

Minutes

Mid-Minnesota USBC Association Spring Meeting

05/05/14 • Sauk Rapids VFW

The annual meeting of the Mid-Minnesota USBC Association was held on Monday, May 5, 2014 at the VFW in Sauk Rapids. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, George Walters.

Roll call was taken. All were present except Jeff Cypher and Tom Miskowic, who were excused.

We had 25 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Financial Report

Association Manager, Barb Churchill, reported our bank balances presently totaled \$53,831.53 and that we would probably end the fiscal year with a deficit income.
(The full financial report is on file.)

Presidents Report

George told of a major change from USBC regarding the Youth bowlers, one that puts more control in the hands of the bowling center operators, allowing them to structure their programs around their bowlers' wants and needs.

He also reported on a performance grading system established by USBC to rate all local associations in an effort to ensure USBC members are receiving the required level of service regardless of size or location.

Association Managers Report

The Mid-Minnesota USBC Association membership for the 2013/14 season was comprised of 1,574 adult and 170 youth for a grand total of 1,744 members, giving us a decrease of 202 from the previous year. There was a total of 47 leagues of which 14 were women only, 14 were men only, 15 were mixed and 4 were youth.

To date, 2,297 award applications had been processed for this year. This was the final season for the current national awards system and a new local program will be implemented beginning in the 2014/15 season.

Finally, Barb thanked all the secretaries who were prompt in submitting awards and reporting the final averages. Their cooperation is greatly appreciated. She also extended a special thank you to the volunteers who work to make our bowling experience enjoyable.

Tournaments

George Walters reporting for Tom Miskowic, thanked all who participated and helped with the tournaments during the past season. The Women's Tournament had 12 teams, 13 doubles and 26 singles. The Open Tournament had 14 teams, 33 doubles and 62 singles. The Baker Tournament had 8 team entries.

Tournament dates and sites for the 2014/15 season are:

Women's Tournament	November 1 & 2, 8 & 9 and 15 & 16 at Southway Bowl
Open Tournament	November 1 & 2, 8 & 9 and 15 & 16 at Southway Bowl
Youth Tournament	Dates – TBD Held at Southway Bowl
Adult Baker Tournament	March 1st at Southway Bowl

Publicity

Committee chair, Karmin Miskowic, reported the main purpose of this committee is to promote the sport of bowling in our community. We do this through charitable fund raisers with proceeds going to BVL, Special Olympics and Food Shelf. The 2013/14 fundraisers yielded: \$784.63 for BVL, \$459.03 for Special Olympics & \$353.83 for Food Shelf. The funds collected were donated to the local organizations in the community in which they were collected.

The 2014/15 dates will be:

BVL	11/09/14 thru 11/15/14
Special Olympics	01/18/15 thru 01/24/15
Food Shelf	03/08/15 thru 03/14/15

This committee also strives to keep our bowlers informed via newsletters, a website and Facebook. She also stated she welcomed submission of news worthy information from our association members for publication.

Hall of Fame

Terry Elness announced the 2014 Hall of Fame will be held on October 18, 2014 at the VFW 428. The new inductees would be Barb Churchill and Vikki Dullinger for service, Cheryl Simon and Shannon Orcutt for superior performance, Hank Sunder for service, Bruce Solt and Wayne Wells for superior performance and Roy Busse in the pioneer category. Dinner tickets will be sold by board members and probably at the bowling centers.

Awards

Judie Fandel, chairperson of the awards committee, explained the new awards program being implemented for the 2014/15 & 2015/16 seasons. Most awards would be earned once in a two-year period.

(All Officer and committee reports are on file.)

Delegate to State Convention

Mary Lou Westra volunteered to be a delegate for our association at the 2014 Minnesota USBC State Convention which was held at Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center on March 29, 2014. Highlights of her report included:

- George Lambert, USBC Midwest Regional Manager reported on USBC news. He spoke of the new awards situation and asked for suggestions. He also announced the new 16-week membership card which will be available for shortened leagues at a cost of \$10.00.
- The State Jamboree for the 2014/15 season will be Saturday, August 2, 2014 at River City Extreme in Monticello.
- The 2015 State Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Banquet will be in March 2015 (specific date TBD) at Grand Casino in Hinckley.
- Judie Fandel was inducted into the State Hall of Fame under the pioneer performance category.

(Mary Lou's complete report is on file.)

Old Business

The Association Tournament champions for the 2013/14 season were awarded plaques. Barb Churchill, Bob Beltz, and Sue Colgrove presented the awards to the winners in each event of the Youth, Open and Women's tournaments.

New Business

Election of officers: We needed to fill three director positions. The incumbents, Barb Churchill, Jeff Cypher and Judie Fandel were all seeking re-election. Receiving no other candidate applications 24 hours prior to the meeting, all three were elected by acclamation. The determination of delegates to the 2015 State and National Conventions was tabled at this time.

There was no other new business

Announcements

The Fall membership meeting will be held at the Sauk Rapids VFW on Monday, August 11, 2014.

Adjournment

There being no further business, George asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Pete Reuter and seconded by Vikki Dullinger. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Sue Walters
Recording Secretary