

**Annual Meeting Minutes of the Metro Detroit USBC Association
Saturday, February 3, 2018 at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center, Warren**

The annual meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC) was called to order by MDUSBC President John Vorpapel at 2:13 p.m. at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren, Michigan.

In attendance were 31 registered members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A memorial service was conducted honoring bowlers who had passed away in the previous year.

Michael DeRousie moved to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes, supported by Kurt Suokas. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Vorpapel thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.

He introduced the MDUSBC Board and Staff.

In that past year he has worked the Masters, Queens, Senior Queens, Women's Series, Bowling Showcase Challenge, Bowling Showcase Youth and Adult Challenge, the Michigan State Youth tournament, the Senior Team tournament and the Professional Women's Bowling Association tournament at Super Bowl.

He has attended the 2016 USBC Convention as a delegate, the Michigan State USBC WBA Annual meeting, the Southeast Michigan Bowling Centers Association general membership meeting, the Michigan State USBC BA Annual meeting as a delegate, the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan annual convention and trade show, meetings of the Michigan State Bowling Council, the Michigan State jamboree in Holland, the MDUSBC banquets and Christmas party, committee meetings, Veteran's Christmas party, coaching clinics, updated the Tom McKay showcase, bowled in various local, state and national tournaments and renewed his Registered Volunteer Program.

Additionally he assigned board members and volunteers to association committees, conducted board meetings, participated and conducted various officer meetings, made award presentations, helped raise funds for the three association charity events, implemented the board member and Board of Directors evaluation process, reviewed financial reports and bank accounts each month and signed checks and document as needed.

George Bresinski accepted a motion from Kurt Suokas to accept the President's Report, supported by Libbi Fletcher. 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 Vorpapel.

Membership is down 3.1% overall with adult membership off 2.9% and youth membership down 6%. Last year at this time MDUSBC had 39,040 adult members and 2,261 youth members. This year we have 37,906 adults and 2,126 youth. The final figures from 2016-17 were 40,742 adults and 2,528 youth. These figures include 3,025 that have purchased the Adult Basic, which is available to those leagues that bowl 16 sessions or less. A total of 383 have purchased the Premium Upgrade, which entitles those bowlers to

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crystal 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, Michelle Mullen 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 27 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 Challenge edition features 16 teams competing in single Baker Style games, single elimination to crown the champion. Thanks to all of the sponsors and bowling centers that have financially supported the show. It's been a great success.

The association representative program is in need of more volunteers. Reps receive training, are assigned to a single bowling center to interact with leagues and members, receive a logo shirt, name tag and business cards.

A merchandising program has been developed and merchandise for sale is available at our events.

MDUSBC has 71 bowling centers with 2,246 lane beds. MDUSBC is entitled to 30 delegates to the USBC Convention in Reno, Nevada on April 23-26 which will be elected later in the meeting.

He outlined the dates and locations of the state and national tournaments.

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

Debra Dickerson moved to accept the Association Manager's report, supported by Martha Marshall. 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

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bowlers of all abilities. The program includes pens, decks of cards, towels, watches, lighted key chains and pins to present to bowlers rather than magnets and bag tags from the past.

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.

He also reported that contingent upon passage of the \$2 local dues increase that a 250 game award for those averaging 190 and under, a bag tag and an enhanced member's handbook wrapped around a rule book will be provided to all members. The end-of-season league awards kit will be provided 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.

The report was accepted as a report of progress.

Nominating Committee Report

Richard Banks, 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. He asked for nominations from the floor for adult director and youth representatives on the board and none were received. 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 2016-17 fiscal year was a deficit of \$19,800. The final result was a deficit of \$22,801. There were sufficient funds in reserve to cover the deficit.

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.

Beginning this year member handbooks wrapped around a rule book with a bag tag were distributed to each bowler. These were met with mixed opinions, and the Board will be reviewing whether to continue these, or replace them for next season.

The Association Manager salary is \$72,000 per year. The Board approved a \$3,000 bonus from the income derived from the State tournament for his excellent performance review and the numerous hours spent during the State tournament.

The profit & loss statement is broken down by tournament. In the 2016-17 fiscal year there was aggregate tournament income of \$189,125.50 with \$182,192.04 in tournament expenses for a net gain of \$6,933.

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Tournament Committee Report

Mark Martin reported on the adult tournaments including the Women's, Open, Queens, Super Senior Masters, 500 Club and Masters tournament.

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The Mixed Tournament was held at Hazel Park Bowl, the 500 Club at Airway Lanes and the City Tournament is upcoming at Shore Lanes and the Senior Team tournament will be at Skore Lanes.

The Mixed Tournament was brought back this year and held it at Hazel Park Bowl. The most successful years of the Mixed Tournament were at Hazel Park Bowl in the past so it made sense to bring it back there. The tournament will be at Hazel Park Bowl for at least the next two years. 47 teams participated and the event was won by the Sam 2 Crew team with a handicap total of 2,935. Look for this event starting in October.

The report was accepted as a report of progress.

Youth Committee Report

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

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

The Adult/Youth tournament will be at Country Lanes, the first two Sundays of March with two squads each day. The 2019 event will be at Thunderbowl in the Arena.

The Junior Masters will be held Saturday, March 17 at Mayflower Lanes and the 2019 Junior Masters will be at Bowl One Lanes.

Youth were again part of Bowling Showcase.

Four youth were awarded \$1,000 scholarships. They are Richard Allison Jr., Brandon Campbell, Stephanie Schalk and Emma Farquharson. Applications were up from previous years.

The report was accepted as a report of progress.

Charities Report

BVL

Libbi Fletcher reported on Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL). Fundraising includes a Michigan Lottery evening 3-digit raffle conducted in November 2017 and over \$6,500 from leagues on a voluntary envelope basis.

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 24 at Bowl One Lanes. In the past 11 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 100 leagues donated around \$9,000 in the voluntary envelope program.

McKay Invitational

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Mark Martin reported that the McKay Invitational tournament in early December at Sterling Lanes raised nearly \$11,000 for the Karmanos Cancer Institute and the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum.

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 George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Shane Ferris, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam and Kurt Suokas.

With six candidates for six spots a motion was accepted from Debra Dickerson to elect by acclamation, supported by Patricia Klix. Motion carried.

Bresinski, DeRousie, Ferris, Fletcher, Hurttgam and Suokas were elected to a two-year term as adult director.

Election of the Youth Representatives to the Board

The nominee were Ann Block, Ashley Krywy and Randall Tambourine.

With three candidates for three spots a motion was accepted from Libbi Fletcher to elect by acclamation, supported by Debra Dickerson. Motion carried.

Block, Krywy and Tambourine were elected to a two-year term as youth representative to the board.

Election of delegates to the State WBA meeting

The MDUSBC is entitled to seven delegates to the State WBA meeting. Debra Dickerson, Vera Johnson, Patricia Klix, Martha Marshall, Carol Roberts and Jessica Tyler were nominated.

With six candidates for seven positions a motion was accepted from Libbi Fletcher to elect by acclamation, supported by Debra Dickerson. Motion carried.

Dickerson, Johnson, Klix, Marshall, Roberts and Tyler were elected as delegates to the State WBA meeting.

Election of delegates to the State BA meeting

The MDUSBC is entitled to five delegates to the State BA meeting. Richard Banks, Michael DeRousie, Mark Hurttgam, Kurt Suokas and John Vorpapel were nominated.

With five candidates for five positions a motion was accepted from Libbi Fletcher to elect by acclamation, supported by Debra Dickson. Motion carried.

Banks, DeRousie, Hurttgam, Suokas and Vorpapel were elected as delegates to the State BA meeting.

Election of delegates to the State Youth meeting

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The MDUSBC is entitled to five delegates to the State Youth meeting. Mark Hurttgam, Ashley Krywy, Kurt Suokas, Jessica Tyler and John Vorpapel were nominated.

With five candidates for five positions a motion was accepted from Kurt Suokas to elect by acclimation, supported by Debra Dickerson. Motion carried.

Hurttgam, Krywy, Suokas, Tyler and Vorpapel were elected as delegates to the State Youth meeting.

Election of delegates to the USBC Convention

The MDUSBC is entitled to 30 delegates to the USBC Convention. Banks opened nominations from the floor for delegates to the USBC Convention.

Richard Banks, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Mike DeRousie, Shane Ferris, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam, Vera Johnson, Patricia Klix, Michael Lewis, Martha Marshall, Jessica Tyler, John Vorpapel and Doug Williams were nominated.

Kurt Suokas moved to elect by acclimation and allow the president to appoint others to vacancies, supported by Jessica Tyler. Motion carried.

Richard Banks, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Mike DeRousie, Shane Ferris, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam, Vera Johnson, Patricia Klix, Michael Lewis, Martha Marshall, Jessica Tyler, John Vorpapel and Doug Williams were elected.

Announcements

Ann Block gave an update on the Michigan State USBC merger.

Adjournment

Kurt Suokas moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Jessica Tyler. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark A. Martin
MDUSBC Association Manager