth), Sue Arsenault, Bill Eskilson.

**Attendees:** There were several guests in attendance.

**Minutes of January 25, 2009 Meeting** Motion to accept the minutes of January 25, made by Director Deb Edgecomb **CARRIED**.

### **Association Manager's Report**

- Results of website survey indicate there is not enough interest. There will be no men's tournament.
- We need to purchase a laptop computer & flash drive for use during MSUSBC tournaments.
- The associations will *propose* the tournament manager. The State Association Manager will interview the proposed manager & make the final selection of tournament manager for Youth, Women's, Open & Seniors.
- MSUSBC will provide all MSUSBC tournament rules and entry forms. The hosting association may design the cover sheet and procure advertisements. The ads are the local association money – this is used to pay for the printing.
- Linda Austin has been proposed as Assistant State Association Manager, we need a vote and to determine how much to pay her; suggested \$99.99.
- Roger Blackmer donated \$100 on behalf of the Youth Travel Tournament to the Joseph C Mizda Scholarship fund.

- Andy Woodward of CMUSBC donated \$300 to the Joseph C Mizda Scholarship fund.
- 600 Club – has never been on the books until the 08 Women's Tournament. In the future please do this separately, since it will not be included in our rules.

### Financial Report

Andrew Woodward had a stroke is not allowed to drive at night. Joseph Mizda presented the financial report. An audit of the 2008 Women's Tournament found everything to be in order. Recommend payment of \$246 to the tournament director.

An audit of all accounts of the MSUSBC covering the period of July 1 – April 30 has been performed. These accounts are held at Bangor Savings Bank – the President and Andrew Woodward can see them at any time.

All accounts maintained by the Association Manager were found to be in order.

In addition there was a good accounting of the petty cash fund held by the Association Manager.

The audit was completed April 30, 2009.

President Gordon reviewed the general fund May 1; it is in excess of \$14,000. This figure does not include all the checks for the Open and Women's tournaments. All checks have been sent out but not cashed. President Gordon asked if the delegation would approve reimbursement of his expenses for airfare, hotel and parking, for his trip to Reno to accept the Website award. The award included a check for \$500 as well as the plaque. Robert Tremaine made a motion to reimburse President Gordon. **CARRIED**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Youth** President Gordon announced that Mike Frager (who has resigned) has called a meeting of the Youth Directors, for 11 a.m. at Sparetime, Lewiston on May 3. There will be no elections of Youth Directors today; that will be taken care of tomorrow. Mike Frager does want to remain on the MSUSBC board youth committee but not as chairman.

**Nominating** President Gordon has not found a satisfactory method of getting everyone involved locally. Requested that each association manager (or if they cannot be on the committee) find someone from their association who can.

**Finance and Budget** No report

**Hall of Fame** Eleanor Douglas reported that the nomination forms and instructions are located on the website.

**Ways and Means** Noreen Holt reported 250 calendars were given out at the January meeting. 242 were sold, which made the fund \$80 short. There were problems getting unsold calendars back to the Ways and Means Committee in a timely manner. Of 800 pins, 245 have been sold.

Lynn Chellis made a motion to accept all committee reports **CARRIED**.

### OLD BUSINESS

**State Awards Program** President Gordon reported that winner's jackets are being discontinued. He will have to find another style. Information is required immediately for the Open and Pepsi tournament winners. There is a possibility the discontinued style jackets may still be available. They will not be manufactured any more.

High Average & High Series bowlers – men, women & youth (boys & girls): Too many problems with high series information so this recognition has been dropped for the time being. President Gordon will be contacting association managers for the highest average information for men, women, & youth (boys & girls).

**Website** Linda Austin reported she would like to have photos of the exterior or the sign for each bowling center. Add the site address to your email signatures. Joseph Mizda reminded everyone there would be a group picture taken for display on the website.

**2009 Youth Tournament** Ed Cotter reported: 30 Teams; 57 Doubles; 84 Singles; 56 AE. New this year: brackets/eliminator. This generated scholarships in the amount of \$365. Ed asked the associations to consider some commitment to the youth tournaments to help with purchase of awards. Sponsorships were another idea. There is more money in adult tournaments rather than youth.

**2008 Seniors' Tournament** Kelly McCrillis reported for Mac Haynes. There were a total of 97 bowlers; SS 15 (12 men, 3 women); Class A 24 (11 men, 13 women); Class B 24 (16 men, 8 women); Class C 16 (7 men, 9 women); Class D 15 (7 men, 8 women). All funds were forwarded to MSUSBC and checks were issued promptly.

President Gordon indicated that all of the winners will be going to the Seniors tournament in Reno, end of June, and early July. Their shirts and entry forms have been taken care of. There was a discussion of the tenpin rule and "if you bowl doubles you must bowl singles" and the fact that youth cannot bowl doubles. These items will be taken care of with the new rules to be presented in August.

**2009 Women's Tournament** Carolyn Doyle reported : 47 Teams; 78 Doubles; 148 Singles; 145 AE. 3 youth entries but only 2 showed up. Joseph Mizda indicated a rule change for all MSUSBC tournaments about excessive perfume, aftershave and scented body products. There was a discussion of average verification. The average verification issue will be taken up at the August meeting.

**2009 Open Tournament** William Langbein reported: Tournament has 3 days left. 119 Teams; 250 Doubles; 347 Singles; 309 AE. Figures are slightly lower than last year.

President Gordon clarified the \$600 winnings rule. \$600 cumulative –MSUSBC has to report a 1099 form for income tax purposes. Brackets; 50-50 is not included in the \$600.

President Gordon indicated that there would be a rule change that limits MSUSBC tournament participation to Maine bowlers. USBC has suggested the following wording: "Entrants must have a current average from a USBC certified league within the state of Maine based on a minimum of 21 games at the time of entry."

**2009 Pepsi Tournament** Norm Grasse reported: 11-12 Year Olds- 27 young men; 15 young women; 3 of each did not show. 13 and Over- 40 young men; 20 young women.

**Financial Subcommittee** No report. William Langbein does not have time, has not had time to do this. President Gordon reconstituted the committee as follows: Gloria Yawn, Andrew Woodward, Linda Austin and Chairman Jacob Webb.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**National Convention 2011** will be in Grapevine Texas with bowl expo in June. Youth representatives are encouraged to attend.

**Assistant Association Manager** Joseph Mizda reported: I am proposing Linda Austin as the Assistant Association Manager. The board agreed to hire her with a salary of \$99.99.

**Tournament Re-entries** this item was submitted by Art Meether who was unable to attend this meeting. After a brief discussion William Langbein made a motion that MSUSBC not allow re-entries in any future tournaments. CARRIED

**Ball Raffles** After a brief discussion Shirley Gordon made a motion that ball raffles at MSUSBC tournaments be solely for the general fund of MSUSBC. 24 in favor; 16 against. CARRIED.

**Mixed League Championship** Fred Gordon will email the info to each association manager.

**Laptop for MSUSBC Tournaments** Alan Hilton made a motion to purchase the Dell laptop computer and flash drive presented by the MSUSBC Association Manager. CARRIED

**Maine State Taxes on Bowling** Mike Edgecomb inquired if there was any information available on the subject. He was referred to the State of Maine web page.

**BVL Tournaments** – Joyce Poulin indicated their league had contributed about \$6000 to BVL. A note from BVL to their league indicated that as of April 28, they were the only league in the State of Maine contributing. Joyce indicated that the money goes back to the veterans. The BVL is low on funds.

**Tournament Rotation** – 2010 Youth Tournament is scheduled for Yankee Lanes, Portland. The ownership of Bowl New England has made the announcement they will not allow the youth tournament to be held at Yankee Lanes, Portland unless it is held later in the season and does not upset their particular schedule of leagues and other events. The Franklin County association is not holding a tournament next season; and, Ed Cotter indicated Bangor would be willing to host the youth tournament. We have 2 options. This will be reviewed again in August.

**Elections**

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

President Gordon indicated youth directors would be voted on tomorrow at the youth meeting. There being no other applications for the incumbent positions, President Gordon asked for a motion. Robert Tremaine made a motion that the Association Manager cast one vote to elect the incumbents. CARRIED

Since the Association Manager cannot vote, an AMENDED motion was made: that Debra Milner cast one vote to elect the incumbents. CARRIED

Vice President election – Eleanor Douglas incumbent, Gloria Yawn. President Gordon reported the votes have been tallied and Eleanor Douglas is the Vice President for the next two years.

Lynn Chellis proposed we start the meetings earlier. Under consideration.

There being no further business to come before the Maine State USBC, President Gordon adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Crossroads Restaurant, Augusta, Maine, Sunday, August 23, starting at 1:00 p.m.