

**Annual Meeting Minutes of the Metro Detroit USBC Association
Saturday, February 4, 2017 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 2:03 p.m. at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren, Michigan.

In attendance were 43 registered members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Memorial service honoring Adeline DeBiasi, Trudy Ponta, Jack Hille, Dee Skorski, Tina Mikolowski, Eric Fisher, Sheri Pedwaydon, Cindy Anderson and any other local bowler who had passed away in the previous year.

Libbi Fletcher moved to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and accept them, supported by Kurt Suokas. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Vorpapel thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting. He mentioned the two bylaw proposals and their importance on the association.

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 Challenge and the 30th National Veterans Gold Age Games.

He has attended the 2016 USBC Convention as a delegate and accepted an All-Star award from USBC for contributions over \$5,000 to the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum, attended the Michigan State USBC WBA Clare workshop, the Michigan State USBC WBA Annual meeting, the Southeast Michigan Bowling Centers Association general membership meeting, the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan annual convention and trade show, meetings of the Michigan State Bowling Council, the Michigan State USBC BA jamboree, the MDUSBC banquets and Christmas party, committee meetings, Veteran's Christmas party, coaching clinics, Re-Creation's production at the VA Hospital, updated the Tom McKay showcase, bowled in various local, state and national tournaments and attended a luncheon and information sharing session with Western Wayne County USBC.

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, completed the 2016-17 board training test, conducted the evaluation of the Association Manager, 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 Patricia Klix. 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 5.3% overall with adult membership off 5.1% and youth membership down 8.9%. Last year at this time MDUSBC had 41,124 adult members and 2,483 youth members. This year we have

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39,032 adults and 2,261 youth. The final figures from 2015-16 were 42,986 adults and 2,795 youth. These figures include 2,464 that have purchased the Adult Basic, which is available to those leagues that bowl 16 sessions or less. A total of 413 have purchased the Premium Upgrade, which entitles those bowlers to 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.

He explained that the members will be voting on a \$2 local dues increase later in the agenda. Last year at the USBC Convention local and state delegates voted to increase the national dues cap from \$10 to \$15. The USBC Board did not raise the dues for the current 2016-17 season; however the national dues will increase from \$10 to \$13 effective August 1, 2017. Further the commitment from the USBC Board is to not institute another national dues increase until the 2022-23 season. The national dues have remained the same since 2006.

MDUSBC is proposing a \$2 local dues increase, which would make the standard dues \$25. Standard dues have been \$20 since 2013. Previously the dues were \$19 from 2006 – 2013. You'll hear more from some of the committee reports about plans contingent upon passage of the \$2 local dues increase. We are urging your support of the proposal.

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. In November we debuted 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.

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MDUSBC has 70 bowling centers with 2,186 lane beds. MDUSBC is entitled to 45 delegates to the USBC Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 24-27 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 Regal Lanes in Warren. There are still openings for the Senior Masters.

Debra Dickerson moved to accept the Association Manager's report, supported by Tammy Quinn. 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 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.

Libbi Fletcher to accept the Awards and Recognition Committee report, supported by Dorothy Thompson. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report

Kurt Suokas, 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 2015-16 fiscal year was a deficit of \$11,050. The final result was a deficit of \$11,650. 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.

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Last year MDUSBC hosted the Michigan State tournament and received additional income from the many hours spent collecting 50/50 and brackets. After expenses a net of \$139,000 was realized. The Board allocated \$125,000 to be reserved funds to be used over a 10-year period with \$40,000 for Youth Scholarships, \$20,000 for the Women's Championship tournament, \$20,000 for the Open Championship tournament, \$10,000 for the Masters, \$10,000 for the Senior Masters, \$10,000 for the Super Senior Masters, \$10,000 for the Queens and \$5,000 for the Women's Series. When the local merger occurred in 2006 there were funds restricted for such uses and that money was running out. A balance of \$14,000 remains restricted without a designated use.

The Association Manager salary is \$72,000 per year. The Board approved a \$8,000 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 2015-16 fiscal year there was aggregate tournament income of \$186,359 with \$181,994 in tournament expenses for a net gain of \$4,365.

Kurt Suokas moved to accept the Financial Committee report, supported by Libbi Fletcher. Motion carried.

Tournament Committee Report

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

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 Queens was held at Airway Lanes in Waterford. The champion was Michelle Keirns. This was the second time she won.

The 500 Club was won by Gidget Vercruysse at Mayflower Lanes with a handicap score of 800.

Robert Michaux Jr. of Detroit won the Super Senior Masters at Thunderbowl.

Andrew Anderson won the Masters at Bowl One.

Upcoming tournaments are Open & Women's Championships at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights. The championships start Feb. 11 through March 12. There's still openings.

The Senior Team tournament will be held at Sterling Lanes starting March 11.

The committee also awarded site for the 2017-18 season as follows:
Queens to Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills for \$2.25 per game with \$100 sponsorship.
Super Senior Masters to Hazel Park Bowl at \$2 per game.
500 Club to Airway Lanes at \$2.25 per game with \$100 sponsorship.
Masters to Thunderbowl at \$2.25 per game with \$300 sponsorship.

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Senior Masters to Mayflower at \$2.50 per game.
Open & Women's Championships to Shore Lanes at \$2.50 per game.
Senior Team to Skore Lanes at \$2.50 per game.

Libbi Fletcher moved to accept the Tournament Committee report, supported by Debra Dickerson. Motion carried.

Youth Committee Report

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

She reported on the Adult/Youth with Johnny Gilbert and Jonathan Parker winning. The Youth Championship was held successfully at Century Bowl. The Junior Masters will be held March 25 at Woodhaven Lanes.

The committee will discuss moving the Adult / Youth tournament to the March timeframe in the future.

The locations for the next season events are Country Lanes for Adult/Youth, Wayne Bowl for Youth Championships and Mayflower Lanes for Junior Masters.

Sue Hyvonen moved to accept the Youth Committee report, supported by Tammy Quinn. Motion carried.

Bylaw Proposals

There were 2 proposed changes to the bylaws.

Bylaw proposal 1 was to change the quorum requirements for the board from 10 to a majority of sitting board members.

A ballot vote was taken. The results of the ballot vote was 42 in favor and 1 opposed, which carried.

Bylaws proposal 2 was the change the local adult membership dues from \$9 to \$11.

A ballot vote was taken. The results of the ballot vote was 29 in favor and 14 opposed, which carried.

Charities Report

BVL

Libbi Fletcher reported on Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL). Nearly \$15,000 for BVL was raised, primarily through a Michigan Lottery evening 3-digit raffle conducted in November 2016 over nearly \$9,500 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.

McKay Invitational

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

Bowl for the Cure

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Libbi Fletcher reported for the Bowl for the Cure was held February 18 at Mayflower Lanes by Vicki Ingham and will be February 25 at Bowl One Lanes. In the past 10 years over \$170,000 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 over \$9,700 in the envelope program.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Election of delegates to the USBC Convention

The MDUSBC is entitled to 45 delegates to the USBC Convention. Suokas opened nominations from the floor for delegates to the USBC Convention.

Katrina Banks, Richard Banks, Ann Block, Mary Lou Block, George Bresinski, Mike DeRousie, Debra Dickerson, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam, Patricia Klix, Ralph Lake, Tammy Quinn, Jessica Tyler and John Vorpagel.

Libbi Fletcher moved to close nominations, elect by acclimation and allow the president to appoint others to vacancies, supported by Tammy Quinn. Motion carried.

Katrina Banks, Richard Banks, Ann Block, Mary Lou Block, George Bresinski, Mike DeRousie, Debra Dickerson, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam, Patricia Klix, Ralph Lake, Tammy Quinn, Jessica Tyler and John Vorpagel were elected.

Election of delegates to the State WBA meeting

The MDUSBC is entitled to seven delegates to the State WBA meeting. Debra Dickerson, Libbi Fletcher, Sue Hyvonen, Vera Johnson, Patricia Klix, Rose McCall, Carol Roberts and Dorothy Thompson were nominated. Vera Johnson withdrew her name from consideration and agreed to be the alternate.

Richard Banks moved to close nominations, supported by Libbi Fletcher. Motion carried.

With seven candidates for seven positions a motion was accepted from Mark Hurttgam to elect by acclimation, supported by Randy Tambourine. Motion carried.

Dickerson, Fletcher, Hyvonen, Klix, McCall, Roberts and Thompson were elected as delegates to the State WBA meeting with Vera Johnson as the alternate.

Election of delegates to the State BA meeting

The MDUSBC is entitled to five delegates to the State BA meeting. Richard Banks, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam, Ernie Sanders, Randy Tambourine and John Vorpagel were nominated.

A ballot vote was conducted with the following results.

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Vorpagel 31, DeRousie 27, Bresinski 26, Tambourine 23, Fletcher 22, Hurttgam 21, Sanders 19 and Banks 16.

Vorpagel, DeRousie, Bresinski, Tambourine and Fletcher were elected as delegates to the State BA meeting. Hurttgam, Sanders and Banks will serve as alternates.

Election of delegates to the State Youth meeting

The MDUSBC is entitled to five delegates to the State Youth meeting. George Bresinski, Mark Hurttgam, Tammy Quinn, Kurt Suokas and John Vorpagel were nominated.

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

Bresinski, Hurttgam, Quinn, Suokas and Vorpagel were elected as delegates to the State Youth meeting.

Election of Adult Directors

Election of adult board members for two-year terms: The nominees were Richard Banks, Debra Dickerson, Patricia Klix, Martha Marshall, Tammy Quinn and John Vorpagel.

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

Banks, Dickerson, Klix, Marshall, Quinn and Vorpagel were elected to a two-year term as adult director.

Election of the Youth Representatives to the Board

The nominee was Penny Breen.

With less candidates than available positions a motion was accepted from Debra Dickerson to elect by acclamation, supported by Mike DeRousie. Motion carried.

Breen was elected to a two-year term as youth representative to the board.

Adjournment

Richard Banks moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Kurt Suokas. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark A. Martin
MDUSBC Association Manager