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May 2016 EVUSBC NEWSLETTER



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Janet Batchelor, President

It's spring again and we're winding down the bowling season. Once again the year has gone by quickly. The difference this time is that I will be retiring from the position of President on July 31st so this will be my last newsletter as your President.

Board of Directors activities:

Your board members are in the process of making plans for next year's bowling season while finishing up tasks this year. Coming up next are our coaching clinics. Several weeks ago the Coaching Clinic committee met and developed a plan to hold four (4) coaching clinics this year. By the end of the meeting, it appeared that we had the groundwork done – who would coach, the program that would be used and where the clinics would be held. But as you know, things can change and the best made plans..... So at this point we are working on developing plans to use a different program and are seeking folks who have the skills and some experience in coaching to help us present at least three coaching clinics that would last approximately 2 to 2 ½ hours each. If this is something you can do for your fellow bowlers, please contact Association Manager Robby Schmid at the office at 541-344-4303.

Following USBC's lead in recognizing that the junior bowlers are the Future of the Sport for bowling, I'm pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has decided to create a matching funds donation for Emerald Valley USBC junior bowler Kari Kindrick who is eligible to represent Oregon at the Junior Gold Tournament scheduled to be held during July in Indianapolis Indiana. Last year Kari won her division in the Oregon State Pepsi Tournament but due to limited financial resources she was prevented competing in this tournament. This year Kari qualified in 3rd place. But as it turns out, the 1st and 2nd place winners are not able to go, so Kari is once again eligible to compete as our representative. This matching funds program is a pilot program and not guaranteed to be available next year or in the future. That decision will be made if and when a similar situation arises and could be greatly impacted by both the association and the bowler's financial circumstances.

EVUSBC Spring Membership & Awards Meeting:

We missed those of you who chose not to attend the Emerald Valley USBC Spring Membership meeting held at the Springfield Elks club on Saturday, April 17th. Youth Director Linda Davis and her committee did a great job of decorating and preparing for the meeting. Everyone enjoyed the variety of cupcakes and cookies accompanied with coffee, tea and water. Even though we had 106 people signed up, only 39 were present at roll call, one person short of the required quorum. Fortunately, one of our bowlers had a friend nearby who was planning to bowl summer league, so we quickly signed up that person up and welcomed Heather Boyce into our membership which brought the membership count to the minimum quorum. The purpose of the meeting was to consider some proposed amendments to the bylaws, elect board members and present tournament awards. The proposed amendments all passed. The changes approved are:

The Sergeant at Arms was converted to a director position

Two director positions were eliminated, reducing the board to 11 members (President, Vice-President, two Youth Directors and seven Adult Directors)

Changed the board quorum requirement from 7 to 6

Changed the Membership meeting quorum to 15 Adult members and 8 youth representatives, for a total of 23 members

Reduced the lead time for submitting Proposed Amendments from 45 days to 30 days

Although many of the tournament winners were not present, those who were there were presented with plaques and group photos were taken.

In the elections, there were four adult director positions open and four applicants, so Jeffery Chapek, Marcie Gutierrez, Sue Hebert and Connie Keller were declared elected by acclamation. Larry Jackson received the majority of votes in the Presidential election and Anita Cardoza prevailed in her quest to continue in her position as Youth Director.

USBC National Convention:

This week I have once again had the privilege of representing you at the USBC National Convention which was held in Las Vegas in conjunction with the USBC Women's National Tournament. We started the week off with a day full of seminars on a variety of topics. I attended the President/Vice-President networking session and got several good ideas that I can pass on to your board for consideration. Since I am also currently an Oregon State USBC Director, I also attended the State Association board members networking session which was also very interesting and helpful. Thursday was a day of reports from a wide variety of bowling related groups such as the BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link), Bowl for the Cure, the Bowling Proprietors Association of America, the National Bowling Association, World Bowling, the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame and the SMART corporation which is entrusted with managing the youth scholarship monies until the recipients choose to withdraw it for educational purposes.

On Friday the morning was devoted to recognition and award presentations and in the afternoon the legislative session was conducted. Three very controversial issues were decided today. Two involved the forced merger of local and state organizations that have not already merged as we did in 2006, and the third involved a proposed dues increase. Most of us are not aware that not all associations in the United States are merged together. In 2006 the Eugene WBA (Eugene Women's Bowling Association), the Eugene/Springfield BA (men's bowling association) and the YABA (Young American Bowling Association) members all agreed to merge together into one organization, the Emerald Valley United State Bowling Congress Association. However, this merging did not happen all across the country. There are still many men's, women's and youth bowling associations who have not merged, both at the local and state levels. Many USBC members feel that it is in the best interest of the sport and the organization for these three groups to become one organization. So last year a Proposed Amendment to the bylaws was introduced to force the unmerged associations (both state and local) to merge. The discussion period was filled with many emotional pleas and ultimately, the measure failed by 3 votes. This year with more than 900 voting delegates the measure passed by more than 60 votes. It was a difficult day for those who were not in favor of merging, but clearly the majority of the members present felt that we need to present a united front across the organization so that we can move forward together. Another proposal voted on will result in a \$3.00 increase in national dues in 2017-2018 with a potential additional \$2.00 increase sometime after 2022-2023. Other issues with less impact on the general membership were considered and voted on and elections to the national board were conducted.

All in all it was a great week. I renewed some friendships with folks I've met at the national convention in years past and had an opportunity to see several of our professional bowlers in person. Mick and I bowled the USBC Doubles Tournament while we were here and were thrilled to get to meet Stuart Williams as he and his wife bowled in the tournament right along with us. One of the highlights of the convention was the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner. Mike Durbin, a dominant PBA player in the 60's, 70's, and 80's was one of the honorees. He has 14 titles including three PBA Tournament of Champions titles, one using a 3 step approach, one using a 4 step approach and one using a 5 step approach.

Thank you:

Deciding not to run for President for one more term was a difficult decision for me. I have enjoyed the many challenges the position brought as well as the many rewards. It has been gratifying to work with the board members as we brought the association into modern times and into compliance with USBC expectations. It's been rewarding to get acquainted with so many of you. And I've learned so much about the sport of bowling, both the mechanics of how to bowl (remember, knowing and being able to do aren't necessarily tied together) as well as the rules. Since this is the last newsletter article I'll be writing, I'd like to say thanks again to those who served on the Board of Directors with me during the last four years, to the many volunteers who helped us run the

tournaments and especially to Association Manager Robby Schmid who has been a strong supporter and always helped keep me going in the right direction.

I will be continuing to serve you as a Director on the Oregon State 600 Board of Directors and also as a Director on the Oregon State USBC Association board, so if there's anything I can do for you in either of those capacities, please do let me know. I'm planning on bowling 3 or 4 leagues next year so I'll be seeing you on the lanes and at tournaments. **Serving as your President has enriched my life in many ways. Thank you all.**



FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER

Robby Schmid, Association Manager

We have had a great season, processing 43 adult leagues, 7 youth leagues, 2050 members (so far) and 2083 awards – 256 of which were youth awards. Summer leagues are forming now and I hope to see many of you on the lanes. Your Board of Directors is already starting to make plans for next season so if you have any suggestions for any of the committees, please let us know. We are here for you, the bowlers, and are anxious to make the new season even better than before.

The theme of this year's USBC Convention in Las Vegas was "Today's Vision – Tomorrow's Future". Bowling is a wonderful sport which EVERYONE can enjoy. We want to keep the sport of bowling alive and well in the EVUSBC area – Together, We Can!



ADULT TOURNAMENTS

Teresa Grant, Committee Chair

Hip Hip Hurray! We made it through another successful tournament. Thank you to Firs Bowl and Cottage Bowl for hosting our Open Tournament. We had nice numbers for both of the weekends. The following are the first place winners' breakdown. For team handicap, We Be Loud, teammates Forrest Cardwell, Timothy Cunningham, Michael Danielson and Dennis Ruark bowled a combined total of 3056. Way to go men. Team Scratch, Emerald City Hitmen, Darien Mann, CJ Nelson, David Roberts, and Tristen Thanhardt bowled a combined score of 2679. For the Doubles Handicap series we had Cameron McNeeley and Mike Montreuil bowl a total of 1669. Doubles Scratch, Gabriel Heidecker and Jason Smith finished with a total of 1375. For the Singles Division Handicap slot Ronald Bascue bowled an 887 series. For the Single Scratch Division Butch Cardoza bowled a 764. In the All Events Handicap Division Marshall Laycock bowled a total of 2422, and Tristen Thanhardt bowled a 2048 series for all events scratch. Way to go gentlemen. For High Game Scratch Forrest Cardwell bowled a 300. Forrest Cardwell also bowled a 781 for tournament high series scratch. Congratulations Forrest. And an all-around congratulations to all of our teams and individuals who bowled in the tournament. We hope to see you and many more for our future tournaments. We will be posting dates and locations for future tournaments as they are decided. Thank you again for your ongoing support.



ANNUAL MEETING

Linda Davis, Committee Chair

Our spring meeting was held at the Springfield Elks on April 23, 2016. 106 people signed up but we only had 40 in attendance, barely having a quorum to conduct business. Four adult board members were elected along with a youth director and a new president. We hope to see more of you at the next meeting.



BYLAWS – OPERATIONS MANUAL

Natalie Clark, Committee Chair

I would like to give you a short recap of the legislative events that took place at the 2015/2016 Spring General Membership Meeting.

The first vote brought before the membership was to change the position of the Sergeant at Arms to a Director position on the EVUSBC Board of Directors. This change was presented by the EVUSBC Bylaws and Operations Manual Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The first proposed Amendment to the Bylaws was PA 2015/16-1 which if adopted would change the number of EUSBC board members from 13 to 11 eliminating 1 Director position and 1 Youth Director position. The proposed Amendment to the Bylaws was presented by the EVUSBC Bylaws and Operations Manual Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The second proposed Amendment to the Bylaws was PA 2015/16-2 which if adopted would change the EVUSBC Board of Directors meeting quorum from 7 to 6. The reason for the change was to stay in concert with the PA 2015/16-1 which reduced the number of board positions from 13 to 11. The proposed Amendment to the Bylaws was presented by the EVUSBC Bylaws and Operations Manual Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The third proposed Amendment to the Bylaws was PA 2015/16-3 which if adopted will change Annual Meeting quorum from 40 members to 23. The change in quorum size would help ensure that we are able to conduct business at our Annual Meetings. The proposed Amendment to the Bylaws was presented by the EVUSBC Bylaws and Operations Manual Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The final proposed Amendment to the Bylaws was PA 2015/16-4 which if adopted would change the amount of time to propose a bylaw amendment change from 45 days in advance of the meeting to 30 days. The reason for the proposal is to establish a more reasonable proposed amendment submission timeline. The proposed Amendment to the Bylaws was presented by the EVUSBC Bylaws and Operations Manual Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. Without you we would not have been able to conduct business.

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EMERALD VALLEY USBC

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