

**Annual Meeting Minutes of the Metro Detroit USBC Association  
Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Mayflower Lanes, Redford**

The annual meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC) was called to order by MDUSBC President John Vorpapel at 5:14 p.m. at Mayflower Lanes in Redford, Michigan.

In attendance were 41 registered members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Memorial service honoring Doug Swords, John Rossetto, Sylvia Broyles, Albert Martin, Natasha Porter and Roni Jackson and any other local bowler who had passed away in the previous year.

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

**President's Report**

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

He introduced the MDUSBC Board and Staff.

In the past year he has attended the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame Induction event; regional USBC "Ten Year Celebration" at Taylor Lanes; tapings of Michigan Kingpins and Bowling Showcase; USBC Convention in Omaha as a MDUSBC delegate, where he accepted the BPAA Award for Best USBC Association for 2015 and an All-Star Award for contributions over \$2,500 to International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum; Bowl Expo in Las Vegas to receive the previously mentioned award again; the Detroit Traveling All-Star Classic banquet; the Southeast Michigan Bowling Centers Association general membership meeting; the Michigan State USBC BA meeting in Bay City; the Michigan State USBC WBA meeting in Muskegon; the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan annual trade show; the Michigan State Bowling Council meeting; the Michigan State USBC BA jamboree in Petoskey; MDUSBC banquets; various committee meetings; coaching clinic meetings; annual Veteran's Christmas party at Thunderbowl; assembled the Tom McKay Charity Tournament showcase at Sterling Lanes; bowled in the USBC Open tournament in El Paso; the opening ceremonies of the Michigan State USBC BA Open Championship in Waterford; worked the Woodward Dream Cruise; and bowled in the MDUSBC Senior Team tournament and other various tournaments.

He has assigned board members and volunteers to committees; designated a chair person for each committee; conducted board meetings; participated and conducted various officer meetings at bowling centers prior to the new bowling season; made award presentations; helped raise funds for the three MDUSBC charity events and bowled in the McKay Charity Pro-Am and Bowl For The Cure No-Tap fundraiser; completed the 2015-16 Board Training Test; conducted the evaluation of the association manager; signed checks at the office; and reviewed financial reports and bank accounts each month.

George Bresinski accepted a motion from Anita Maiorana to accept the President's Report, supported by Dorothy Thompson. 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.

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Membership is down 3.3% overall with adult membership off 3.6% and youth membership up 1.5%. Last year at this time MDUSBC had 42,647 adult members and 2,447 youth members. This year we have 41,124 adults and 2,483 youth. The final figures from 2014-15 were 44,321 adults and 2,749 youth. These figures include 2,439 that have purchased the Adult Basic, which is available to those leagues that bowl 16 sessions or less. A total of 445 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.

We've continued our delivery system this season. With the system deliveries are made on a weekly basis to all bowling centers in the 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 key to the organization and Libbi Fletcher and Mark Martin write columns in the Bowlers Digest. MDUSBC has a presence on Facebook and stays in contact with members via e-mail using Constant Contact.

MDUSBC's new television show Bowling Showcase debuted in December. It airs on WADL-Detroit every Saturday at 10 a.m.

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 70 bowling centers with 2,186 lane beds. MDUSBC is entitled to 50 delegates to the USBC Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 26-29 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 Woodhaven Lanes in Woodhaven. There are still openings for the Senior Masters.

Richard Banks 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 MDUSBC designed an awards program based on a survey done among the members. The program has better awards that are more difficult to attain. There were comments that the program does not address lower average bowlers last season. He urged members to include their e-mail address on their membership application so they can be included in future surveys. Within budget constraints, MDUSBC will attempt to offer a program that is beneficial to all membership. The local awards program was revised in the 2015-16 season to offer awards to lower average bowlers to address previous concerns. Thus far over 12,000 awards have been received by members.

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In response to the national change of 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. Thus far 74 – 300 game crystals, 55 – 11-in-a-row crystals and 19 – 800 series crystals have been delivered.

We are always looking for Secretary of the Year and Coach of the Year candidates. The application is on [mdusbc.com](http://mdusbc.com) and the deadline is April 1.

Debra Dickerson to accept the Awards and Recognition Committee report, supported by Kurt Suokas. Motion carried.

**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**

George Bresinski, 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 2014-15 fiscal year was a deficit of \$16,900. The final result was a deficit of \$5,634.31 and therefore operations for the fiscal year ran under budget in the amount of \$11,265.69. There were sufficient funds in reserve to cover the deficit.

The financial statements appear on the website including Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flows. The Board receives monthly profit and loss statements and the Finance Committee receives monthly general ledger reports with all financial transactions.

The board awarded the Association Manager a \$3,000 bonus for an excellent performance review and ongoing commitment to the association and increased his salary to \$72,000 for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

The profit & loss statement is broken down by tournament. In the 2014-15 fiscal year there was aggregate tournament income of \$201,584.50 (up from \$194,939) with \$190,377.93 in tournament expenses (down from \$193,982.07) for a net gain of \$11,206.57.

Libbi Fletcher moved to accept the Financial Committee report, supported by Michael DeRousie. Motion carried.

**Tournament Committee Report**

Anita Maiorana reported on the adult tournaments including the Women's, Open, Queens, 500 Club and Senior Team tournament.

Changes approved were eliminating the \$5 walk-in fee, move mystery game from the brackets, eliminate sidepots and remove average from the bracket form, eliminate the early squad from all but the final two weekends of the Open & Women's Championships, expand eligibility for the Queens to any female USBC member until 3 weeks before the event, approve the art work for the participation pin and continue to give out a glass for those bowling a 200 game and meet or exceed their average.

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Super Senior Masters winner was George Humphry at Garden Bowl, Queens winner was Shannon Rowe at Hazel Park Bowl, 500 Club Tournament winner was Jessica Tyler at Waterford Lanes and Masters winner was John Nolen at 300 Bowl.

Also awarded 2016 500 Club Tournament to Mayflower Lanes at \$2.40 per game; award 2016 Queens Tournament to Airway Lanes at \$2.20 per game with a \$80 sponsorship; award 2017 Open and Women's Championship to Cherry Hill Lanes at \$2.50 per game; and award 2017 Senior Tournament to Sterling Lanes at \$2.40 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 and Youth Championship tournaments. The Junior Masters will be held March 19 at Airway Lanes.

The committee approved moving the Adult / Youth tournament to March and the Junior Masters to October as soon as possible.

She acknowledged the long-standing relationship with Randy Shank and Sunnybrook Lanes.

The locations for the next season events are Plum Hollow Lanes for Adult/Youth, Century Bowl for Youth Championships and Pampa Lanes for Junior Masters.

Mark Hurttgam moved to accept the Youth Committee report, supported by Ashley Krywy. Motion 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 2014 nearly \$7,500 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. Thanks to Meijer and Jewish Women's Federations for support for the veterans.

The 2016 Golden Age Games will be held at Skore Lanes and Thunderbowl Lanes in July and volunteers will be needed.

**McKay Invitational**

Mark Martin reported that the McKay Invitational tournament in early December at Sterling Lanes raised \$10,893.95 for the Karmanos Cancer Institute and the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum.

**Bowl for the Cure**

Libbi Fletcher reported for the Bowl for the Cure was held February 6 at Mayflower Lanes by Vicki Ingham and will be February 27 at Bowl One Lanes. In the past 9 years over \$140,000 has been raised locally for Bowl for the Cure. A Michigan Lottery evening 3-digit raffle will be conducted in March to raise additional

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funds for Bowl For The Cure. Envelopes have been distributed to leagues to solicit donations from league members.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**New Business**

There was no new business to come before the body.

**Election of Adult Directors**

Election of adult board members for two-year terms: The nominees were George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam and Kurt Suokas.

With less candidates than available spots a motion was accepted from Debra Dickerson to elect by acclimation, supported by Anita Maiorana. Motion carried.

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

**Election of the Youth Representatives to the Board**

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

With three candidates for three positions a motion was accepted from Debra Dickerson to elect by acclimation, supported by Libbi Fletcher. 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 BA meeting**

The MDUSBC is entitled to five delegates to the State BA meeting. Richard Banks, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam, Jacqueline McQueen and John Vorpapel were nominated.

A ballot vote was conducted with the following results.

Bresinski 30, Fletcher 29, Vorpapel 27, Hurttgam 24, Banks 23, DeRousie 22 and McQueen 12.

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

**Election of delegates to the State WBA meeting**

The MDUSBC is entitled to seven delegates to the State WBA meeting. Debra Dickerson, Libbi Fletcher, Constance Fordyce, Anita Maiorana, Tammy Quinn and Dorothy Thompson were nominated.

With six candidates for seven positions a motion was accepted from Jacqueline McQueen to elect by acclimation, supported by Tammy Quinn. Motion carried.

Dickerson, Fletcher, Fordyce, Maiorana, Quinn and Thompson were elected as delegates to the State WBA meeting.

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**Election of delegates to the State Youth meeting**

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

With five candidates for five positions a motion was accepted from Libbi Fletcher to elect by acclimation, supported by Jacqueline McQueen. Motion carried.

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

**Election of delegates to the USBC Convention**

The MDUSBC is entitled to 50 delegates to the USBC Convention. Banks opened nominations from the floor for delegates to the USBC Convention.

Shirley Beard, Terence Bell, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Constance Fordyce, Lavern Hester, Mark Hurttgam, Anita Maiorana, Katherine Martin, Jacqueline McQueen, Jeanette Myers, Hubert Sawyers, Rosie Sawyers, Dorothy Thompson, Donetta Turner and John Vorpapel were nominated and duly elected.

Others that wish to be appointed will have to submit their name to the MDUSBC office.

**Adjournment**

Kurt Suokas moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Ashley Krywy. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark A. Martin  
MDUSBC Association Manager