

MONTANA USBC ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2019

President Fred Sadler called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM at the GranTree Inn in Bozeman.

Roll call was taken. Present: Fred Sadler, 1st Vice President Mike Evjen, 2nd Vice President Nancy Collick
Directors: Lewis Dobie, Ginger Ward, Teri Hodges, Charlie Pepos, Danielle Bolan, Ron Bolan, Don Warner, Rich Foran, Dave Martinich, Robyn Barker, Sandy True, Terri Johnson, Debbie Martinich, Pam Brendgord and Association Manager, Tom Brendgord.

Minutes from the May 18, 2019, meeting were approved. Motion by Sandy True, second by Nancy Collick.

President's Report: Given by Fred Sadler. Fred welcomed our new board members for the 2019-20 season. He also announced that we will be sending Nancy Collick and Ron Bolan to the Association Leadership Academy in Salt Lake City the weekend of October 26-27, 2019. He also asked for everyone to look over the new directory of Montana USBC board members for possible changes. Four members made corrections to their listings.

Association Manager report

1. Adult membership in 2018-19 was 10,593, which was 207 more than 2017-18 (10,386). The membership decrease one year ago was 460. Youth membership in 2018-19 was 1,261 compared to 1333 in 2017-18, which is a decrease of 72. A year ago youth membership decreased by 66. 23 associations reported youth memberships, which was the same as last year. **Top 5 adult associations:** Billings-1689, Great Falls-1084, Helena-842, Missoula-826, Bozeman-675. Helena, Missoula & Bozeman all increased from previous year. **Top 5 youth associations:** Billings-206, Helena-133, Glendive-129, Butte-121, Livingston-79/Cut Bank-78. Butte is only one that increased from previous year. **Unusually low youth numbers: Great Falls-45 (down from 52), Missoula-56 (down from 59), Anaconda-31 (down from 34).** **Note: Bowling center in Sidney is going through bankruptcy and is closed. Also, their youth coordinator, Greg Hansen, is stepping down this year, so expect the youth numbers in the Glendive association to be way down.**
2. Local association changes: New association managers in Thompson Falls and Fort Benton.
3. Bowling center news: Bowling center in Hamilton changed ownership on June 1, 2019 and plans to add 12 lanes within one year making it a 24-lane center. It is now called Ravalli Fun Center. Bowling center in Belt is reopening with new owner and new name – Backroad Pizza & Bowl.
4. Bowler accolades: Susan Sweatman (Thompson Falls) 1st place in 65-69 Women's division at Senior National Championships in Cincinnati. Skyler Olson (Missoula) made final cut at Junior Gold.
5. Proprietor tournaments:
 - a. Montana Bowling Proprietors Association is introducing a new adult tournament this year called **BEAT YOUR AVERAGE** with **\$1,200 GUARANTEED 1st place and \$600 Guaranteed 2nd place.** Three levels of competition – In-league qualifying, House finals, State finals (Star Lanes - March 14-15. Must bowl league in a MBPA-member center.
 - b. Queens Qualifier to again be held at Star Lanes as an optional event in the Jeanette Martinich Classic, but has been moved from March to last weekend in September this year.

Financial Report/Budget Committee Meeting actions: By Tom Brendgord

1. Revenue shortfall of \$11,439.89 for 2018-19. Actual loss was \$2,085.89 compared to profit in 2017-18 of \$13,255.94. Shortfall caused by purchases of new server, 4 laptops and 4 printers, which were all approved purchases in 2018-19 budget. Women's State in Whitefish was \$2,024.67 below budgeted estimate. **Budget committee meeting actions/recommendations for 2019-20:**
 - a. The finance committee recommends that we budget \$6,000 per year for IT expenses payable to Don Warner as a contract employee monthly @ \$500 per month. **Motion to accept proposal by Terri Johnson, 2nd by Mike Evjen. Passed.**
 - b. The finance committee recommends an increase in state dues to be presented to the delegates at our meeting in May 2020. Increase, if approved by delegates, would be effective Aug. 1, 2020. **Motion**

by Teri Hodges, 2nd by Lewis Dobie to propose legislation to the state delegates to increase state membership dues by an additional \$3. Passed.

2. Tournament actions:

a. Tournament committee in their meeting September 21, 2019, recommended raising the entry fee per person per event from \$30 to \$35 effective with the 2020 Open & Women's state tournaments. **Motion by Terri Johnson, 2nd by Rich Foran to reject that entry fee increase and revert to the original year #4 pricing of our 4-year plan. Passed.**

3. Our \$50,000 CD at Billings FCU matured on August 29, 2019, and has been rolled over into a new CD for the same amount for 36 months @ 3.1%.

Nominating Committee: Given by Teri Hodges. Teri named all positions open for the election next May in Missoula. They are: President (Fred Sadler), 2nd Vice President (Nancy Collick), District 1 Director (Ginger Ward), District 2 Director (Danielle Bolan), District 3 Director (Lewis Dobie), District 4 Director (Rich Foran – terming out), one Director-at-Large position (Robyn Barker – terming out), District 1 Youth Director (Sandy True – terming out), and District 3 Youth Director (Debbie Martinich – terming out). A discussion was held regarding officer's qualifications. **A motion was made by Nancy Collick, 2nd by Mike Evjen to change the application to read that candidates for Montana USBC officer position "must" have former board experience, not "should" have former board experience. The motion also requires that all candidates for the Montana USBC board of directors be RVP certified before any of our elections. Passed.**

Youth/Scholarship Committee: Pam Brendgord gave the report. She said that the 2020 Youth State tournament will be held in Great Falls starting April 18 through May 3 (3 weekends). Connie Croskrey will be the tournament director. All scholarships (estimated at \$1,500) will be paid from our SMART account unassigned funds. The 2021 Youth State tournament is scheduled for Anaconda. The 2020 Pepsi YBC tournament will be held in Helena on April 3-5 with Danielle Bolan the tournament director. That tournament will have the same divisions as last year, but will change in 2021. The committee has approved up to \$4,000 be used from our SMART account unassigned funds to help with scholarships. The youth committee intends to conduct a silent auction/raffle during the 2020 Hall of Fame banquet being held at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Missoula the weekend of May 16-17. Proceeds will be used to supplement youth scholarships awarded in the Pepsi YBC tournament.

Hall of Fame: Nancy Collick gave the report. Nancy mentioned that the committee will be rewriting the Family-of-the-Year award qualifications. There was discussion regarding the requirement that a Hall of Fame applicant has to be in his/her local Hall of Fame, if there was one, to be eligible for consideration into the state HOF. **Motion made by Lewis Dobie to eliminate the local HOF requirement, where applicable, enabling all HOF applicants to be eligible to apply for the state Hall of Fame. Second by Charlie Pepos. Passed.**

Tournament Committee: Mike Evjen gave the report.

- Regarding 2021, the Pepsi YBC will attempt to be conducted in Butte earlier (March 26-28) than normal to allow Youth State to be conducted in Anaconda over 5 weekends starting April 10 and ending May 16 skipping Mother's Day weekend (May 8-9).
- The 2020 Women's State tournament will be held in Billings and run from April 17 through May 10 including one shift on every Friday night. Team event will be at Town & Country Lanes. Doubles/singles will be at Fireside Lanes. Two doubles teams will be assigned to a pair of lanes rather than three doubles teams as in the past when conducted in a lone center. Souvenir pins representing the 2020 tournament will sell for \$6 each, an increase from \$5 each in the past. Souvenir pins from the 2019 Women's tournament will be available for purchase @ \$1 each. Souvenir pins from previous Women's State tournaments will be gifted to their respective host associations and will no longer be available for purchase during our current Women's State. The 2021 Women's State tournament will be in Missoula with every event at Westside Lanes.
- The postcard project that was prepared and distributed in late December to all bowlers who entered the Open, Women's & Senior tournaments will be done again this year. It includes information on all five of our state tournaments.
- The entering average rule for the Open, Women's and Senior state tournaments that was adopted for the 2018 tournaments will continue to be the first priority used for the 2020 tournaments. A bowler must use their Montana tournament average for a minimum of 21 games

for the previous 5 years. This average will be available on the website, www.bowlmontana.com, but will not apply to our youth tournaments. For bowlers not having the minimum 21 games, they will have to comply with the former rule of end-of-previous-season average or January 1st average, whichever is higher.

- The 2020 Open State tournament will be in Missoula from March 28-May 17 (8 weekends) including Easter weekend (April 11-12). Mike Evjen will be tournament director. Every event will be at Westside Lanes. There will be a Friday night shift @ 6 pm and running for five Fridays starting April 17. Entry fee will be \$30 per person per event (no change from last year). Multiple doubles/singles entries allowed up to 3 times same as last year. The 2021 Open State tournament will be in Helena and probably run 9 weekends (including Easter weekend) plus some Friday nights. It is tentatively scheduled to run from March 27-May 23.
- 2020 Youth State tournament will be held in Great Falls (as mentioned in the Youth committee report) starting April 18 thru May 3 for a total of 3 weekends. Every event will be at Little's Lanes. Connie Croskrey will be the tournament director. All shifts will be flex shifts.
- Prize ratios in all 3 state tournaments (Open, Women's, Youth) starting in 2020 will change to 1:5 in team, doubles, and singles.
- 2019 Senior State tournament will be held at Evergreen Lanes in Forsyth starting September 27 through October 20 including one shift on each Friday night. Tournament director will be Yvonne Mogle. The site for the 2020 Senior State will be Cut Bank scheduled from September 25 thru October 18 (4 weekends). The site for the 2021 Senior State tournament will be Miles City and the site for the 2022 Senior tournament will in Hamilton. Two future Senior state tournaments were awarded as follows: 2023 awarded to Billings (Town & Country Lanes) and 2024 awarded to Havre. Senior tournament host sites are awarded during the Fall meeting. The next host site will be awarded at the 2020 Fall meeting. At this time there is one request on file from Thompson Falls.
- 2020 Pepsi YBC will be held in Helena at Sleeping Giant Lanes as was previously mentioned in the youth committee report. Dates: April 3-5. Danielle Bolan will be the tournament director. The 2021 YBC will be held in Butte, the 2022 YBC is scheduled for Helena, the 2023 YBC is scheduled for Missoula and the 2024 YBC will be in Billings.
- In 2022, the Montana USBC spring meetings, Hall of Fame banquet and Delegate's election meeting will be held in Butte to coincide with the final weekend of Women's State tournament.

Legislative: Rich Foran gave the report. Our legislative manual update is still in process. Committee is working on bylaws update to coincide with Nationals. Now that Hall of Famers are allowed to vote at our Delegate's election, a process to register them to vote has been determined. A list of all non-deceased members of the state Hall of Fame will be at the registration table of the delegate's meeting. A HOF attendee will have to sign in upon arrival. Hall of Famers don't count toward the quorum needed to conduct the elections. In the future, all Montana USBC promotional items will have to ensure that they are not denoted as MUSBC, for there are other states that start with the first letter "M". Instead either use MTUSBC or spell out the word Montana.

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

- We now have more emails available on our Office 365 website and at a lesser price.
- Don is in the process of setting up Outlook emails in the server for all of our tournaments so that confirmation letters can be processed more easily and less costly.

Future Meetings: Tom Brendgord gave the report.

- Our Spring 2020 meetings will be in Missoula on May 15-17 at Westside Lanes. Also at Westside Lanes will be the Delegate's election meeting on May 17. The Hall of Fame banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown on May 16. Our board member's guest rooms will also be at the Holiday Inn.
- The Fall 2020 meeting will be in Great Falls at the Springhill Suites on September 19-20.
- The Spring 2021 meetings will be in Helena. Sleeping Giant Lanes is currently remodeling space and creating a meeting room that we can use for most of our meetings. Jorgenson's Inn & Suites has given us a very competitive bid for guest rooms. At this time, we are planning to use Jorgenson's for guest rooms, the Tournament committee meeting, the Hall of Fame banquet and the Delegate's election meeting.

- Our Fall 2021 meeting will also be held in Helena planned for September 25-26. Jorgenson's is intended to be used for our guest rooms and Tournament committee meeting. All other meetings are intended to be held at Sleeping Giant Lanes.

Old Business: Rich Foran was appointed in May 2019 by Fred Sadler to head up a committee to do an evaluation of our association manager, Tom Brendgord. At this time, Tom Brendgord and Pam Brendgord were both asked to leave the room so that a discussion of the AM evaluation could be held. The tape recording of this meeting was also turned off. The discussion lasted approximately 45 minutes and no further record of that business is available.

New Business:

- Nancy Collick brought up that the Finance committee, when they met in August in Billings, identified \$25,000 that was available and should be invested in a better market than the account currently is in. Tom Brendgord suggested that we look into a money market account that currently is paying interest at 2.31% with no fees required. Chris Dunbar, a financial advisor from Missoula, made a presentation at our Fall meeting last year that featured that particular money market account. **A motion from Charlie Pepos with a second from Debbie Martinich was made to allow Tom Brendgord to shop for the best place to invest that \$25,000. Passed.**

Meeting adjourned 12:38 pm.

Submitted by Tom Brendgord