

**Fargo-Moorhead USBC Association—Board Meeting Minutes**

**D-S Beverages—6pm**

**August 4, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Allison called the meeting to order at 6pm.

**Establish Quorum:** 12 directors and officers present. Matt concluded a quorum was established.

**Roll:** Allison, Jon, Cassie, Matt, Dennis, Steve, Kayla, Emily, Jordan, Bri, Val and Arne present. Karen, Lisa and Jim excused absence. Also present were David Hamiga, Jesse Keller, and Terry Mackner as presidential board appointees subject to board approval.

**Approval of Agenda:** Val motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Jon seconded. Motion carried 12-0.

**Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2024 Meeting:** Arne motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dennis seconded. Motion carried 12-0.

**Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2024 Meeting:** Val motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Steve seconded. Motion carried 12-0.

**Presidential Board Appointments:** Allison asked David, Jesse and Terry to introduce themselves and state why they want to serve. Cassie motioned to approve the presidential board appointments as proposed. Dennis seconded. Motion carried 12-0. The board welcomed the three new directors.

David and Terry to serve out terms expiring July 31, 2025.

Jesse to serve out term expiring July 31, 2026.

**Code of Ethics and Confidentiality:** Matt presented the annual code of ethics, confidentiality and commitment to serve forms. All those present signed and returned. Matt will have Jim, Lisa and Karen sign at or before the next board meeting. No action taken.

**RVP/Safesport Review:** Matt reviewed the requirements for RVP and Safesport and confirmed all current directors prior to that night were in compliance. He asked the three new directors to hang back after the meeting so he could walk them through the process. No action taken.

**Director Onboarding:** Allison reviewed the reasons why director onboarding was taking place this year. An email has been sent out with three options for attendance. Directors only need to attend one session. No action taken.

**2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates:** The full year of board meeting dates were discussed, along with a reminder of local tournament dates. All directors were asked to input the dates into their calendars. No action taken.

**Fall Informational Meeting Overview:** Allison covered what to expect at the August 12 Fall informational meeting. Matt confirmed all Fargo-Moorhead league presidents and secretaries were notified and invited to the meeting. It will be done as a picnic style event this year for a meet-and-greet. There are no changes on the national or local level, so no actual meeting will take place. The attendees will be able to partake in food and conversation and have a walkthrough of their league packets. Matt was asked to send out a reminder on Monday, and he confirmed he would do so. No action taken.

**2024-2025 Committee Assignments:** Allison covered her proposal for committee assignments. She also mentioned that committee chair training would take place after director onboarding is conducted.

**Director Contact Info for Association Members:** No concerns expressed by directors. Emily asked about pictures/headshots so the association can recognize board members. Cassie said she would reach out to the photographer who does the Hall of Fame pictures to vet out pricing. The annual Meet the Board social media posts will commence at the beginning of league season. No action taken.

**House Representatives:** It was a discussion point last year that official house reps haven't been in place for several seasons. The board agreed it was time to bring them back.

Matt brought up that an official vote of approval for the committee assignments did not occur and should be ratified. Arne motioned to approve the committee assignments as presented by Allison. Kayla seconded. Motion carried 15-0.

The discussion on house reps continued. It was agreed that all board members will be a rep in the house they bowl in. Lead house reps were floated as: Steve for Hawley Lanes; Terry for You Betcha; Jon for Sunset Lanes; Emily for West Acres Bowl; Kayla for XCalibur; Allison said she would talk to Jim about being the lead rep for The Bowler. Val motioned to approve the assignment of lead house reps, pending successful discussion with Jim. Emily seconded. Motion carried 15-0.

**2023-2024 Final Financial Review:** Matt walked the board through the final financial positioning of the last season. Discussion was held. Jon motioned to take the surplus, approximately \$1,277.34 pending any other invoices, and put it towards youth scholarships for the 2024-2025 season. Jordan seconded. Motion carried 15-0.

Jordan asked if the Charley Jones scholarship funds could be shown separately within the savings account. Matt agreed that would be good for transparency.

Jon motioned to approve the final financials as presented. Cassie seconded. Motion carried 15-0.

**2024-2025 Proposed Budget:** The finance committee presented the proposed budget to the board. Major discussion topics proposed by the committee included the amounts of delegate stipends for ND State Jamboree and National USBC Convention, spending some reserves down to pump additional prize money into the seniors, all-city, and mixed doubles tournaments, and fundraising at FargoDome.

Matt said that there are things the board can do, such as fundraising outside of the association, to raise the funds to give back to the entire association of 1,950 bowlers. The board agreed that all decisions it makes need to have the best interests of everyone in mind, not just a small percentage.

Arne motioned to approve the budget as presented by the finance committee. Steve seconded. Motion carried 15-0.

**FargoDome Fundraising:** Allison led further detailed discussion of the proposal from last year's fundraising committee to work events at FargoDome to raise money for the association. The plan is to have any fundraisers outside of BVL and Bowl for the Cure have all raised funds benefit youth scholarships; while funds raised from directors working FargoDome events will benefit other programs supported by the general and tournament accounts. Cassie motioned to approve the proposal and submit the paperwork. Jon seconded. Motion carried 15-0.

**Tournament Promotion:** Val and Jon held discussion on tournament promotion for 2024-2025. No action taken.

**Director Shirts:** Jon held discussion that shirts weren't ordered last year due to turnover. With the stability of the board going forward, he would be placing the order this week. Get updated sizes to Jon in the next couple of days. No action taken.

**Horace Bean Days Parade:** Matt proposed the board take part in the Horace Bean Days parade to promote youth programs. No cost to enter. He said he couldn't participate in it as he would be working traffic control, but if 4 or 5 directors wanted to, he would get them in. Due to short notice and no directors available, board decided not to move forward.

**ND State Jamboree Alternate Delegate:** Jon is unable to attend as an elected delegate to the jamboree in Bismarck this coming weekend. Allison asked if any other director would be interested in attending in his place, even with the very short notice. No one available. Matt asked if anyone knew of an association member who could attend on short notice, no names were brought forth. The remaining five delegates from Fargo-Moorhead will represent the association. No action taken.

**Old Business:** Arne announced Champion of Champions jackets are in, and Terry took them. He asked if the media committee could continue discussing the bowling pin trophies from June. Allison agreed.

Arne and Jon will begin refreshing the website and prep for posting minutes.

Matt discussed the policy manual that is almost ready for adoption. The officers felt it wouldn't be fair to present it for adoption during the first meeting with four brand new directors. The plan will be to discuss it at the September meeting and hand it out; with formal adoption targeted for October. Matt provided a brief update on the executive session discussion from July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** Emily discussed youth program promotion at back-to-school nights.

**Next Meeting:** September 15<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at D-S Beverages.

**Adjournment:** Arne motioned to adjourn. Emily seconded. Motion carried 15-0. Adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Voltz