

**Annual Meeting Minutes of the Metro Detroit USBC Association
Saturday, February 2, 2019 at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center, Warren**

MDUSBC President George Bresinski called the annual meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC) to order at 2:07 p.m. at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren, Michigan.

In attendance were 43 registered members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ann Block conducted the memorial service honoring bowlers who had passed away in the previous year. A special tribute to past DWBA Secretary-Treasurer Rose Marsh was part of the service.

Scott McLeod moved to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes, supported by Anita Maiorana. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Bresinski reported activities from August 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019.

He worked the World Youth Championship at Thunderbowl Lanes. He conducted and assisted in three MDUSBC officer schools.

He appointed board members and volunteers to various committee with the most recent appointment of David Suokas-Reed as chair of the Ways and Means Committee.

He attended and helped administer the Masters, Super Senior Masters and Queens Championships. Additionally he officiated in the three MDUSBC Women's and Men's Series events.

He bowled in the Gavie, Old-Timers, McKay Invitational, Michigan State USBC Open Championship and the Michigan State Mixed Tournament.

He assisted in the three Bowling Showcase tapings at Merri-Bowl and Century Bowl.

He attended the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame banquet in October, the Michigan State USBC Jamboree in August and the USBC Association Leadership Academy in September.

He made several presentations including a first time 300 game award and several eagles and awards to MDUSBC members who won national championships.

He attended the 2018 USBC Convention and if elected will attend again in 2019.

Vice-President Kurt Suokas accepted a motion from Libbi Fletcher to accept the President's Report, supported by Randy Tambourine. Motion carried.

Association Manager's Report

Association Manager Mark Martin thanked the board and staff for their hard work during the past year of operations of the MDUSBC. He also thanked the leadership from President Bresinski.

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Membership is down 4.1% overall with adult membership off 3.7% and youth membership down 11.5%. Last year at this time, MDUSBC had 37,906 adult members and 2,126 youth members. The final figures from 2017-18 were 39,484 adults and 2,356 youth. This year we have 36,507 adults and 1,882 youth. This includes 3,511 that have purchased the Adult Basic, which is available to those leagues that bowl 16 weeks or less. A total of 411 have purchased the Premium Upgrade, which entitles those bowlers to crystals awards for 11-in-a-row, 300 game and 800 series. This still makes the Metro Detroit USBC Association the largest local association in USBC with over twice as many members as the next largest association, which is Chicago.

We've continued our delivery system this season. With the system, we deliver on a weekly basis to all bowling centers in our association awards, rosters and other reports. Additionally league secretaries can send back to the association office through the system by having the counter put the information in the "blue" bucket.

Communication is the key to an organization such as ours. In that regard we have continued our website www.mdusbc.com with updated information as news occurs. We've continued the Bowling Showcase News, a 12-page monthly bowling newspaper with all the bowling news you need to know in the Bowling Capital of the World. Thanks to local writers Ann Block, Libbi Fletcher, Shane Ferris and Phil Goodman. Also thanks to national writers Bob Johnson and Jeff Richgels. We hope you are enjoying the news.

Additionally we stay in contact with our members using Constant Contact e-mail program. Over 25,000 of our members have e-mail addresses, which is over 50% of our adult members. It is a great tool and very cost effective.

Speaking of communication Bowling Showcase is our television show. It airs each week on WADL-Detroit, Channel 38, on Saturdays at 10 a.m. There will be 31 original shows airing a total of 38 times. The show includes a Magazine edition featuring bowling events throughout the association and the Detroit market. The Youth Challenge edition features 8 teams competing in single Baker Style games, single elimination to crown the champion. The Adult Challenge edition has 16 teams. Last month the Bowl One team shot a Baker 300 game to kick off the Merri-Bowl Region. Thanks to all of the sponsors and bowling centers that have financially supported the show. It's been a great success.

We have an Association Representative program within the MDUSBC. You can become involved too, if you already aren't. Becoming an Association Representative is very rewarding and we provide the training. Association Reps are assigned to a single bowling center to interact with the leagues and the members and receive a logo shirt, nametag and business cards. Why not sign up today? We can always use good people.

The MDUSBC has a merchandising program, which includes shirts, tee shirts, hoodies, towels and other items. All of these items are available at our various tournaments and events.

The MDUSBC Senior Masters Tournament is next weekend at Indian Lanes in Wyandotte. There are still openings for the Senior Masters.

There are 65 bowling centers in the MDUSBC with 2,082 lane beds. With our membership, the MDUSBC is the largest local association of the United States Bowling Congress. As a result, we can send a maximum of 30 delegates to the USBC Convention in Reno, Nevada on April 29 – May 2. We will be electing delegates to the USBC Convention later in the agenda. Delegates are expected to represent the

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association at the national convention, attend workshops and seminars and participate in the annual meeting. Additionally elected delegates are expected to render volunteer services to the association between the time of election and the time of serving as a delegate. Between now and the convention the association has an event each weekend so there's plenty of opportunities.

The Michigan State USBC Open Championship opened a few weeks ago at Grand Blanc Lanes in Flint. The Michigan State USBC Women's Championship opens February 16 at Royal Scot in Lansing. The Michigan State USBC Youth Championship starts March 16 at Fairlanes in Grandville and Westgate Bowl in Comstock Park. The State Youth Pepsi Tournament will begin May 4 at Bowl One in Troy and Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

The USBC Open Championship opens March 9 in Las Vegas, USBC Women's Championship April 20 in Wichita and USBC Youth Open July 11 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

We will be the host association for the Junior Gold, Youth Open, Survivor and Adult/Youth tournaments this July. We are in need of volunteers for the 9 bowling centers involved. When you registered you were given a volunteer information flyer for these events. Please join us and help welcome the finest youth bowlers that USBC has to offer this summer. It's an experience you'll never forget.

David Suokas-Reed moved to accept the Association Manager's report, supported by Anita Maiorana. Motion carried.

Awards and Recognition Committee Report

Mike DeRousie, chairman of the Awards and Recognition Committee, gave the report.

He reported that when local associations became responsible to determine an appropriate for their bowlers, MDUSBC developed the benchmark program in the country. The program is structured to fit bowlers of all abilities. The program includes pens, decks of cards, towels, watches, lighted key chains and pins to present to bowlers. A car cell phone charger will replace some of the pens for series awards.

In response to the national change to once-per-lifetime 300 and 800 awards, MDUSBC created the Premium Upgrade for \$15 per year. This entitles those that opt in to receive crystal awards for 11-in-a-row, 300 game and 800 series. The awards are also available for purchase for \$30. He also reminded those in attendance the members are still eligible for a lifetime 300 and 800 from USBC.

End-of-season league award kits are available upon request.

We are always looking for Secretary of the Year and Coach of the Year candidates. The application is on mdusbc.com and the deadline is April 1.

John Vorpapel moved to accept the Awards & Recognition Committee report, supported by Jim Horton. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report

Mark Hurttgam, chairman of the Nominating Committee, made the announcement and procedure for floor nominations. The agenda package included the resumes of those who had applied and were reviewed by the Nominating Committee.

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He asked for nominations from the floor for adult director and youth representatives on the board. James Horton and Alicia Walker were nominated from the floor for adult director position.

Candidates who desired to give more information on their resume were invited to do so. Darrin Flowers, David Suokas-Reed, Jim Horton and Alicia Walker gave more information on their resume.

The election was held later in the meeting.

Finance Committee Report

Mike DeRousie, chair of the Finance Committee, gave the report. The financial statements have been reviewed by Hoffman Accounting and found to be in order. The budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year was a deficit of \$20,280. The final result was a deficit of \$9,985.07. There were sufficient funds in reserve to cover the deficit. The budget for the current 2018-19 fiscal year is a deficit budget of \$23,610 and we are currently on target to meet that goal. The 2017-18 final financial statements are posted on mdusbc.com.

The board receives Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flows reports each month. The Finance Committee receives monthly general ledger reports with all financial transactions. The officers and Finance Committee chair receive a copy of the bank statement each month.

In the current season, rulebooks were distributed as requested by league secretaries to any member who requested one.

The Association Manager salary is \$72,000 per year. The Board approved a \$6,000 bonus in recognition of his excellent performance review. He spends numerous hours in addition to his normal schedule during the weekends from September through May working for the Association. In addition he supervised the brackets and 50/50 from the 2018 Michigan State Women's Championship. MDUSBC realized a profit of \$37,855.05 from the tournament, which the Board of Directors classified as restricted funds for future use.

The profit & loss statement is broken down by tournament. In the 2017-18 fiscal year there was aggregate tournament income of \$190,789 with \$178,612 in tournament expenses for a net gain of \$12,177.

Scott McLeod moved to accept the Finance Committee report, supported by Randy Tambourine. Motion carried.

Tournament Committee Report

Mark Martin reported on the adult tournaments including the Mixed, 500 Club, Queens, Super Senior Masters, Masters and Women's & Men's Series.

The Mixed Tournament moved to Wayne Bowl, with the closing of Hazel Park Bowl. Only 21 teams participated, however the event was won by the C-4 team with a handicap score of 2,953. Members of the team were the Ciantar's, Angela, Loretta, John and Ken. Angela and John also won the optional doubles. The future of this event will be reviewed by the tournament committee.

The 500 Club Tournament was held Sunday, Dec. 2 at Bowl One. 80 women bowlers participated and had a good time. Sarah Hoff won with a handicap score of 833. Thanks to Libbi Fletcher and Kurt Suokas for running the event.

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Cathleen Maes won the MDUSBC Queens Championship held at Garden Bowl in October when she defeated Lesia Lambert 192-149. While the event only attracted 23 entries, a good time was had by all.

Ron Burgess won the MDUSBC Super Senior Masters Championship at Thunderbowl in November. He beat Michael McCleskey 188-185 to win the title. 62 bowlers participated.

Last weekend Justin Knowles successfully defended his MDUSBC Masters title at Rosebowl with a victory over Larry Walker. Entries were up with 110 entries compared to 95 last year.

This is the eighth year of the Women's Series and a companion Men's Series was added this year. Entries have been very encouraging for both. November attracted 37 women and 36 men to Mayflower with Julie Oczepek and Darren Alexander winning. December saw 38 women and 40 men show up at Westland Bowl with Valerie Bercier and Brian Waliczek winning. January had 43 women and 35 men at Thunderbowl with Mykaela Mitchell and Lonnie Jones winning. This is a very encouraging start.

Thanks to all who have helped during these events including George Bresinski, John Vorpapel, Kurt Suokas, Ashley Krywy, Shane Ferris, Scott McLeod and Doug Williams.

John Vorpapel moved to accept the Tournament Committees report, supported by Stephen Krywy. Motion carried.

Youth Committee Report

Ann Block, chair of the Youth Committee, gave the report.

The MDUSBC Youth Championship was held at Super Bowl with great cooperation and hospitality from the center. Results are posted on mdusbc.com. Wayne Bowl will host the 2019 event.

The Adult/Youth tournament will be at Thunderbowl Lanes, the first two Sundays of March with two squads each day. The 2020 event will be at Bowl One in Troy. Mark Hurttgam will be the tournament supervisor on site.

The Junior Masters will be held Saturday, March 23 at Bowl One Lanes and the 2020 Junior Masters will be at Woodhaven Lanes in Woodhaven. This event is a Junior Gold qualifying event with two boys and one girl spots awarded.

Youth were again part of Bowling Showcase.

Three youth were awarded \$1,000 scholarships in 2018. They were David Winters, Tanner Cartner and Christian Cartner. No female applications were received. Starting in 2019 the committee can award up to eight (8) scholarships to worthy male and female applicants.

Metro Detroit USBC will be the host association for 2019 Junior Gold and Youth Open Championships in July. Volunteers are needed.

She thanked the MDUSBC office staff for their work on youth tournaments and programs.

Anita Maiorana moved to accept the Youth Committee report, supported by Ashley Krywy. Motion carried.

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Charities Report

BVL

Libbi Fletcher reported on Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL). BVL is celebrating 75 years this year. Fundraising includes a Michigan Lottery evening 3-digit raffle conducted in November 2018, over \$9,400 from 100 leagues on a voluntary envelope basis and our first ever Drop Down and Give Me 40 40-Frame Game. All told over \$18,000 was raised.

Each year MDUSBC offers a Christmas luncheon at Thunderbowl for the Day Center at the John Dingell VA Hospital in Detroit.

Bowl for the Cure

Libbi Fletcher reported for the Bowl for the Cure will be held February 23 at Bowl One Lanes. In the past 12 years over \$200,000 has been raised locally for Bowl for the Cure. A Michigan Lottery evening 3-digit raffle will be conducted in March to raise additional funds for Bowl For The Cure. Envelopes have been distributed to leagues to solicit donations from league members. Last year 80 leagues donated over \$8,000 in the voluntary envelope program. Last year MDUSBC raised over \$23,000 for Bowl For The Cure.

McKay Invitational

Mark Martin reported that the McKay Invitational tournament in early December at Sterling Lanes raised nearly \$10,459 for the Karmanos Cancer Institute and the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum. 54 bowlers participated in the event. John Wesley and Phil Renaud won the event, while Ernie Segura Jr. and James Gajewski earned their place on the toilet seat for finishing last.

Thanks were given to the McKay Committee, Scott Barker, Roy Biggs, George Bresinski, Tom McKay, Scott McLeod, John Vorpapel and Kevin Wojcik.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Election of Adult Directors

Election of adult board members for two-year terms: The nominees were Richard Banks, Debra Dickerson, Darrin Flowers, Patricia Klix, Stephen Krywy, Martha Marshall, David Suokas-Reed, John Vorpapel and Douglas Williams. James Horton and Alicia Walker were nominated from the floor earlier in the meeting.

With 11 candidates for six spots, a ballot vote was conducted.

Results of the election was Banks 34, Vorpapel 34, Klix 33, Marshall 22, Krywy 22, Horton 18, Dickerson 17, Flowers 15, Suokas-Reed 14, Williams 13 and Walker 7.

Banks, Vorpapel, Klix, Marshall, Krywy and Horton were elected to a two-year term as adult board directors.

Election of the Youth Representatives to the Board

There were no nominees for the two spots at Youth Representatives on the board.

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With no nominees the two spots are vacant.

Election of delegates to the Michigan State USBC meeting

The MDUSBC is entitled to seven delegates to the Michigan State USBC meeting.

Nominations were taken from the floor. Nominated were George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Patricia Klix, Stephen Krywy, Anita Maiorana, Carol Roberts, Davis Suokas-Reed, Kurt Suokas and John Vorpapel.

With nine candidates for seven positions, a ballot vote was conducted.

Results of the election was Vorpapel 33, Maiorana 32, DeRousie 31, Kurt Suokas 29, Klix 26, Roberts 23, Bresinski 22, Krywy 20 and Suokas-Reed 17.

Vorpapel, Maiorana, DeRousie, Kurt Suokas, Klix, Roberts and Bresinski were elected as delegates to the Michigan State USBC annual meeting.

Election of delegates to the USBC Convention

The MDUSBC is entitled to 30 delegates to the USBC Convention. Nominations from the floor were taken.

Katrina Banks, Richard Banks, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Darrin Flowers, James Horton, Patricia Klix, Michael Lewis, Anita Maiorana, Katherine Martin, Hubert Sawyers, Rosie Sawyers, David Suokas-Reed, Kurt Suokas, Dorothy Thompson, Jessica Tyler and Alicia Walker were nominated.

Scott McLeod moved to elect by acclamation, supported by James Horton. Motion carried.

Katrina Banks, Richard Banks, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Darrin Flowers, James Horton, Patricia Klix, Michael Lewis, Anita Maiorana, Katherine Martin, Hubert Sawyers, Rosie Sawyers, David Suokas-Reed, Kurt Suokas, Dorothy Thompson, Jessica Tyler and Alicia Walker were elected.

David Suokas-Reed moved to authorize the MDUSBC President to appoint delegates to open positions, supported by Curtis Parks. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Scott McLeod moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by John Vorpapel. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark A. Martin
MDUSBC Association Manager