

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

held on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at Circle Lanes in East Haven, CT

Board members present: President Chris Viale, 1st VP Bruce Hall, 2nd VP Stephen Major, TD Dan Kaye, Manager Becky Kregling, Andrew Hall, Ed Roberts, AJ Villa & Amy Viale.

Past President(s): Dave Kipperman & George Tignor. Member: Sarah Gill. Board members absent: Tim Gagne & Matt Farber

1. Reports of Tournament Director, Officers & Executive Committee – Entries are lower than in 2019 and early 2020. The software is amazing and continues to do more. Budget updates shows we are on track for the year. Executive committee has not met.
2. Reports of Social Media and Tech Directors –
3. a. Tech Director: Discussed the software keeping track of Hall of Fame points. The Hall of Fame committee will put together a proposal to be presented at the annual meeting. While he works on updates, the fee will increase 20 cents. The other option is to upload a file to Google Docs and keep it up-to-date manually. Only two people can use the software to run a complete tournament. A training session for the tournament software will be run by Dave to educate more people on how to use it and what it does.
b. Social Media – Maria posts three times a week on Software. Monday is a question, Wednesday is sponsor appreciation and Friday is fun facts. Suggestions included posting about who is leading in points, which are close, etc. Four people can post on Facebook now.
3. Discuss Proposed Bylaw Changes - None
4. Discuss Proposed Tournament Rules Changes
(to be acted upon at Annual Meeting unless proposal is withdrawn by person who submitted it):
 - a. Do not reoil the lanes before the finals at one squad tournaments.
 - b. Change the finals format for 40 qualifiers which eliminates the current first round of a three person eliminator to head to head matches. 1st Round top 24 receive a bye, 16 bowl with 8 winners advancing to the 2nd round. 2nd round seeing by qualifying score in round 2.
 - c. Change the entry fee to \$80 for regular tournaments. Change the entry fee to \$90. (Current: \$95)
 - d. Change the minimum cash ratio to 1 in 5 similar (Current: 1 in 4.5)
 - e. When someone misses roll call, do not let the alternate bowl. The person who misses roll call would be a bye for the first round and cash (Current rule: Alternate replaces anyone who misses roll call) Lack of support by the board so will contact the person who submitted to see if want to keep it on the agenda. If they do, add the person who has a forfeit still must bowl their game. If a person misses roll call, they cannot show up late and go to their lane otherwise people will wander in late..
 - f. Adjust lane courtesy from two lane to full pair. Alternate proposal is to continue using two-lane courtesy except at “major tournaments” such as the Tournament of Champions and Masters.
 - g. When using eliminator format finals, the semifinals take place where all 4 bowlers bowl on same pair. Added to the proposal that the championship match stays on the same pair as the semi-finals.
 - h. Remove the 1-time guest and replace it with allowing bowlers to bowl as non-members as many times as they want for \$10.00 additional charge.
 - i. Anyone who won a PBA or PWBA national title and was not a NEBA member prior to or at the time of their win, are granted a 1-time opportunity to purchase a membership however the following requirements must be met:
 1. Membership must be renewed each year on time or within 15 days of request to renew on January 1st and
 2. Compete in any 3 eligible tournaments during first membership year competing in the regular division (not eligible for special cuts) Removed from Annual Meeting Agenda by person who submitted proposal.
 - j. Members who have been NEBA members for 30 years or purchased first membership 30 years ago and have not missed 1 or multiple membership years without substantive reason are eligible for \$0 membership cost with an automatic renew option. Status will be known as Honored Time Members.
 - k. Doubles:
 1. Allow champions over the age of 60 who have not won in 5 years to bowl with another champion in the open doubles.
 2. Allow champions over the age of 50 who have not won in 5 years to bowl with another champion in the open doubles.
 3. Allow all champions who have not won in 5 years to bowl with another champion in the open doubles.
5. Lane Assignments - Run a trial tournament using random placement of bowlers across pairs. No motion was made.
6. Hall of Fame – Proposal 1: No changes to the NEBA hall of fame qualification guidelines can be made unless approved by “ALL” Hall of Fame committee members. (Removed by person who submitted it) Proposal 2: No changes can to the NEBA Hall of Fame qualifications can be made unless the committee proposal is approved by 75% of the NEBA Board of Directors. Proposal (Removed by person who submitted it) 3. The committee proposal requires a minimum of 2/3 committee approval to be submitted to the board and 2/3 approval of the board to pass. A quorum of 2/3 of the board must be present to vote..

7. Finalize Annual Meeting Agenda
8. Board of Directors for 2022 - Any member in good standing that desires to be Board Member at Large for the following year must submit in writing his or her interest to the President by December 12 which is no later than one week before the annual meeting on Sunday, December 19 at 10AM.
9. Provide a public link for live scoring for each squad was discussed. It was suggested to start immediately instead of waiting until January. Motion by George Tignor to provide a public live scoring link. Second by Dan Kaye. Passed unanimously.
10. Committees
 - a. Schedule – Member suggestions were discussed as well as the schedule presented by the committee. The schedule will be confirmed with centers as modified. Dates will be posted on-line when confirmed with centers being added later.
 - b. Sponsors – Chris Viale working with sponsors. He hopes to have all confirmed by mid-November to add to schedule.
 - c. Survey – Committee is Becky, Bruce and Stephen.
 - d. Tournament Committee – Details for the Invitational will be finalized and published.
 - e. Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner – Next dinner will be in 2023.
11. New business
 - a. Amy Viale suggested to create a NEBA network which allows members to promote their businesses and specialties. It could be part of the website. A committee was created comprised of Stephen Major and Bruce Hall with Dave Kipperman.
 - b. Discussed a proposal to allow someone to pay for a spot without bowling in order to create more advancers into match play. Those in attendance did not support this.
12. Meeting adjourned at 11:29AM.