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Minutes – May 3, 2008 – Annual Meeting – Ken's Celebration Center Skowhegan

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Gordon.

Scholarship Presentations Ellie Douglas reported the committee met March 22 at Sparetime, Lewiston and made one change to the qualifications: *A parent/grandparent/guardian and/or the applicant must be a member in good standing of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).* As revised: *Any relative/guardian and/or the applicant must be a member in good standing of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).* Forms are available on the website. Ellie Douglas presented the Joseph C. Mizda Scholarships of \$1000 each to: Jessica Archer (FCUSBC), Matthew Poulin (EMUSBC), and Sherri Young (EMUSBC).

Hall of Fame Inductions were made by Ellie Douglas. Inducted into the Hall of Fame were Brad Bailey and Mary Pennacchi. Brad Bailey was introduced by Gloria Yawn, Pres. of EMUSBC. Mary Pennacchi was introduced by Alan Hilton, Association Manager of CMUSBC.

Roll Call

Present: Fred D. Gordon, Eleanor Douglas, Cheryl Monat, Joseph C. Mizda, Jacob Webb, William Langbein, Lynn Tyler, Carolyn Doyle, Joyce Poulin, Michael Frager, Joseph Ramsdell Jr., Andrew Woodward, William Meehan, Debra Edgecomb, Noreen Holt, Gloria T. Yawn, Debra Milner

Absent: David Frye, John Archer, Ruth Archer, Peter Provencher, Roger Blackmer

Delegates: CMUSBC: Alan Hilton, Sharon Spaulding, Barbara Bubar, Laurie Pelletier, Norm Grasse Jr. (youth), Cheryl Bachelder (youth); EMUSBC: Clarence Young, Betty Gamble, Wendy Bigham, Brad Bailey; FCUSBC: Mac Haynes, Ron Bell, Roxanne and Douglas Archer, Jessica Tyler (youth); LAUSBC: Robert Tremaine, Mike Edgecomb, Erland Holt, Linda J Austin, Tracy Leeman (youth); MRUSBC: Dennis Carney, Lois Langbein, Donna Erickson; SMUSBC: Scott Bodlovick, Brad Hersey, Brad Crothers, Shirley Gordon, Ashley Bodlovick (youth)

Attendees: There were several guests in attendance.

Minutes of January 19 meeting will be amended to include the place of the meeting, Augusta. Motion for acceptance made by Debra Edgecomb carried.

Association Manager's Report

- The following directors attended the Communications Seminar on January 26 conducted by Bill Vint of USBC: Fred D. Gordon, Joseph C. Mizda, Lynn Tyler, Joseph Ramsdell, Jr., Andrew Woodward, Noreen Holt, Ruth Archer, John Archer, Gloria T. Yawn, Debra Milner, and Roger Blackmer. Mr. Vint looked at our website and made some suggestions which will be put into effect this summer.
- Distributed checks for Women's Tournament.

- Calendar money.
- Plaques and plates made for scholarship fund.
- Awarded USBC chevrons to Nikki Yawn, All Events Champion Scratch, Women's State Tournament; Joyce Poulin, All Events Handicap, Women's State Tournament.
- Masters will be held in February in Las Vegas; Queens will be in April in Reno.

Financial Report

Andrew Woodward stated that all accounts were in order. President Gordon indicated there is a limited means of income for the Association. Monies are derived from bowler certifications, tournaments, ball raffles and calendar sales. He congratulated Debra Edgecomb and Noreen Holt for their work on the Ways and Means Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth

Michael Frager – the Youth Committee met March 30. Norm Grasse, Jr. will be replacing William Meehan. The Pepsi Tournament is going well. The Registered Volunteer Program deadline is August 1. There was a brief discussion of the tournament rotation. There will be a meeting May 4, 11:00 in Portland, or after the Pepsi Tournament ends.

Nominating

The local association managers will be the nominating committee for candidates to the State Association. The Youth Committee votes only for their own members.

Finance and Budget

Andrew Woodward requested the Association Manager transfer \$200 into the youth account. The annual report will be available in September. The petty cash account has been broken down.

Hall of Fame

Ellie Douglas reported there were no changes.

Ways and Means

Noreen Holt stated the calendar sales were a big success and reported the sales as \$2500, half went into the general fund & the other half was paid to winners. Debra Edgecomb reported there were people asking for calendars.

OLD BUSINESS

2007 Seniors' Tournament Debra Milner reported stats. Joe Mizda reported that all checks had been redeemed.

2008 Women's Tournament Bob Tremaine reported participation as: Teams-44, Doubles-85, Singles-144, All-events 143. The prize list and standings can be viewed on the website.

2008 Open Tournament Mary Pennacchi said the tournament is progressing well without any problems. She reported there is a new state record in the doubles. Shawn and Tim Grasse shot 1563.

State Awards Program President Gordon reported that State Awards are retroactive to 2007. All average information has not been provided and in some cases he is waiting for size information from several awardees. President Gordon will e-mail association managers for information. Tabled for next meeting.

Tournament Rotation 2008 – 2009

MRUSBC Open
FCUSBC Seniors
LAUSBC Pepsi
SMUSBC Women's
CMUSBC Tri-State

President Gordon reported that the Youth Committee would like to have the youth rotation done by house rather than in rotation. He noted that the Association Manager has the right to assign tournament management to whatever tournament that comes under MSUSBC. The Youth Committee falls under the umbrella of the MSUSBC and needs to conform with the rest of the Association in tournament rotation. After discussion this matter was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Communications Workshop Joe Mizda reported the workshop was a success. Changes to the website will be made this summer. All correspondence and tournament entry forms will include the website address.

Disposition of Expense Fee Bill Langbein requested that the \$1.50 of the expense fee of state tournaments, currently paid to the Association be put into the prize fund. After discussion, Andrew Woodward suggested that the issue be tabled until the next meeting so that he can review the ramifications and report to the board.

Youth Travel League Discussion It was reported that the Youth Travel League is not a certified league. Ed Cotter reported he has the certification and will bring it to the meeting in Portland on May 4.

Membership Concerns President Gordon reported youth members of 400 this year; 349 last year; adult membership dropped from 4186 last year to 4080 this year. How do we retain current members and encourage new members?

Other President Gordon asked for suggestions regarding what can be done at the state level to help out or show appreciation to all of our members?

President Gordon announced a rebate for local USBC associations for the 2007 annual meeting. Checks were distributed to them.

Mike Edgecomb raised the issue of the USBC certification of bowling balls and the eligibility for honor scores if bowled with an older ball that does not have the USBC logo. Joe Mizda stated that this requirement has been dropped by USBC. Any ball that is approved by USBC can continue to be used and will qualify for honor score awards. There is an approved ball list on bowl.com.

Voting for New Officers and Directors

These terms expire in July 2008 – Fred Gordon President, Cheryl Monat Sgt. At Arms, Gloria Yawn, Andrew Woodward, William Meehan Youth Director, Ruth Archer, Lynn Chellis Tyler Youth Director, Noreen Holt, William Langbein, David Frye Youth Director and Joyce Poulin.

Youth – William Meehan is not returning. Norm Grasse, Jr. is running for his position. Other incumbents are unopposed. Youth Delegate Tracy Leeman made a motion that the nominations be accepted by acclamation, it was seconded by Youth Delegate Ashley Bodlovick and carried.

Debra Edgecomb made a motion that the following unopposed incumbents be elected by acclamation: Fred Gordon President, Gloria Yawn, Andrew Woodward, Ruth Archer, Noreen Holt, William Langbein and Joyce Poulin. The motion was seconded by Ed Cotter and carried.

Sgt. at Arms Cheryl Monat position is opposed by Debra Milner. With a secret ballot vote of 22 to 15 Debra Milner was elected the new Sgt. at Arms. President Gordon requested nominations by the next meeting from EMUSBC to fill Debra's director position.

The date and location of the next meeting is to be determined.

There being no further business to come before the board, President Gordon adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.