

Minutes from the NEBA Annual Meeting

held Saturday, December 10, 2022

Board members in attendance: President Chris Viale, 1st VP Bruce Hall, 2nd VP Stephen Major, Tournament Director Dan Kaye, Manager Becky Kregling, Tim Gagne, Andrew Hall, Ed Roberts and Amy Viale, Past Presidents in attendance: Chris Monroy. Members in attendance: Justin Alves, Carl Buckley, Stephen Dale Jr., Don Frye, Brian Gaskill, Sarah Hood, Jay Johnson, Darrell Washington and Adam Zimmerman.
Non-Members in Attendance: Debbie Brogan. Board members absent: Frankie Calca & AJ Villa.

1. Reports: The Tournament Director stated events ran well for the year, had one disciplinary action which led to the suspension of a member, total entries were more than 2021 but there were less tournaments at the start of 2021, so the average is similar. The Manager presented an accounting report, reported the membership was similar to past years but less bowlers and predicted we will end with about \$1,000 left for the year. The report had added information on income based upon membership or sponsors and entries with expenses allocated to each. The Executive Committee did not have any official meetings.
2. Reports: The Technology Director reported the latest updates to the software including it ran each tournament format this year and calculates Hall of Fame points. Both the Tournament Director and Manager agreed they were impressed with the software. The Social Media Committee reported that there was more activity in 2022 as planned and that the committee will meet again to work on the next item which is to work with centers to have more promotion at the local level prior to tournaments.
3. Proposed Bylaw Changes
 - a. Motion by Stephen Major, second by Justin Alves to approve the following changes to the duties of the Tournament Director and duties of the Manager. Passed (Vote: 12-0-2).
4. Proposed Tournament Rules Changes
 - b. Entry Fees
 1. Motion by Ed Roberts, second by Stephen Major to increase the entry fee. Passed. (Vote: 11-1-2).
 2. Motion by Stephen Dale Jr, second by Stephen Major to increase the entry fee to \$100 including \$5 for high game prizes.. Did not pass (Vote: 6-8)
 3. Motion by Jay Johnson, second by Tim Gagne to raise the entry fee to \$95. Passed (Vote: 11-3)
 4. No motion: If increase passes, change minimum cashing to 1 in 4.5 (currently 1 in 5) and squad cut ratios.
 - c. Lane Courtesy - After much discussion on the current lane courtesy, PBA style and one lane courtesy one motion was presented. Motion by Sarah Hood, second by Tim Gagne to use one lane courtesy. Passed (Vote: 7-5)
 - d. Special Cut:
 1. Motion by Jay Johnson, second by Stephen Dale Jr to not guarantee one senior into match play. Require a minimum of 6 like required for super seniors and women. Passed (Vote: 12-1-1).
 2. No Motion: Keeping the guarantees as they are but do what we did for the masters. Don't guarantee a spot into match play for special cuts but pay them if they aren't made through the standard cuts.
 - e. Motion by Jay Johnson, second by Stephen Major that A bowler must be in the building and paid to write their name down on the re-entry list. Passed (13-0-1)
 - f. Motion by Tim Gagne, second by Justin Alves to allow super seniors to bowl doubles together with no restrictions. Passed.(Vote: 12-1-1)
 - g. No motion: Change to four games qualifying to save time and lineage (Current: 5 games)
 - h. No motion: Put a maximum of four per pair to save time.
 - i. No motion: Do not oil before match play to save time.
 - j. No motion: Take 16 into match play to save time and pay the rest of cash spots.
 - k. No motion but will communicate with centers in 2023 and put on agenda for 2024 if support from centers. Move Saturday night squad earlier to 4PM or 5PM.
 - l. Motion by Stephen Major, second Stephen Dale Jr to Change the minimum number of games to be eligible for high average to 4.0 games per tournament. Passed. Vote (10-0-4)
 - m. Patterns - Many of the proposals on the agenda have already been taken into consideration or implemented. At the October meeting, a committee was created to focus on patterns. The committee reported they have met five times. Their goal was to have impartial members who do not bowl NEBA as part of the committee. The two non-bowling members are Tom Hankey and Greg Tack. They will help to create patterns, select patterns and be part of the voting. This year we had many recreation patterns which did not play easy. The committee's goal is to have patterns play as advertised.
 1. Have Kegel create a large bank of patterns with multiple within each set of parameters for centers to use then only use those patterns.
 2. Have NEBA provide the houses with oil pattern options vs. letting the house come up with patterns that meet criteria
 3. Let house select from bank of patterns. A committee of non-NEBA bowlers will choose 2-3 patterns for the house to choose from taking into account the center's lane surface.
 4. For standard recreation patterns, use the center's house shot.
 5. Have centers select more recent name patterns.
 6. Switch pattern type from "Sport, Challenge, Standard" to anticipated scoring pace "low, medium, high"
 7. No longer publish pattern. Give parameters only and have pattern PDF hung up on site or don't hang up at all.
 8. Use sport patterns up to 3:1 for majors, 3:1 to 5:1 for challenge and no more than 8:1 for standard.
 9. Evenly distribute oil pattern types so similar amounts of short, medium and long (excluding special events)
5. Hall of Fame Points - The Hall of Fame committee proposed modifying the points for the Masters to six points and the over/under doubles to three points. Motion by Stephen Major, second by Tim Gagne to approve the committee proposal to modify the Hall of Fame points for the Masters to six points and the over/under doubles to three points. Passed. (Vote: 10-1-3). Discussion requested that the Hall of Fame committee reviews the points for over/under doubles and consider increasing it to four to six points.
6. Motion by Tim Gagne, second by Jay Johnson to increase expenses by \$1. Passed. (Vote: 12-0-2)
7. Motion by Ed Roberts, second by Justin Alves to modify salaries by Increasing the Tournament director to \$5.00 per entry and decreasing the Manager to \$3.50 per entry. Passed. (Vote: 12-0-2)
8. Board of Directors for 2023 - The following expressed interest in being on the 2023 board Tim Gagne, Andrew Hall, Ed Roberts, Amy Viale and AJ Villa would be returning plus new Justin Alves, Brian Boghosian and Jay Johnson. Motion by Stephen Major, second by Brian Gaskill to approve the list of 2023 board members at-large as presented by President Chris Viale. Passed. (14-0-0)

9. Election – Two members accepted the nomination for 2nd Vice President: Tim Gagne and Jon Van Hees. Jon Van Hees won the election..
10. Committees
 - a. Schedule - The schedule is on BowlNEBA.com and sponsors have been assigned and is BowlNEBA.com. A date for a youth event needs to be added and possibly a women's tournament in Manchester..
 - b. Special Tournaments
 - c. Promotion
 - d. NEBA Network - we should be able to get this up and running for the start of the new season. Need to explore how to get it on the website and if we need it to create a log in feature for members to be able to view it, so the info can be protected.
 - e. Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner - Working on finding a location near Newington for April 1
 - f. Sponsors - All sponsors came back for 2023 season except for Bowlingseriously.com with several exciting highlights which will be shared on the annual Facebook livestream Thursday December 29th at 6pm
11. New business
 - a. A new committee was formed to go through and possibly revise the Bylaws. The committee members are Stephen Dale Jr, Chris Monroy and Ed Roberts.
 - b. After discussion on whether when a bowler arrives after the start of the squad, the bowler will receive zeros for any frames missed an alternative motion was made that represents the precedent set by the Tournament Director. Motion by Chris Monroy, second by Stephen Dale Jr that a person has until the third frame to make up the start of the first game if the person communicates details on their late arrival with the tournament director.

Motion to adjourn at 5:37pm by Jay Johnson, second by Becky Kregling.

2022 NEBA Board of Directors

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Chris Viale
Bruce Hall
Stephen Major
Dan Kaye
Becky Kregling

Member at-large Frankie Calca
Member at-large Tim Gagne
Member at-large Andrew Hall
Member at-large Ed Roberts
Member at-large Amy Viale
Member at-large AJ Villa
All past Presidents in good standing