

MONTANA USBC ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2016

President Fred Sadler called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM at the O'Haire Motor Inn in Great Falls.

Roll call was taken. Present: Fred Sadler, 1st Vice President Don Warner, 2nd Vice President Nancy Collick, Directors: Lewis Dobie, Teri Hodges, Leroy Thom, Don Jordan, Danielle Bolan, Mark Hodges, Bert Stiles, Rich Foran, Michelle Anderson, Sandy True, Marie Murphy, Debbie Martinich, Pam Brendgord and Association Manager, Tom Brendgord. Excused: Director Robyn Barker.

Minutes from the May 21, 2016, meeting were read and approved (Mark Hodges motion).

Financial Report: Given by Tom Brendgord. Financial reports through July 31, 2016, and budget spreadsheets for 2016-17 were distributed to all board members. Tom pointed out that we lost \$2,081.37 in the fiscal year ending July 31, 2016. Areas that were worse than expected were: (1) 10th Anniversary Celebration cost \$1,408.44, (2) we had to purchase more checks to pay Open tournament - \$516.73, which was not budgeted for, (3) meeting rooms at the Colonial Inn in Helena cost \$700, which were much higher than budgeted (4) the dues increase from \$1 to \$2 was not recognized by several association resulting in approximately \$1,200 less income. Areas that turned out better than expected were: (1) Masters and Queens winners didn't participate in 2016 tournaments saving us \$900, (2) 50/50 ticket sales were almost \$2,700 over projection. The Open tournament accounted for 63.5%, (3) souvenir pins sales were \$372 over budget, (4) no annual awards in 2015-16 saving \$500 in budget, (5) the Montana Strike Zone profited \$680 over budget, (6) our convention delegates saved \$484 under budget, (7) senior tournament entries in 2015 were 253, which was 33 entries more than projected. The 2016-17 budget committee recommendations are: (1) continue the postcard project, but budget \$850 for it, (2) purchase same amount of emblems and pins as last year, (3) budget \$700 for Quickbooks software lease plus year-end tax and technical support, (4) budget \$500 for general/women's account checks, (5) increase per diem budget \$2,500 to include YBC directors travel to YBC state tournament plus other meetings, (6) recommend entry fees for Open & Women's tournaments increase to \$30 per person per event, which includes increase in lineage from \$3.30 to \$3.50 per line. Also recommend following a new 4-year plan to keep entry fees at \$30, but increase lineage by \$.10/line each year and also increase prize fund each year. Youth tournament entry fees to increase in 2018. Youth lineage to pay \$3.50 in 2017, (7) increase association manager compensation as follows: base salary from \$11,500 to \$12,000 per year. Office space rental increase from \$700 per year to \$3,000. Motion to accept financial report made by Sandy True. **Passed.**

Association Manager Report: Tom Brendgord gave the report.

1. Adult membership in 2015-16 was 11,301, which was 248 less than 2014-15 (11,549). Youth membership was 1,370 in 2015-16, which was 61 less than in 2014-15 (1,431). 21 associations reporting.
2. Winlabs has been improved to include Windows 8 & 10. Newer upgrade expected for 2017-18 season.
3. 10th Anniversary celebration was a success. Letter from Roz Gallup was read complementing the celebration.
4. Bowling center news: Five Valley Center closed; Red Zone in Butte also closed; Westside Lanes is adding 10 more lanes; New owners at Fat Cat Lanes in Laurel and Hi Line Lanes in Havre (also new name: Harvest Moon Lanes); owner of lanes in Hamilton died & new manager hired (Knut Hoelstad). Knut also looking to either purchase lanes and add 12 lanes or build his own 12-lane center; Copper City Bowl in Anaconda did full resurface this summer making them eligible for 2017 Women's State; Rimrock Lanes in Thompson Falls is doing a full remodel with equipment from Five Valley Center.
5. Proprietor tournaments:
 - a. New this year is the Montana Family Tournament sponsored by Republic Services. 3 regionals in February with state finals in Helena on March 12. Similar format to the IFT, but slightly improved. \$6,000 in scholarships awarded at state finals.
 - b. US Open Qualifier to be held at Star Lanes in 2017. Separate tourney for men. Women's to be conducted as an optional event at the Jeanette Martinich Classic.

6. USBC Women's national tournament statistics from 1916 thru 2015 were highlighted. Best years: 1997 – Reno, 1988 – Reno/Carson City, 1983 – Las Vegas, 2000 – Reno. Decline started in 2006 after Reno had 10,972 entries. In 2015 Reno had 3,768 teams.

President's Report: Given by Fred Sadler. Fred thanked all board members for their commitment and dedication to the state association and to bowling in general.

Nominating Committee: Sandy True stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Youth/Scholarship Committee: Marie Murphy gave the report. She said that there would be no changes to the scholarship application/process for this bowling season. The Pepsi YBC tournament will be run by a committee of Teri Hodges, Debbie Martinich and Terri Johnson with Teri Hodges being the tournament director for the 2017 YBC tournament scheduled for Great Falls. The 2017 Youth State will have 5 divisions instead of 6 with division 5 now being the bantam division. Also, in that tournament the Scratch Doubles/Singles event will be optional for every division, not just for 140 & higher averages. However, there will no longer be plaques given in that event, only a scholarship to each division winner.

Hall of Fame: Nancy Collick gave the report.

- The 2017 HOF banquet will be in Billings at the Big Horn Resort. The date is Saturday, May 20, 2017.
- A mission statement has been added to the HOF application. Nancy read the statement and asked for board approval to include it with the application. A motion was made by Mark Hodges to approve adding the mission statement. **Passed.**

Awards: Teri Hodges gave the report.

- We are still taking applications for the Family-of-the-Year award. The application deadline is March 1st.
- Should there be a FOY winner, the award will be presented at the Hall of Fame banquet. Free banquet tickets up to ten family members will be allowed. If more than ten family members, then half price tickets (at our cost) will be allowed beyond ten. A motion was made by Lewis Dobie allowing 10 free tickets as discussed above. **Passed.**

Tournament Committee: Bert Stiles gave the report.

- 2021 state tournament schedule was determined as follows: Open–Helena; Women-Missoula; Youth-Anaconda; YBC-Great Falls; Hall of Fame banquet/Delegate's meeting-Helena.
- The postcard project that was prepared and distributed in late December to all bowlers who entered the Open and Women's tournaments will be done again this year. It includes information on all five of our state tournaments. \$850 has been budgeted for this project.
- A new 4-year plan was approved for the Open and Women's tournaments effective in 2017 through 2020. The plan was presented by Tom Brendgord in his financial report.
- It was determined that our server needs replacing. Don Warner suggested that we upgrade to Server 2012. His initial research indicates the cost to be approximately \$3,500. Nancy Collick made a motion to pursue purchase and installation of the new server as soon as possible after the end of the 2016 Senior State tournament. Funds are available in the Equipment Reserve account. **Motion passed.**
- The Open State tournament will be in Billings April 8-May 21, 2017 skipping Easter weekend (April 15-16). Rich Foran will be tournament director. Based on an analysis discussed by the committee, it was determined to change the division classifications as follows: A-185 & up; B-165-184; C-164 & down, which was unchanged from before. Team event will be at Fireside Lanes. Doubles/Singles will be at Sunset Bowl.
- The Women's State tournament will be in Anaconda from April 21-May 14, 2017. Ranie Kelly will be tournament director. Entry deadline will be Wednesday, May 10, which is the Wednesday prior to the final weekend. An analysis of divisions was also discussed with the following changes made: A-150 & up; B-135-149; C-134 & down. We will purchase 300 souvenir pins and 500 emblems for the 2017 tournament, which is the same as the 2016 tournament. Team event will be at Copper City Bowl. Doubles/Singles will be at Cedar Park Lanes.

- Host City Guidelines changes made include: One lane courtesy is all that is required in our state tournaments. Announcements to that effect are to be made at the start of each shift. Also, when two centers are used for the Women's tournament, the free emblems will be put on a table only at the team center.
- 2017 Youth State tournament will be held in Butte starting April 8 thru April 23 skipping Easter weekend (April 15-16). Every event will be at Star Lanes. Debbie Martinich will be the tournament director. As mentioned in the Youth committee report, the divisions have changed as follows: Division 1 - 140 & up; Division 2 - 110-139; Division 3 – 85-109; Division 4 – 84 & under; Division 5 – age 8 & under.
- 2017 Senior State tournament will be held at Lucky Strike Lanes in Ronan starting September 30 through October 22 for a total of 4 weekends. The tournament director will be Tim Corbett. The tournament site for the 2018 Senior State will be Thompson Falls. The site for the 2019 Senior State was determined to be Forsyth and the site for the 2020 Senior State tournament will be Cut Bank.
- 2017 Pepsi YBC will be held in Great Falls. Dates: March 31 - April 2. Teri Hodges will be the tournament director. The amount of SMART account unassigned funds to be used to help pay scholarships was designated at \$2,000.
- The Standing Rules that apply to the Open and Women's State tournament was changed to include Rule 201c (Sport league average adjustment) when that is the only average a bowler has and Rule 319c (mandatory reporting when a bowler has ever been rerated).
- Credit card acceptance for tournament entry fees. A committee was formed to research the possibility of accepting credit card payments. The committee consists of Rich Foran, chairperson, Michelle Anderson and Lewis Dobie.

Legislative: Rich Foran gave the report. He presented two legislative updates to be voted on at the Delegate's meeting on May 21, 2017. They were referred to as Update #2, which proposed changing the youth delegate quorum from 11 youth delegates to 5 and Update #3, which proposes changing the maximum number of terms of our directors from three to five. Sandy True made motions to accept both proposals. **Both passed.**

Publicity, Website and Memorial: Don Warner gave the report.

- Don also asked all committee chairpersons to make sure that all forms are updated.
- Email addresses are now available on our website for our two new directors, Don Jordan and Lewis Dobie.
- The calendar on our website now reflects the dates of our state tournaments.
- The memorial presentation we had in May 2017 reflected 141 bowlers.
- When a person knows that a Hall of Famer is deceased, please let the HOF committee chairperson know so that it will be noted on both the HOF flyer and our website.

Old Business: Fred Sadler reported that the 2017 fall meeting will be at the Hampton Inn in Helena. The dates chosen were Sept. 23-24, 2017. Except for the precise date, this was a confirmation of the recommendation of the Future Meetings Ad Hoc Committee and decision approved by this board during the May 21, 2016 meeting.

New Business:

- It has been requested that we make quicker availability for review and approval of the minutes of our board meetings. And once approved through electronic vote, be placed on our website, mtusbc.org. A motion was made by Rich Foran that the association manager email said minutes to the board for approval as soon as possible, but not later than 30 days of a meeting date. The board will then have 15 days to reply (if a change is needed) and/or approve the minutes. Once the minutes, as corrected, has final board approval, then they are to be put on our website. **Motion passed.**
- The spring meeting in 2018 will be in Great Falls the weekend of May 18-20. A HOF banquet and delegate meeting location will have to be determined. Fred Sadler and Don Jordan have been asked to get bids from eligible sites for presentation during our spring meeting in May 2017.
- It was determined to not display the Women's Hall of Fame books at the Women's tournament in Anaconda. It is okay to display them at the 2017 Hall of Fame banquet in Billings.

Meeting adjourned 11:23 am.

Submitted by Tom Brendgord