



The Third Annual Meeting of the Washington State USBC Association was called to order at 9:40 a.m. March 29, 2009, at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Yakima, Washington, by President Dave Bryant.

Memorial Service:

A moment of silence was observed for all bowlers who had passed away during the previous year. Association Manager Lowell Lovgren then presented a slide show for the Memorial Service.

Presentation of Colors:

The colors were presented. Following the presentation, Sergeant-at-Arms Wayne Druffel led the Pledge of Allegiance; Linda Russell then sang the National Anthem.

Roll Call:

All officers and directors were present with the exception of Directors Ronald Hicks and Dale Gowan who were excused; Youth Director Nate Whitson was absent..

Minutes Approval:

Ned Bowman, chair of the Minutes Approval Committee, moved that the minutes of the March 30, 2008, Annual Meeting be approved as printed:

Since the motion came from a committee, it did not need a second. Motion carried.

Rules of the Convention:

Vice President Charlotte Smith read the Standing Rules of the Convention. She stated that the WSUSBC Board had approved them. Since there were no objections from the floor, the rules were adopted as read.

President's Report: Dave Bryant stated his printed report was in the book. He thanked everyone for attending the Annual Meeting. He asked if everyone had a good time at the Awards Dinner and enjoyed Carolyn-Dorin Ballard as the guest speaker.

Acts of the Board: Association Manager Lowell Lovgren read the Acts of the Board, followed by his report.

- 2009 Jamboree -- Approved having the 2009 Jamboree hosted by Greater Seattle USBC.
- Annual Meeting -- Approved investigating scheduling all Annual Meetings in Central Washington, either in Yakima or Ellensburg.
- Women's State -- Approved changing team, doubles, singles, and all events to one (1) division with 4 bowlers per team. Handicap will be 90% of 230. Approved changing January 1 to March 1 for using the current year's average for at least 21 games for a bowler who does not have a prior year's book average.
- Open Tournament -- Approved setting handicap at 90% of 230. Approved changing January 1 to March 1 for the current year's average for at least 21 games for a bowler who does not have a prior year's book average.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance & Budget: Association Manager Lowell Lovgren presented the Finance & Budget report for the WSUSBC.



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Policy and Procedure Committee: Mac McLaughlin thanked his committee for their hard work and time spent on the Operations Manual. The following sections have been completed and have been approved by the WSUSBC Board of Directors: (a) I - Preface, (b) II - Schedule of Events, (c) III - President, (d) IV - Vice President, (e) V - Sergeant-at-Arms, (f) VI - Director, (g) VII - Youth Committee, (h) VIII - Association Manager, (i) IX - Annual Meeting, (j) X - State Tournaments, (k) XI - Committees.

Hall of Fame:

Char Smith stated the deadline for Hall of Fame applications into the State Office is August 1. Dave introduced this year's WSUSBC Hall of Fame inductee, Mike King.

Scholarship Committee:

Chair Wayne Druffel discussed submitting State scholarship applications. Each of us needs to make sure that our youth complete all the paper work properly before it is sent to the state office.

BVL Committee:

Chair Sharron Wannamaker discussed BVL and added this was a good year for fundraising. The committee sold a total of \$918 in tickets. In addition, Skagit Valley USBC donated \$319, Walla Walla USBC WBA donated \$350, and Clark County USBC donated \$350 for a grand total of \$1891.55. This was \$500 more than last year. She thanked all for their support for the veterans.

Credentials Report:

Wayne Druffel reported 3 WSUSBC officers, 17 WSUSBC directors, and 38 adult delegates present, for a total of 58 voting delegates.

WSUSBC Tournaments:

Lowell reported on the 2008 Senior Tournament as well as the 2009 Open and Trios Tournaments.

Kathy Schilling reported on the 2009 Queens Tournament, which will be held May 16-17 in Ellensburg at Rodeo Bowl. Fifty entries are required to avoid canceling the event.

Sharron Wannamaker talked about the 600 Club Tournament which the club has tried to run for the last three years. The 600 Club Board has considered totally disbanding this event and giving the balance to the Women's State Tournament. They have also discussed running a virtual event during the Women's State tournament in conjunction with the State Tournament as USBC does.

Louise Alverson reported on the Mixed State Tournament which will be held in Mt. Vernon at Riverside Lanes the last three weekends of June.

Youth Committee:

2009 Youth State: Sandra Nelson reported that, with the closure of a center in the Longview-Kelso area, they decided to run the event in one center this year and schedule the Adult-Youth Tournament as a special event this year at the Annual Meeting.

Tournament Director Joy Walker reported that the entries are coming in slowly and hopefully will pickup. Some squads are full so she requested potential bowlers to submit entries as soon as possible.

Sandra Nelson presented her first report as chair of the Washington State Youth Committee. During the 2007-08 season Washington State had 4,976 youth members. The committee announced the following achievements:



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1. The State Youth Championships, hosted by Whatcom County USBC, awarded over \$13,000 in scholarships in 2008.
2. The Pepsi Tournament awarded almost \$10,000 in scholarships with matching funds from Nationals. The competition from league to center level for bowlers uses house conditions; sectional and state competitions use modified sport conditions to allow youth to gain experience to be competitive on the national level. The majority of bowlers usually make the first cut. Most states do not offer this opportunity.
3. The Youth Masters Tournament awarded over \$2500 in scholarships.
4. The committee coordinated hosting the Bronze Level clinic.
5. Six youth directors sit on the WSUSBC board and participate on committees and assist at special events.
6. The committee hosted Junior Gold qualifying events at Pepsi Sectionals and Finals, State Championships and a Premier event at the Youth Masters event. The Premier winners, who will receive up to \$500 in reimbursed expenses for the national tournament in Indianapolis in July, were Jordan Plunkett from Snohomish County USBC and Sarah Boe from Greater Seattle Youth Association
7. All members of the WSUSBC Board have submitted applications to the Registered Volunteer Program

Some issues that were faced this season include the following:

1. Pepsi Competition will no longer have a national tournament, and the only advancement from state will be 2 scratch boys and girls to Junior Gold. The committee hopes to increase the amount of scholarships to the other state winners who will no longer have a national tournament. They have also run fundraisers at Pepsi to help families of the Junior Gold advancers with travel expenses.
2. There have been incidents at youth events regarding inconsistent application of clothing guidelines. Youth are now required to check in wearing the outfit in which they will bowl; also a state official will run the events in different houses.
3. The closure of a center in Longview-Kelso required making major adjustments in the State Tournament this year. After reviewing various options, it was decided to hold all three events in one house and offer the Adult-Youth Tournament as a special event this year at the Annual Meeting.
4. The committee was just as surprised as everyone else with the announcements of a dues increase and age change from Nationals and are making their concerns known. They will use their network to minimize the impact to youth.

Goals for the upcoming season are modest:

1. Continue marketing the youth leader program to grow youth involvement.
2. Hosting a Silver Level coaching clinic in November for adults and a youth coaching clinic on the east and west sides in the summer.
3. Pam Silvers, the Pepsi Tournament Director for at least the last 10 years, is retiring at the end of the season. Although she will be hard to replace, the committee is looking at prospective volunteers to ensure that the quality is not lost.
4. Hosting a youth leader website with links to information of interest to youth.
5. Hosting an information session at the site of Pepsi State for youth.

Sandra asked the Youth Committee members to stand and be recognized, then asked all youth in attendance as well as coaches and program managers to stand. She thanked all for their support. She then introduced the tournament winners from the Adult-Youth session.

President Dave Bryant called for a 15-minute break.

Break at 10:32 a.m.

Reconvene at 10:47 a.m.

Final Credentials Report:

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Legislative: Char Smith, chair of the Legislative Committee, presented the following PA's:

1. Proposed Amendment # 1 - Submitted by the Legislative Committee for approval.

To add Article XIII

Proposed to read:

ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION

If the association is liquidated and dissolved, all assets remaining after payment and discharge of its duties, obligations and liabilities will be distributed proportionately at the direction of the board, to any organization(s) as stipulated. The board determines the division of the assets including trusts, the assets is distributed to any organization described in IRC, Section 501 (c) (3) of 1986, as amended. Any such assets not so disposed will be disposed of by the Circuit Court in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located. They are disposed of exclusively for the purposes described in IRC, Section 501 (c) (3) of 1986 as amended, or to such organization(s) as said Court determines are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Reason:

To be in compliance with Washington Code WAC 230-03-145

Presented by the WSUSBC Legislative Committee

Approved by the WSUSBC Board of Directors

Dave Bryant stated that since the proposed amendment comes from the committee, it does not need a second. A voice vote was taken; PA #1 was passed.

2. Proposed Amendment # 2

Article V -- Board of Directors – Management

Current Bylaw:

Section A. Board Composition, Authority and Duties

The management and governance of the association is vested in the board of directors. The delegates representing adult membership and Youth Representatives determine the number of directors. The total number of directors is 20, to include 14 adult directors and 6 Youth Committee directors. The total number of board members is 23. At least 20% of the total number of board members will be elected by the Youth Committee. The number of board members elected by the Youth Committee is 6.

Section B. Eligibility

Washington State USBC will be comprised of 2 districts and will include certain Idaho associations. The dividing line for the districts will be the Pacific Crest Trail in the Cascade Mountains. There will be 8 adult directors from the West district and 6 adult directors from the East district. No more than 2 adult directors can be elected from an individual association. Youth Directors will be elected from the Youth Committee and will be elected to represent the 2 districts. No more than 2 youth directors can be elected from an individual association. The association that issues the first local membership card will determine a director's association.

Proposed Bylaw:

Section A. Board Composition, Authority and Duties



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The management and governance of the association is vested in the board of directors. The delegates representing adult membership and Youth Representatives determine the number of directors. The total num

ber of directors is 14, to include 10 adult directors and 4 Youth Committee directors. The total number of board members is 17. At least 20% of the total number of board members will be elected by the Youth Committee. The number of board members elected by the Youth Committee is 4.

Section B. Eligibility

Washington State USBC will be comprised of 2 districts and will include certain Idaho associations. The dividing line for the districts will be the Pacific Crest Trail in the Cascade Mountains. There will be 6 adult directors from the West district and 4 adult directors from the East district. No more than 2 adult directors can be elected from an individual association. Youth Directors will be elected from the Youth Committee and will be elected to represent the 2 districts. No more than 2 youth directors can be elected from an individual association. The association that issues the first local membership card will determine a director's association.

Reason for change:

It has become apparent that the new state board is an administrative board that oversees the operations and programming of state tournaments, events and activities for the USBC membership in the State. To adequately perform the task and duties required by the board, there is no need for 23 board members. By decreasing the total number of members on the board from 23 to 17, the board will still be able to effectively complete all the tasks and duties in a more cost effective manner. Currently the board has been meeting three times per year, and at an estimated expense of \$300-\$400 per person per meeting this change will result in a saving of \$5,400 to \$7,200 per year. This change will result in no loss of services provided by the board.

If adopted, to become effective immediately with the following procedures to take place:

At the 2009 Annual Meeting reduce the number of adult directors from the East side by one and reduce the number of adult directors from the West side by one. Reduce the number of board members elected by the Youth Committee by one.

At the 2010 Annual Meeting, further reduce the number of adult directors from the East side by one and reduce the number of adult directors from the West side by one. Reduce the number of board members elected by the Youth committee by one.

These actions will result in the board reduction being complete by the year 2011.

Proposer, Dave Bryant
Richland, WA

Approved by the WSUSBC Legislative Committee
Approved by the WSUSBC Board of Directors

A voice vote was taken; PA #2 was passed.

3. Proposed Amendment # 3 - Char stated that last year the delegates voted to change the method of electing adult directors to plurality vote and should have done the same for members of the Youth Committee. It is a house-keeping measure.

Article VIII, Committees
Section A. Standing Committees
Item 3. Youth Committee

Current wording: The Youth Committee is elected by the Youth Representatives and is responsible for:

Proposed:

Add by plurality vote. Substitute Delegates for Representatives. Add officers and directors who represent youth membership.

If adopted, Section A, item 3 will state:

The Youth Committee is elected by plurality vote by the Youth Delegates, officers and directors who represent youth membership.

Reason for Proposal:

This amendment is recommended to simplify the election process for the Youth Committee and clarify eligible voters. USBC has changed the State Bylaws to allow for youth delegates to be elected to represent the local associations at the State Annual Meeting. The term "Youth Representatives" is used only for local association meetings.

Presented by the WSUSBC Youth Committee

Approved by the WSUSBC Legislative Committee
Approved by the WSUSBC Board of Directors

A voice vote was taken; PA #3 was passed.

4. PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4 – Withdrawn

5. PROPOSED AMENDMENT #5

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

Present rule:

Section B. Board Meeting 2. Quorum

13 board members constitute a quorum. The delegates representing adult membership and Youth Representatives determine the number.

Proposed:

Section B. Board Meeting 2. Quorum

10 board members will constitute a quorum. The delegates representing adult membership and Youth Representatives determine the number.

Reason: If PA #2 passes, the number of Board members will be reduced in numbers; therefore the quorum for Board meetings needs to be reduced accordingly.

If adopted, to become effective immediately.

Submitted by WSUSBC Legislative Committee
Approved by WSUSBC Board of Directors

Sandra Nelson, WSUSBC Youth Committee, stated that, regarding the cosmetic changes, "Youth Representative" should be changed to "Youth Delegate" based on USBC'S recent changes. She moved to adopt PA#5 with the change.

A voice vote was taken; PA #5 was passed.

Char Smith thanked the Legislative Committee members for their hard work.

Nominating Committee – Leigh Goodier:

Leigh introduced the candidates running this year for board positions and gave each an opportunity to speak:

President: -- Dave Bryant (incumbent)

Since there were no nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken, and a unanimous vote cast for Dave Bryant, reelected as president.

Directors:

Carol Lee, South Sound USBC, moved to dispense with reading of the credentials; seconded by John McGill, Clark County USBC, and passed.

West Side Director Candidates:

- Ed Alverson (incumbent) Thurston County USBC
- Ron Hicks (incumbent) Snohomish County USBC
- Mike Estes - South Sound USBC
- Vince Selzler - Cowlitz USBC

Since no further nominations were received, delegates were directed to vote for two (2) candidates. Dave excused the tellers to count ballots.

Leigh read the Tellers Report: 58 eligible, 58 cast, 1 illegal

- Mike Estes - South Sound USBC - 43
- Ron Hicks (incumbent) Snohomish County USBC - 41
- Ed Alverson (incumbent) Thurston County USBC – 24
- Vince Selzler - Cowlitz USBC – 2

Ron Hicks was re-elected as a West Side director, and Mike Estes was elected as a new West Side director.

East Side Director Candidates:

- Ned Bowman (incumbent) Palouse Regional USBC
- Bob Mars (incumbent) WA-Tri Cities USBC BA

Since no further nominations were received, delegates were directed to vote for two (2) candidates. Dave excused the tellers to count ballots.

Leigh read the Tellers Report: 58 eligible, 57 cast, 0 illegal



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- Ned Bowman (incumbent) Palouse Regional USBC - 45
- Bob Mars (incumbent) WA-Tri Cities USBC BA - 12

Ned Bowman was re-elected as an East Side director.

National Delegates:

Leigh Goodier stated an additional application had been received from Lowell Lovgren, Cowlitz USBC. Linda Russell, South Sound USBC, nominated Lowell Lovgren; Jerry Ledbetter, South Sound, seconded. Leigh stated voters need to write in Lowell Lovgren on their ballots. Candidates are:

- Dave Bryant - Washington Tri-City USBC BA
- Kathy Schilling - Spokane County USBC
- Lowell Lovgren – Cowlitz USBC

Since no further nominations were received, delegates were directed to vote for two candidates. Vice-President Char excused the tellers to count ballots.

Leigh read the Tellers Report - 58 eligible, 58 cast, 3 illegal

- Dave Bryant - Washington Tri-City USBC BA - 46
- Lowell Lovgren – Cowlitz USBC – 40
- Kathy Schilling - Spokane County USBC - 24

Dave Bryant and Lowell Lovgren were elected as WSUSBC National Delegates; Kathy Schilling will be the alternate.

Wayne Druffel moved to have all ballots destroyed; Ron Hicks seconded; motion carried.

2011 Tournaments

Dave reported that the only bid for the 2011 Women's State Tournament was Mid-Columbia USBC WBA, and for the 2011 Youth State Tournament was South Sound USBC. Dave asked for a voice vote approval for the two 2011 bids. The choices were approved.

Dave stated the association had to re-bid the 2011 Open, Mixed and Seniors Tournaments. Joe McGill moved to allow the WSUBC Board to select the remaining tournament sites; seconded by Karen Wilson, Moses Lake USBC WBA; motion carried.

For the Good of the Order:

Ned Bowman thanked everyone for their support and thanked Bob Mars for his years of service, giving him a round of applause. Ned also stated we need to get back to the reason for having a Jamboree. He stated the Board will be working hard to make this a great event. The committee is Sandra Nelson plus Krista and Linda Elmore. The dates will be September 25-27. One event will again be Bowl like the Pros; Sandra will find a 32-lane center and hotel accommodations; Linda and Krista will handle the Youth track portions. Ned commented that the youth are a different generation and we need to understand that they do not want to sit in meetings. The goal is to make this Jamboree fun and informative. More information will be presented later.

BVL – Sharron Wannamaker thanked Jeanette, Rosamond, Ed, and Kathy Schilling for helping out along with Central Washington for their support.

The 2010 Annual Meeting will be March 27-28, 2010, in the South Sound area.



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Dave Bryant thanked board members Bob Mars and Ed Alverson for their great service and time commitment to the board and the State of Washington. He also thanked Mike King for his service and again congratulated him on being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Lowell Lovgren, Association Manager, WSUSBC

Minutes Approved: _____