

Minutes from the NEBA Board of Directors' Meeting

held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Board members in attendance: President Bruce Hall, 1st VP Stephen Major, Tournament Director Dan Kaye, Manager Becky Kregling, Justin Alves, Brian Boghosian, Tim Gagne, Andrew Hall, Jay Johnson, Ed Roberts and Amy Viale, Past Presidents in attendance: Bill Green, Chris Forry, Dave Kipperman, Chris Monroy & Chris Viale. Members in attendance: Carl Buckley, Brian Gaskill, Sami Mehmed & Darryl Washington.
Board members absent 2nd VP Jon Van Hees & AJ Villa.

1. 6:35 pm meeting called to order by President Bruce Hall. Welcome to new at-large board members Justin Alves, Brian Boghosian & Jay Johnson.
2. MOTION by Chris Viale to ratify the revised minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting. Second by Dan Kaye. Passed 11-4-0.
3. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, June 27 at 6:30PM.
4. Reports of Tournament Director, Officers and Executive Committee - Tournament Director Dan Kaye gave a recap for the first two tournaments of 2023. Manager Becky Kregling presented the current 2023 report and final 2022 report which showed an ending balance of \$526.03 which is transferred into the reserve account as well as 543 members and 667 bowlers in 2022. President Bruce Hall gave a report for the Executive Committee stating discussion and work has mostly been about the 1000th tournament and other items covered by the rest of the agenda. MOTION by Dan Kaye to accept these reports. Second by Bill Green. Passed 10-0-5.
5. Manager Becky Kregling & Tournament Director Dan Kaye have both resigned. Both were thanked for their years at NEBA. The job openings were posted yesterday and close on Monday. There are already two applications for manager and three for tournament director. Once applications close, resumes will be distributed to board members. Interviews will be done over zoom with each candidate. After interviews, the board will vote to fill the positions. There is support to appoint two people to share the tournament director position.
6. Review Impact of 2023 Rule Changes – Two lane courtesy, entry fee increases and reentry list.
 - a. One lane courtesy - Bowling has gone faster in both tournaments. There were more strikes yet those who bowled felt like it went faster. Some bowlers were giving two lane courtesy in match play. There was discussion over whether to allow two lane courtesy in match play. It was suggested to do a trial allowing the tournament director to allow it, get feedback from bowlers and vote upon at the next meeting.
 - b. Entry Fee Increase & Reentry List - There has been no negative feedback to Dan on either.
7. Tournament Financial Report – Discussion on the preferred way to report lineage on the reports. The actual lineage has been posted as well as the lineage based upon the average which is used to calculate the prize fund. Support was to use the actual lineage. To make it clearer, an adjusted lineage line could be added. Examples of the multiple ways will be presented to the board.
8. 1000th Tournament
 - a. Lane pattern - A challenge pattern will be used instead of a recreational pattern. The pattern committee will work with the center and submit their proposal at the next meeting.
 - b. An additional squad will be added at 2PM on Saturday.
 - c. There is a maximum of five per pair on each squad.
 - d. Special promotion will be done including potential squad prizes for Saturday, encourage bowlers to bowl early so they are not shut out on the last squad, create a prize fund to use for promotion & commemorative 1000th tournament shammies for all who bowl.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Special Tournaments – There are no format or rules changes for this year's Invitational, Masters or Keene. The Invitational has a max of 100 entries.
 - b. Sponsors – The list of sponsors is like 2022 with a few lost and a few new.
 - c. Promotion/Marketing – We are working on getting centers to promote their bowlers more by encouraging them to display the banner and make announcements about the tournament.

- d. Patterns – Discussed the research, process and collaboration leading up to this year including reviewing 2022 and identifying areas of improvement. The committee wanted to keep the current bowlers happy and also pull in new bowlers and those who haven't bowled in a while. They looked at 2022. Talked to bowlers. Agreed upon what went well and what didn't go well. Things that didn't go well included volume and lane surface. They did analysis back to 2017 to see if there were trends and came up with that the main factor for higher entries was location not pattern. They came up with ideas on how to improve 2023 and gave guidelines and parameters for Tom and Greg to improve the schedule and fit patterns with each center. At that point, the bowlers on the committee gave no input and the two non-bowlers gave criteria and suggestions for the patterns. Each committee member is looking for feedback at each tournament.
- e. Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner - The dinner is April 1. An online link to purchase tickets has been shared with the members and on social media. Need to confirm the deadline to buy tickets. This will be promoted at the next tournament with a QR code. Bruce will look into what is needed for audio & video. The book is on schedule needing only a few more photos. Ads are still being accepted.
- f. NEBA Network - Working on where to host online.
- g. Schedule Committee, Survey, Evaluations, Bylaw Review & Tech Committees - No reports
- 10. 2023 Champions Shirts - Amy finalized the new 2023 version of champions shirts. The final 2022 order will go in when info for one last shirt is received. Anyone who wins receives one shirt a year. New champions receive a white shirt while multi-champions can choose any color.
- 11. New business - Suggestion to document the times each squad starts and ends so we get an idea if new lane courtesy goes faster.
- 12. MOTION to adjourn by Chris Monroy at 8:34PM. Second by Becky Kregling. Passed unanimously.

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1 st Vice President	Stephen Major	Member at-large	Brian Boghosian
2 nd Vice President	Jon Van Hees	Member at-large	Tim Gagne
Tournament Director	Dan Kaye	Member at-large	Andrew Hall
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