

# MONTANA USBC ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2018

President Fred Sadler called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls.

Roll call was taken. Present: Fred Sadler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Nancy Collick, Directors: Lewis Dobie, Teri Hodges, Leroy Thom, Charlie Pepos, Danielle Bolan, Mark Hodges, Chris Guidry, Rich Foran, Robyn Barker, Tom Brendgord, Sandy True, Terri Johnson, Debbie Martinich, Pam Brendgord and Association Manager, Tom Brendgord. Excused: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Don Warner.

Minutes from the September 24, 2017, meeting were approved by email vote in October, but were approved again by voice approval.

**Financial Report:** Given by Tom Brendgord. Financial reports through April 30, 2018 were distributed to all board members. Tom pointed out that this isn't a true picture of our financial status because it shows a large amount of state tournament deposits, but no payoffs have been made yet. Tom referred to another handout that shows our membership analysis for the last 3 years up to May 1, 2018. It showed our total membership down 437 members from last year with the largest loss in the Greater Yellowstone Valley USBC (Billings) of 153 members. Total youth membership was also down 57 members with the largest loss in Glendive down 45 youths. Daniels County USBC (Scobey) still owes us \$100 in state dues for this season due to an error in their WinLabs membership submission report to USBC. We still have a \$50,000 CD in progress at the Billings FCU. It is at 2% interest for two years and will mature on August 29, 2019. Projected interest at that time will be \$2,000. Motion to accept financial report made by Mark Hodges and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Foran. **Passed.**

**Association Manager Report:** Tom Brendgord gave the report.

1. Current adult membership for 2017-18 is 10,336, which is 437 less than 2016-17 (10,773). Youth membership is 1,333 to date, which was 57 less than in 2016-17 (1,390).
2. State tournament entries are both up and down for this year. The Women's tournament ended up 14 more teams than last year. Youth State was up one team from last year. The Open, which is still in progress, is down approximately 20 to 25 teams.
3. Board changes for this season are: 4 new members (Charlie Pepos, Chris Guidry, Terri Johnson and Tom Brendgord), One member will term out this July 31, Teri Hodges. Three board members are about to enter their final year – Don Warner, Leroy Thom and Mark Hodges. Four board members, if re-elected this year, will be entering their final term – Robyn Barker, Sandy True, Rich Foran and Debbie Martinich.
4. Bowling center news: Copper City Bowl in Anaconda just closed. Also, Pro Alley Sports Bowl in Belt is rumored closed as is the VFW Lanes in Harlem.
5. Jason Milligan, a research technician with USBC, will be making a presentation on lane certification, lane conditioning and the new bowling ball specifications coming in the next two years. His presentation will be at the Montana Bowling Proprietors Association meeting on July 19 in Fairmont Hot Springs.

**President's Report:** Given by Fred Sadler. Fred thanked all board members for their time and effort to the committees that they serve and to the board in general.

**National convention report:** Given by Mark Hodges.

Mark reported about some of the seminars/sessions that were held. One, called the tournament experience, talked about state and local association tournaments being conducted properly. One discussed having a board orientation packet. He mentioned how the USBC national elections are highly controlled with there being no choice as to who to vote for. Also, no ball cleaners will be allowed effective 8/1/19 and new bowling ball specifications are going into effect 8/1/20. It was discussed that bowling centers will need to educate their bowlers regarding these changes. Mark and Chris (Guidry) are to prepare a flyer for the bowlers and our board explaining changes.

**Nominating Committee:** Leroy Thom stated that only three elections are being contested in the Delegate's election meeting on May 20. They are: District #1 – Sandi Torres, Mike Evjen and Mary Kruse; District #4 – Rich Foran and Bert Stiles; National convention delegates for 2019 – Rich Foran, Chris Guidry and Mark Hodges.

**Youth/Scholarship Committee:** Pam Brendgord gave the report. She announced our 2018 scholarship winners – Austyn Martinich (Great Falls), \$1,000, High Points Scored; Lauren Sullivan (Butte), \$750, MT USBC Girl; Karissa Ottenbacher (Billings), \$500, Isabel Cummings award. The 2018 Junior Gold will be in Dallas, Texas July 14-21. A change to the travel stipends that youths are eligible to receive in our YBC tournament has been mandated by nationals, but there are two different stipends that we give, which is still being sorted out by the youth committee as to who gets what. The 2019 youth state tournament entry form will show that youths, who are 8 years old as of August 1, 2018 will be eligible to enter Division 5 (Bantam division). Bantams, who bowl up into divisions 1-4, will also be eligible to enter any event in division 5. Also, people, who reserve 4-team spots or more in the 2019 youth tournament will be required to have their entry forms and fees to the tournament director by or before March 5, 2019. The 2019 Youth State tournament will be held in Helena starting April 13 through May 5 skipping Easter weekend for a total of 3 weekends. The 2019 Pepsi YBC will be held in Missoula on April 6-7.

**Hall of Fame:** Nancy Collick gave the report.

- This year's HOF inductees are: Frank Thompson (Great Falls), Guyla Streit (Great Falls), Jacki Huff (Helena) and Doris Kimmerle (Great Falls).

**Tournament Committee:** Mark Hodges gave the report.

- Accepting credit card payments for state tournament entry fees is an important process that we need to add for the 2019 tournaments. Setting up a Paypal process is still the method that we want to pursue, but that process has been stalled due to the health of Don Warner. Tom Brendgord and Nancy Collick are also on that sub-committee and are to continue to get this process established. They are to make a report to the board during our Fall meeting in September.
- Our rule to not allow out-of-state residents to enter our state tournaments is hard to control because of the other new rule requiring entrants use their state tournament average. A proposal to lessen the amount of league games rolled in a Montana league to be eligible was denied by the tournament committee.
- A lane conditioning proposal to strip and oil the lanes every other shift at our state tournaments was also denied by the tournament committee.
- State tournament locations for 2023 were determined: Open – Great Falls; Women's – Helena; Youth – Butte; Pepsi YBC – Missoula.
- All state tournaments (Open, Women, Youth) will now allow multiple participation in the doubles and singles events with the provision that a bowler must change partners each time, must enter singles each time, and is limited to three times participating. **Motion to accept by Rich Foran and second by Debbie Martinich. Passed.**
- The 2019 Open State tournament will be in Butte from March 30-May 19 (8 weekends) including Easter weekend (April 20-21) and some Friday nights. Dave Martinich will be tournament director. All shifts will be flex shifts.
- The 2020 Open State tournament will be in Missoula.
- The 2019 Women's State tournament will be in the Flathead Valley with the tentative dates being April 12 through May 12 (4 weekends skipping Easter weekend). Exact dates to be determined by our Fall 2018 meeting. Team event at Pin & Cue Lanes in Whitefish and Doubles/Singles at Pick's Lanes in Bigfork. Mary Kruse will be the tournament director. Entry deadline will be May 12. We will purchase 300 souvenir pins and 800 emblems for the 2019 tournament.
- The 2020 Women's State tournament will be in Billings with team at Town & Country Lanes and doubles/singles at Fireside Lanes. Dates suggested, but not yet confirmed are April 17 thru May 10 for four weekends. There will be Friday night shifts.
- 2019 Youth State tournament will be held in Helena starting April 13 thru May 5 for a total of 3 weekends. Every event will be at Sleeping Giant Lanes. Danielle Bolan will be the tournament director. All shifts will be flex shifts. The 2020 Youth State will be in Great Falls. The 2021 Youth

State is scheduled for Anaconda, but the dates and location(s) are unknown at this time because of the closure of Copper City Bowl.

- 2018 Senior State tournament will be held at Rimrock Lanes in Thompson Falls starting September 21 (Friday) and ending October 21 (5 weekends). The tournament directors will be Ginger Ward and Sandy True. The site for the 2019 Senior State will be Forsyth with suggested dates of Sept. 27 thru Oct. 20 (4 weekends) with the tournament director to be determined by our 2018 Fall meeting. The site for the 2020 Senior State tournament will be Cut Bank. Miles City was chosen for the site of the 2021 Senior tournament. The Bitterroot Valley USBC (Hamilton) has requested hosting the 2022 senior tournament. Selection for that date will happen in our 2018 Fall meeting. The hosting request deadline for the 2022 senior tournament will be Sept. 4, 2018.
- 2019 Pepsi YBC will be held in Missoula. Dates: April 6-7. Teri Hodges will be the tournament director. The 2020 Pepsi YBC will be in Helena April 3-5. The 2021 YBC will be in Butte.

**Legislative:** Rich Foran gave the report. We had no bylaw changes this bowling season, so he recited those that changed at the national level.

**Publicity and Website:** Tom Brendgord gave the report.

- Regarding our website, mtusbc.org, Tom mentioned that it is no longer a public site. Only our board members with user names and passwords can use it. We have a free website available to us through Spectrum because of an internet provider change made in December 2017. Don Warner intends to convert our present site from Microsoft to Spectrum, but is unable to complete the process due to health reasons at this time. It was suggested that we ask Don for an IT reference to help us until such time as he can do these things himself. In the meantime, Don will try to put the Download items intended for the public on the Montana USBC tab of BowlMontana.com.
- Regarding the Montana Strike Zone, Tom gave a lengthy report of the history of the newspaper and associated problems that have developed over the past 12 years that he has been the editor and publisher. The solution is to change the nature of the publication from a newspaper to a newsletter. There would be no more ads, no more personal articles and no more national articles unless they carry pertinent news that our bowling officials need to know. All issues would be distributed electronically via email and there will be no set number of issues in a year. There will be no printed copies unless the recipients wish to do so. The primary recipients will be our board, local association managers and presidents, and bowling centers, who wish to be included on the email list. By doing it this way, there should be no need to carry the Montana Strike Zone as a budget item.

**Memorial:** Nancy Collick gave the report.

Don Warner provided her with our memorial presentation this year. She was able to download it to her laptop from our website. She will be able to present it at both the HOF banquet and the Delegate meeting.

**Future Meetings:** Tom Brendgord gave the report.

- Our Fall 2018 meeting will be in Butte on Sept. 22-23. The meetings will be at Star Lanes. The Butte Plaza Inn will host our sleeping rooms.
- The spring 2019 meetings, HOF banquet and Delegate's meeting will also be in Butte on May 17-19. The meetings and banquet will be at Star Lanes. The Butte Plaza Inn will host our sleeping rooms.
- Our Fall 2019 meeting will be in Bozeman on Sept. 21-22 at the GranTree Inn.
- The 2020 Spring meetings, HOF banquet, and Delegate meeting will be in Missoula. Mike Evjen is making all arrangements and should have a report for us by or before next May.

**New Business:** Fred Sadler spoke.

- Regarding the GoFundMe website that Rich Foran created to fundraise for youths going to Junior Gold, it works best when a nonprofit organization endorses the initiative. That is why it was set up that way. Everyone on the board agreed that it was a good way to help our Montana youths financially with no risk on our part.
- Charlie Pepos motioned to accept the Hall of Fame committee Purpose statement. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 2:35 pm. Motion by Terri Johnson, second by Mark Hodges.

Submitted by Tom Brendgord