

**Board Minutes of the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC)  
Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
Held at Meeting Place at Lathrup Village Offices, Lathrup Village**

President Vorpapel called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

**Roll call**

**Present:** President Vorpapel; Vice-President Bresinski; Board members Banks, Block, Fletcher, Hurttgam, Klix, Marshall, Suokas, Tambourine and Association Manager Martin.

**Absent:** Breen, DeRousie, Dickerson, Krywy and Quinn.

Suokas moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting, supported by Banks. Motion carried.

**President's Report**

President Vorpapel gave the report.

He attended the Hall of Fame committee, the Michigan State USBC Youth annual meeting as a delegate, the Michigan State Bowling Council meeting and luncheon, the Michigan State Jamboree and the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan annual meeting and trade show. He conducted or assisted at three officer schools, delivered and displayed the lawn signs, bowled in the Gavie and renewed his Registered Volunteer Program. He also reviewed month end financial statements and bank statements and signed checks and documents as needed.

Bresinski accepted a motion from Hurttgam to accept the president's report, supported by Fletcher. Motion carried.

**Association Manager's Report**

Association Manager Martin reported that there are 57 leagues, 2,777 adult members, 7 youth members and 63 Premium Upgrades. These numbers are up 2.445% from the previous year, however it's still early.

An update was given on Bowling Showcase. New sponsors include Storm, Michigan State USBC BA and Michigan State USBC Youth. Returning sponsors are Bowling Centers Association of Michigan, Southeast Michigan Bowling Centers Association and Michigan State USBC WBA. Downgraded sponsors are Sandy Hansell and Detroit Metro Sports Commission. Blue Ribbon Bowling Group is still deciding. DeCarlo's did not renew their sponsorship and Brunswick and Ebonite turned down the request to be a sponsor.

USBC Gold Coach Michelle Mullen will do the pro tips. The Youth Challenge will be taped at Merribowl Lanes on Sunday, Oct. 29 starting at 8 a.m. The Adult Challenge will be at Superbowl and another center to be determined.

Still looking for at least three sponsors, 13 adult challenge teams, one youth challenge team and eight centers to host monthly magazine shows. Each board member was given a sponsorship package and will be e-mailed a sponsorship package in an effort to fill the holes.

Hamtramck Singles Classic has agreed to sponsor the Women's Series. As part of the variable sponsorship MDUSBC along with Women's Series participants needs to fill a 96 person squad on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018 at 10 a.m. The event is open to everyone with a cost of \$55. Women's Series participants will compete for a special \$250 cash squad prize for the high four game scratch total. A new introductory Women's Series Baker Doubles will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at Hazel Park Bowl.

An update was given on the Westland Bowl, Digital Billboard campaign and yard signs. The first batch of Member Handbooks were delivered to centers the previous week. BVL Lottery tickets were available to distribution.

The squad for the Michigan State Open Championship will be Saturday, March 3 at 1 p.m. for team event and Sunday, March 4 at 9 a.m. for doubles & singles in Grand Rapids. Those wishing to participate contact Martin.

There was discussion on the pricing of the MDUSBC Lifetime Membership with the increase in the standard dues.

Suokas moved to set the MDUSBC Lifetime pricing at \$400 for age 55 and up, \$500 for ages 30-55 and \$600 for under age 30, supported by Klix. Motion carried.

Banks moved to accept the Association Manager's report, supported by Tambourine. Motion carried.

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**Committee Reports**

Martin gave the Hall of Fame Committee report.

**Unfinished Business**

There was discussion on the league officer workshops, Michigan State USBC Youth annual meeting, Michigan State Jamboree and the Gavie tournament. Applications for directors for the merged Michigan State USBC were available and e-mailed to all.

**New Business**

The Hall of Fame Banquet will be Sunday, Oct. 15 with cocktails at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. and presentations to follow.

Volunteers are needed for the fall events (Mixed, Queens, 500 Club and Youth), contact Quinn to volunteer. Klix volunteered for the five squads of the Youth Tournament.

There was discussion on the Christmas party.

Tambourine moved to have the Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 8 at the Community Room at Lathrup Village Offices if available, supported by Fletcher. Motion carried.

Klix to contact a caterer.

President Vorpapel gave a report on MDUSBC joining the USBC Association Board Evaluations. He is recommending this whereby each board member will complete an online survey about the MDUSBC board in an effort to make the board stronger. If all board members participate each will get a jersey from USBC.

Block moved to participate in the USBC Association Board Evaluations, supported by Marshall. Motion carried.

Vorpapel will send an e-mail to each board member with further details.

The MDUSBC Annual Meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 4, 2018 at 2 p.m. at DeCarlo's.

The Financial Statement by Hoffman Accounting was reviewed.

Fletcher moved to accept the Financial Statement by Hoffman Accounting, supported by Suokas. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Meeting Place at Lathrup Village Offices, if available.

Future dates are Monday, Jan. 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m. for delegates and board to follow.

**Adjournment**

Suokas moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Tambourine. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark A. Martin  
Association Manager

**Upcoming Events / Meeting**

Saturday, Oct. 14 – Women's Series Baker Doubles – Hazel Park Bowl

Sunday, Oct. 15 – Hall of Fame Banquet – DeCarlo's

\* Saturday, Oct. 21 – MDUSBC Queens Qualifying – Classic Lanes

\* Saturday, Oct. 21 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl

Sunday, Oct. 22 – MDUSBC Queens Match Play – Classic Lanes

\* Sunday, Oct. 22 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl

\* Saturday, Oct. 28 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl

\* Sunday, Oct. 29 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl

Sunday, Oct. 29 – Bowling Showcase Youth Challenge taping – MerriBowl Lanes

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- \* Saturday, Nov. 4 – Super Senior Masters Tournament qualifying – Hazel Park Bowl
- Sunday, Nov. 5 – Super Senior Masters Tournament finals – Hazel Park Bowl
- \* Sunday, Nov. 5 – Youth Tournament – Wayne Bowl
- Thursday, Nov. 9 – MDUSBC Board Meeting