

**Board Minutes of the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC)  
Tuesday, September 20, 2016  
Held at Metro Detroit USBC Association conference room, Lathrup Village**

President Vorpapel called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Roll call**

**Present:** President Vorpapel; Vice-President Bresinski; Board members Banks, Block, DeRousie, Dickerson, Fletcher, Hurtgam, Klix, Maiorana and Association Manager Martin.

**Absent:** Breen, Krywy, Quinn, Suokas and Tambourine.

Maiorana moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting, supported by Banks. Motion carried.

**President's Report**

President Vorpapel gave the report.

He administered four in-house officers schools, attended the Clare workshop, Hall of Fame committee meeting and the Michigan State USBC BA Jamboree in Greenville. He bowled in the Gavie tournament and picked up some awards at Bean Bros. to be delivered to the office. He updated the McKay Tournament showcase at Sterling lanes, signed checks and documents as needed.

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

**Association Manager's Report**

Association Manager Martin reported that there are 110 leagues; 4,766 adult members and 115 youth down 13.7% from last year. There are 96 premium upgrades and 7 MDUSBC lifetime memberships.

He gave an update on the Bowlers Digest ceasing publication. Still getting quotes for printing a monthly publication along with an electronic newsletter along with possible advertising revenue. Will provide an update when available. Fletcher, Block and Martin will write articles and others are encouraged to do so. Martin will edit publication. Sandy Hansell and Paul Gross have agreed to write occasional articles.

Pampa Lanes has closed permanently. The leagues have found new homes. Superbowl has received MDUSBC very well since the transfer was made. While the deadline for taking the Board Test is Dec. 31, board members are encouraged to complete the test ASAP and don't wait until the last minute. If there are problems logging in contact Martin.

He challenged President Vorpapel to appoint a committee and set a date prior to the November board meeting to discuss and recommend action on the increase in dues for the 2017-18 season.

He gave an update on Bowling Showcase. The Youth Challenge is sold out with four teams, however there are still 11 teams \$1,000 each need for the Adult Challenge. The five teams that have already committed are Community Bowling Centers, Mayflower, Merri Bowl, Thunder Bowl and Woodland.

Also six centers are needed to host monthly magazine shows at \$1,000 each. Beech, Regal and Merri Bowl have already agreed to host monthly magazine shows. He asked each board member to approach the centers they represent to help.

Upcoming tapings include "Battle of Champions" on Sunday, Oct. 2 @ 9 a.m. at Regal Lanes; Youth Challenge taping on Sunday, Oct. 30 @ 8 a.m. at Cherry Hill North; first round matches of the Adult Challenge taping on Saturday, Dec. 3 @ 8 a.m. at Thunder Bowl Arena; and final rounds of the Adult Challenge taping on Sunday, Feb. 19 @ 8 a.m. at a Community Bowling Center center.

At least two Bowling Showcase sponsors are still needed @ \$3,000 each. Committed sponsors are Blue Ribbon Bowling Group, Bowling Centers Association of Michigan, South East Michigan Bowling Centers Association, Detroit Metro Sports Commission, Sandy Hansell and the Michigan State USBC WBA. Still courting others including Lew Ansara and the Michigan State USBC BA. Brunswick and Hamtramck Singles Classic did not renew contract.

Thus far there is a commitment for \$67,000 of the \$90,000 needed for the show, but more help is needed from every board member.

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MDUSBC teams will be bowling the State BA Tournament in Jackson at Airport Lanes on Jan. 14-15 at a cost of \$85 per person. Those wishing to bowl contact Martin.

Maiorana moved to accept the Association Manager's report, supported by Dickerson. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Hall of Fame Committee**

A report of progress was received. The Hall of Fame Banquet will be Sunday, Nov. 6 at DeCarlo's.

**Unfinished Business**

There was discussion regarding League Officer Workshops, State BA Jamboree and State WBA Clare workshop,.

**New Business**

The MDUSBC Christmas Party will be Friday, Dec. 9 at DeCarlo's, cocktails at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

BVL Lottery tickets were distributed. Those not in attendance contact Fletcher to get yours. BVL league envelopes will be stuffed at the MDUSBC Conference room on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. Those that can help contact Fletcher.

The date for the MDUSBC Annual Meeting was set for Saturday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. Martin to contact DeCarlo's, Superbowl and Sterling to check availability and report back via e-mail.

The 2015-16 Financial Review by Hoffman Accounting was presented and available for review. Dickerson moved to accept the 2015-16 Financial Review, supported by Maiorana. Motion carried.

Those wishing to bowl in the McKay Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 10 at Sterling contact Martin. DeRousie and Fletcher committed.

**Next Meeting**

The next MDUSBC Board meeting will be Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark A. Martin  
Association Manager

**Upcoming Events / Meeting**

Sunday, Oct. 2 – Adult / Youth Tournament – Plum Hollow Lanes  
Sunday, Oct. 2 @ 9 a.m. – Bowling Showcase “Battle of Champions” taping – Regal Lanes  
Sunday, Oct. 9 – Adult / Youth Tournament – Plum Hollow Lanes  
Sunday, Oct. 15 – MDUSBC Queens Qualifying – Airway Lanes  
Sunday, Oct. 16 – MDUSBC Queens Match Play – Airway Lanes  
Saturday, Oct. 22 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl  
Sunday, Oct. 23 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl  
Saturday, Oct. 29 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl  
Sunday, Oct. 30 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl  
Sunday, Oct. 30 @ 8 a.m. – Bowling Showcase Youth Challenge taping – Cherry Hill North  
Saturday, Nov. 5 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl  
Saturday, Nov. 5 – Super Senior Masters Tournament qualifying – Thunderbowl Lanes  
Sunday, Nov. 6 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl  
Sunday, Nov. 6 – Super Senior Masters Tournament finals – Thunderbowl Lanes  
Sunday, Nov. 6 – Youth Tournament – Century Bowl  
Sunday, November 6 – Hall of Fame Banquet – DeCarlo's

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Saturday, Nov. 12 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl  
Sunday, Nov. 13 – MDUSBC Mixed – Hazel Park Bowl  
Sunday, Nov. 13 – Youth Tournament – Century Bowl  
Wednesday, November 17 – MDUSBC Board meeting