

MONTANA USBC ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2019

President Fred Sadler called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM at the Butte Plaza Inn in Butte.

Roll call was taken. Present: Fred Sadler, 1st vice president Don Warner, Directors: Lewis Dobie, Mike Evjen, 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: 2nd Vice President – Nancy Collick.

Minutes from the September 23, 2018, meeting were approved by email vote in October by all 11 respondents.

President's Report: Fred gave a short report noting that this association would be doing an association manager's evaluation soon and also that all board members must have completed the SafeSport training required for RVP certification in order to stay on this board of directors.

David Prange: Reported that the Registered Volunteer Program (RVP) requires that all state and local association board members must be SafeSport trained and certified and that all members must have background approvals to remain on their respective boards. Of the 40 local associations in Montana, approximately 50% do not have one member certified and approved. He said that all associations need at least one RVP-certified board member no later than August 1, 2019 or their charters will be revoked. He reported that new board members have 45 days from their election date to become RVP certified.

Financial Report: Given by Tom Brendgord. Financial reports through April 1, 2019 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 also reported that this is the first year since the state membership dues increased to \$2 that every local association has paid and reported their correct dues. Tom referred to another handout that shows our membership analysis for the last 4 years up to May 1, 2019. It showed our total membership up 163 members from last year with the largest loss in the Greater Yellowstone Valley USBC (Billings) of 80 members and the largest increase in the Miles City association with 94 new members. Total youth membership was down 75 members with the largest loss in Thompson Falls down 16 youths and the largest gain in Havre up 8 youths. Because of software reporting issues both last year and this year, our membership analysis statistics have been less than perfect. Because of that, the 163 membership increase from last year to this year isn't totally accurate. 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. We started accepting credit card entries this year for the first time. It was set up by Don Warner through the PayPal invoicing system. We charged a 3.5% fee, which netted us a gain of \$146.24. Entry fees collected by tournament were: Open - \$10,586; Women's - \$1,875; Youth – None. New equipment purchases this year included a new server @ \$5,000, 4 new laptops totaling \$2,820 and 4 new printers totaling \$1,500. All of the new equipment was budget-approved last September. We entered into a 3-year contract with Malwarebytes for internet security. The contract was for \$1,800, which covers 10 computers for three years. Motion to accept financial report made by Mark Hodges and 2nd by Mike Evjen. **Passed.**

Association Manager Report: Tom Brendgord gave the report.

Tom spoke about the internet security problems we had in January of this year where our server was hacked twice in an 8-day span. All of our 2018 tournament data was lost and cannot be recovered. Fortunately, we had other files that can be accessed to continue in tack using the 5-year state tournament average system that we started in 2018. Tom mentioned that the threat of computer hacking is imminent all the time. In the first week of April 2019, Don Warner reported over 70,000 hacking attempts on our server in one week's time.

National convention report: Given by Mark Hodges.

Mark mentioned that three new national directors were elected. He talked briefly about the RVP workshop and also about the Bylaw workshop. A couple of the bylaws he mentioned that were passed included: at least 25% must pass a bylaw amendment or the same amendment cannot appear on the ballot next year;

states are now allowed a bylaw addition that would allow or not their Hall of Famers to vote at the annual Delegate's election meeting. **Rich Foran** reported that USBC has been testing taking tournament registrations for state and local USBC certified tournaments. This will be done for credit card-paid entries only and will allow the team contacts to complete their entry form online similar to what they do now for the national tournaments. That information will then be downloaded to the respective associations. This system is expected to become available to state and local associations by August 2020.

Nancy Collick sent an email to all state board members on April 30, 2019, suggesting that our bylaws need to include the new RVP requirements. Also, our state board applications need to be modified to include the RVP requirement. She also suggested that we need to decide if our association will reimburse the cost of the RVP background checks. **A motion was made by Lewis Dobie to reimburse the cost of RVP compliance to all of our board members, who weren't reimbursed by their local associations. Second by Mike Evjen. Passed.**

Nominating Committee: Sandy True gave the list of positions and candidates for the Delegate's election meeting on May 19. They are: 1st vice president – Mike Evjen and Mark Hodges, District #1 – Teri Hodges; District #2 – Charlie Pepos and Lindsey Obrecht; District #3 – Marie Murphy and Dave Martinich; District 4 – Don Warner; Director At Large – Tom Brendgord and Ron Bolan; District #2 Youth Director – Terri Johnson; District #4 Youth Director – Pam Brendgord; National convention delegates for 2020 – Rich Foran, Fred Sadler and Mike Evjen.

Youth/Scholarship Committee: Pam Brendgord gave the report. She announced our 2019 scholarship winners – Caylor Cox (Helena), \$1,000, High Points Scored; Joslyn Klapan (Butte), \$750, MT USBC Girl; Ryan Evjen (Missoula) \$750 MT USBC Boy; Bryana Curry (Helena), \$500, Isabel Cummings award; Skyler Olson (Missoula) \$500 Harvey Pierce award. The 2019 Junior Gold will be in Detroit, Michigan, July 16-21. The 2020 YBC will be in Helena with Danielle Bolan as the tournament director. The 2020 Youth State tournament will be held in Great Falls with the exact dates still to be determined. Connie Croskrey will be the tournament director. All scholarships in the 2019 Youth State tournament will be covered by our unassigned funds available through SMART for that tournament.

Hall of Fame: Danielle Bolan gave the report.

- This year's HOF inductees are: Robert Aleksinski, Bob Helmer, Don White and Terry Pearsall (all from Great Falls). Also, the Family of the Year is being awarded to the Applegate family of Helena.

Tournament Committee: Mark Hodges gave the report.

- The fee that we charge to accept credit card payments was reduced from 3.5% to 3.0%.
- Our state tournament participation rule #9 has been modified to show that team members must be changed every time a team or doubles team multiple participates.
- Starting with the 2020 Open, Women's and Youth state tournaments, the prize ratios will change to 1:5 for each event except All Events and all optional events.
- State tournament locations for 2024 were determined: Open – Butte; Women's – Great Falls; Youth – Helena; Pepsi YBC – Billings.
- The 2020 Open State tournament will be in Missoula from March 28-May 17 (8 weekends) including Easter weekend (April 11-12) and some Friday nights. Mike Evjen will be tournament director. All shifts will be flex shifts.
- The 2020 Women's State tournament will be in Billings starting April 17 through May 10 (4 weekends including a shift on all Friday nights). Team event at Town & Country Lanes and Doubles/Singles at Fireside Lanes. Iris Freeck will be the tournament director. We will purchase 300 souvenir pins and 700 emblems for the 2020 tournament.
- 2020 Youth State tournament will be held in Great Falls with the dates still to be determined. Every event will be at Little's Lanes. Connie Croskrey will be the tournament director. All shifts will be flex shifts.
- 2019 Senior State tournament will be held at Evergreen Lanes in Forsyth starting September 27 (Friday) and ending October 20 (4 weekends). The tournament director will be Yvonne Mogle. The site for the 2020 Senior State will be Cut Bank. Miles City will be the site of the 2021 Senior tournament and Hamilton will be the host site in 2022. So far three associations have requested

a future senior state tournament. They are Havre USBC, Billings USBC (Town & Country Lanes) and Thompson Falls USBC. Selections for future senior state tournament sites will be decided at our fall meeting in September 2019. The hosting request deadline for the 2023 senior tournament will be Sept. 3, 2019.

Legislative: Rich Foran gave the report. Bylaw proposal B1 will be presented to the delegates on Sunday, May 19. If passed, all Montana Hall of Fame members will have voice and voting privileges at all election meetings effective August 1, 2019. Rich also mentioned that he needs policy manual updates from all committee chairpersons.

Publicity and Website: Don Warner and Tom Brendgord gave the report.

- Don mentioned that we might be able to get our first website, mtusbc.org, for free in the near future.
- Tom reminded everyone that the Montana Strike Zone is now being process in electronic form only and available through email only. The first e-issue went out last November and the second e-issue was sent in January 2019. Those wanting to be included in the email list are encouraged to give their intent and email address to Tom. The primary recipients will be our board, local association managers and presidents, and bowling centers.

Memorial: Don Warner gave the report.

Several associations either forgot or neglected to send their memorials to Don this year including a couple of large associations. Because of that, this year's memorial presentation will be very small.

Future Meetings: Tom Brendgord gave the report.

- Our Fall 2019 meeting will be in Bozeman on Sept. 21-22 at the GranTree Inn.
- The spring 2020 committee meetings, board meeting and delegate's meeting will be at Westside Lanes in Missoula on May 15-17. The Hall of Fame banquet will be at the Holiday Inn Parkside in downtown Missoula on May 16. The Holiday Inn will also serve as our host hotel.
- Our Fall 2020 meeting will be in Great Falls on Sept. 19-20 at the Springhill Suites.
- The 2021 Spring meetings, HOF banquet, and Delegate meeting will be in Helena. Arrangements for those meetings will be presented at our fall meeting this September in Bozeman.

New Business: Fred Sadler spoke.

- Fred said that an ad hoc committee consisting of Rich Foran, Mark Hodges and Lewis Dobie has been formed for the purpose of a review and evaluation of our association manager.
- Mike Evjen reminded everyone of the silent raffle to be held during the Hall of Fame banquet tonight. It is an attempt to fundraise scholarship money for YBC scholarships.

Meeting adjourned 1:30 pm.

Submitted by Tom Brendgord