

## **Michigan State USBC Bowling Assn. Annual Meeting June 25, 2017 9:00 AM Lansing, MI**

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Reusser followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of board members was taken, honorary members introduced. There were 59 association delegates and 17 state board members present. A moment of silence observed for those state bowlers who passed away during the previous year. Special guests were introduced.

The minutes of the June 26, 2016 annual meeting were approved as written.

The financial report was presented by Rick Dodge. It was really a budget document (of which a copy was not distributed) for the 2017-2018 season. The bottom line was an expected net loss of \$5,225.00. The projected income for the 2016-17 season was \$17,865. Difference mainly due to the reduced expenses of running the state tournament in one center. There was a net loss of \$6233.00 for the 2015-16 season.

Dave Lewis reported on the state association email newsletter. It is expected to combine the email newsletter with the state women's associations "Ten Pin Topics" when the merger happens.

The president reported on his travels and experiences the past season representing the State Association.

Director Bruce Marshall reported on the banquet which is to follow the annual meeting.

Director Jim DeGraaf reported on the state association recognition awards. Two will be presented at the banquet and two will be presented at the President/Association Manager Jamboree in September. At the banquet, Bruce Marshall received the Tournament/Yearbook dedication honor.

Jim DeGraff reported on the President/Association Manager Jamboree that will be held in Holland on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Golf outings are planned for Friday and Saturday with bowling Saturday night. There will be no bowling on Sunday. State BA and WBA board meetings will be held late Saturday afternoon. There will be a workshop Sunday morning where more information on the merger will be forthcoming.

Mark Martin presented the Hall of Fame report. Three honorees this year. Mike Braun in the Superior Performance category, Gordy Fransen in the Veteran's category and Dave Lewis in the Meritorious Service category were selected.

Bob Dunlap reported on the Bowling Council which brings the various bowling business partners together to discuss current topics. Local associations are invited to participate. Next bowling council meeting will be at the Radisson in Lansing on July 17<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the bowling proprietors BCAM convention

Scott McLeod reported on USBC Youth. Five \$2000 scholarships are awarded this year. They will be presented at the banquet. Next year the scholarships will be allowed to be granted to first year college students. There is a need for more applicants.

Election of officers and directors was held. Bruce Marshall will be the new president. Alan Ehnis is first vice-president and Scott McLeod is second vice-president. All incumbent directors were re-elected without opposition. George Bresinski was elected to take Scott McLeod's director position as he moved into an officer's role. Neil Vitale of the Blossomland Association was elected director replacing Pat Haney who resigned. Gary Reusser was voted in as an Honorary Member and Richard Loughlin as the delegate to the USBC National Convention. Bruce Marshall was elected as the alternate. Bill Land installed the officers and directors.

Richard Smith reported that the tournament site selection committee selected Flint to host the 2019 annual tournament. Only one center (Grand Blanc Lanes) will be used. The 2018 tournament is in Grand Rapids with team at Fairlanes and singles/doubles at Westgate Bowl.

Richard Loughlin presented the tournament report. Team entries were 1569 compared to 1662 last year. There were sixteen (16) 300's and five (5) 800's. Some teams had to be turned away due to the reduced lane availability because of holding the tournament in one house. They will allow more time between squads to try to start the squads at their appointed time. There is a lot of slow bowling.

Mark Martin reported on the Masters and Senior Masters tournaments. The Masters was won by John Nolan. He has also won the USBC Masters and the Greater Detroit Masters tournaments. The Senior Masters was won by Harry Sullins who also won the previous year. The 2018 tournaments will be held in the Detroit area on March 24/25 (Senior Masters) and April 21/22 (Masters).

Old Business – None

New Business – Richard Loughlin reported on the plans for the merger of the State BA, State WBA and State Youth organizations. Five (5) members of each organization are on the merger committee. Application for board positions in the merged organization will be due by October 15<sup>th</sup>. The delegate meeting to elect the new board will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Each association will be allowed delegates based on their 2015/16 membership totals. Maximum number is seven (7) delegates per association. The board members will have three-year staggered terms. There must be 20% representation by youth delegates. There was \$625 collected for BVL at the meeting with further collections to be made at the banquet.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09am.

Respectfully submitted: Roger Crawford and Dennis Arend