

Minutes
Mid-Minnesota USBC Annual Association Meeting
Sauk Rapids VFW
5/4/15

The annual meeting of the Mid-Minnesota USBC Association was held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at the VFW in Sauk Rapids. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by President, George Walters.

Roll call was taken. All were present except Jeff Cypher and Sue Colgrove, who were excused.

We had 21 members and 5 guests in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Financial Report

Association Manager, Barb Churchill, reported the following account balances:

General Fund	\$ 4,829.16
Tournament	1,892.30
Money Market & CD	<u>37,063.31</u>
Total	\$43,784.77

Association Managers Report

The Mid-Minnesota USBC Association membership for the 2014/15 season, to date, totaled 1,439 adult and 167 youth, for a grand total of 1,606 members. This number was a decrease of 145 from the previous year. (142 adult & 3 youth). We had 43 leagues of which 12 were women only, 14 were men only, 13 were mixed and 4 were youth. The decrease in leagues was due to the closure of the lanes in Sauk Centre.

Barb felt the new local Awards & Recognition Program was received well. So far, 1,819 award applications had been processed; 469 youth awards and 1,344 adult awards.

The 2014 Association Tournament was held at Southway Bowl with the Open & Women's events running concurrently. The women's tournament had 7 teams, 12 doubles and 24 singles entries while the open tournament had 11 teams, 22 doubles and 44 singles. The association sponsored baker tournament, also held at Southway Bowl, had 8 teams participate.

The annual fundraisers for BVL, Special Olympics and Food Shelf yielded the following results:

- BVL - \$986.42. The funds were distributed to Veterans Homes located in Minnesota.
- Special Olympics - \$658.81. The funds were submitted to the St. Cloud Community Special Olympics Program.
- Food Shelf - \$601.11. The funds were donated to the local Salvation Army.

Finally, Barb thanked all the secretaries for being prompt in submitting awards applications and in reporting final averages. She extended gratitude for cooperation from all the league officers and to the many individuals who volunteer their time and services.

Presidents Report

George extended a thank you to everyone for giving him the opportunity to represent us as President of the Mid-Minnesota USBC Association over the past six years. He appreciated all the hard work by the board and other volunteers who helped to maintain our programs while keeping within budget. He is most proud of the development of our website and gave credit for that to Terry & Marla Elness.

State Convention Report

Mary Lou Westra volunteered to be a delegate for our association at the 2015 Minnesota USBC State Convention which was held at Grand Casino in Hinkley, MN on March 28, 2015. Highlights of her report included:

- State membership numbers for the 2014/15 season.
- The State Senior Tournament will be in St. Paul at Saxon Lanes.
- Other state tournament sites had not been established yet. There was discussion regarding possibly needing to change the parameters set for the bowling center size requirements in future tournaments.
- The State Jamboree for the 2015/16 season will be Saturday, August 8, 2015 at The Blaine Entertainment Center.
- The 2016 State Annual Meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2016, but final plans were not complete at this time.

Committee Reports:

Tournaments

Bob Beltz reported the 2015 Open & Women's Association Tournament will be held at Great River Bowl. The tentative dates are November 14 & 15, 21 & 22 and December 5 & 6. The Youth Tournament will be scheduled for later in January, 2016.

Publicity

Terry Elness, reporting on our newly revamped website, said we had received 1700 views, which was greatly improved over previous years. Future plans for the site include a possible interview page, weekly scores, more youth photos and maybe videos. We currently have two advertisers (Little Caesar's & Rick Schultz with Remax) and are looking for more. Anyone interested, should contact Terry. Our Facebook account will also be redone.

Tournament Awards

Plaques from the 2014 Tournament were awarded to the champions of each event in the Open, Women's and Youth divisions.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business:

Volunteers at the Veterans Hospital

Sandi Meier submitted a list of the many areas in which help is needed at the Veterans Hospital in St. Cloud. Her handout included a map and contact information and it will be inserted in the Fall secretary packets. She asked everyone to please consider volunteering.

Election of officers

Katie Reuter submitted her application for directorship. Having no others, she was elected by acclamation. We are still seeking someone to fill a vacancy as a director on the board. The president's term was up and George Walters was not seeking re-election. Pete Reuter agreed to be a candidate for the position. Receiving no other candidate applications, he was elected by acclamation. Mary Lou Westra and Sue Colgrove again volunteered to be delegates to the 2016 State Convention.

Benefits of Certification

George reported on the benefits of certification. He noted that bonding protection of league funds was one of the greatest benefits we receive along with average verifications needed to participate in other tournaments and availability of supplies needed by the league secretaries. The information was distributed to all present. It also included a comparison list of the cost of membership in other national organizations.

Announcements

The Fall membership meeting will be held at the Sauk Rapids VFW on Monday, August 17, 2015.

Adjournment

There being no further business, George asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Pete Reuter and seconded by Marty Malinen. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Sue Walters
Recording Secretary