

Minutes from the NEBA Board of Directors' Meeting

held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023

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

1. 6:35 pm meeting called to order by President Bruce Hall. Welcome everyone on the board as well as a few members at-large.
2. MOTION by Chris Viale to ratify the minutes from the March 2023 Meeting. Second by Justin Alves. Passed 11-0.
3. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30PM via Zoom, and the Annual Meeting will be Saturday, December 16th directly after the Senior event, around 4 PM at Norwich event.
4. Reports of Tournament Director, Officers and Executive Committee - Tournament Director / Manager, Dan Kaye gave a recap for the first six month of tournaments for 2023 and stated going forward, Justin Alves will take the TD reigns. Dan Kaye then presented the current 2023 financial report using QuickBooks. He stated the system is 90% complete and would be working with the accountant to tighten up a few areas moving forward. Dan indicated that Bruce and Justin have been added to the bank accounts and that Bruce has received the monthly bank statements as requested. MOTION by Justin Alves to accept these reports. Second by Amy Viale. Passed 11-0.
5. Discussions relating to Doubles Tournaments. * Clarification / adjustment to the tournament rule for when doubles tournaments will use Team vs Baker final formats. As we haven't been honoring the baker finals rule. The scheduling committee will take into consideration next year's schedule.

** Proposal to go to 5 years for all past champions when choosing a partner, not just for Over / Under Doubles. Will be added to the agenda and voted on at the annual meeting like any other rules change proposal.*

6. 1000th Tournament – Lane pattern, (4) squads total with (2) Fresh & (2) Burn, Squad prizes, Extra being done for the event, Promotional shammies purchased and sponsored by Tech Vision and Many Stylez of Bowling. Provide feedback to do a mailing for the 1,000th event, (Amy Viale has a mockup of the postcard).
 - a. Lane pattern suggested at 6:1 by Tim Gagne. Lane pattern committee, represented by Jay Johnson. Did not support the multi-stack pattern as, despite the cuts being around +100 last year, many bowlers shot under with it. The lane pattern committee will consult with Greg and Tommy and report back by email.
 - b. \$1,000 added by TechVision, agreed to add \$500 per squad on Saturday and pay the next 5 bowlers after the squad cut \$100 each as a “reentry bonus”.
 - c. Shammies on order, should arrive soon.
 - d. Promotion – see below under merging of committees.
7. Reminder of Board responsibilities: it is important that if you see an email you are asked to vote on, please respond asap. Also, show respect to those on committees for their hard work.
 - a. Justin Alves will create a text list for the board, to alert them of impending votes and other urgent matters.
 - b. Bruce reviewed the misunderstanding about the Cranston house shot. No further discussion.
8. Review Impact of 2023 Rule Changes; One-Lane Courtesy. Tracking of Squad Start and end times. For each squad we capture these facts:

* Amount of practice time.	* Time of 1 st ball in competition
* Time of 1 st pair finished.	* Time of last ball thrown in the squad
* Squad cut/scoring pace.	* Special notation if there was a significant lane breakdown.

Anecdotally, squads are running faster.

Stats have not yet been kept but will start soon as Justin settles into his role as TD.

It was reminded that there is still 2 lane courtesy for the finals, and Justin will add that to his announcements for the finals.

Some bowlers are simply not honoring the one lane courtesy rule. We will continue to monitor squad completion times and act accordingly if need be.

9. *Committee Reports*

a. *Committees Special Tournaments* – Invitational, Keene, Masters

- i. No Changes to report. Dave Kipperman was working on the updated rules for the Invitational.

b. *Sponsors*

- i. It was agreed to combine the Sponsor, Promotion, and Social Media committees since they overlap heavily.
 1. Chris Viale has asked for help with sponsors.
- ii. First order of business is to determine who is on the committee, then meet and discuss promoting the 1000th.
 1. Dan, Justin, Maria, Amy, Stephen, and Bruce on the committee at a minimum. Becky has also offered to help.

c. *Promotion* – Encourage centers to display banners, announce event, promote to center bowlers.

- i. Stephen Major has drafted a proposal here. It will be incorporated into the combined new Sponsor/Promotion/Social Media committee.

d. *Patterns* – 3 items to discuss; (1) Share feedback they have gathered so far for 2023 from the events that Greg & Tom have provided patterns, (2) Lane pattern for the 1,000th event / Discussion, (3) Potential Compensation for Greg & Tom.

- i. General feedback has been good, except for the misunderstanding about the Cranston Over/Under House Shot.
- ii. 1000th pattern discussed above.
- iii. The Lane pattern committee will propose compensation for Greg and Tommy at the next board meeting.

e. *Schedule Committee*

- i. Bid sheets need to go out in late July.
- ii. Consider holidays and other tournaments such as the 8K in Bayside.
- iii. Visit Bayside for a stop next year?

f. *Survey*

- i. Add special cuts opinions to the next survey.

g. *NEBA Network* – Hoped to roll out for 1,000th event, may push to Jan 2024

- i. Pushed to 2024

h. *Evaluations*

- i. No report

i. *Bylaw Review*

- i. Chris and Ed have been hard at work, meeting for over 3 hours at one sitting. There is a lot to do. They will have a proposal at the September board meeting.

j. *Tech Committee*

- i. Discussion on the 35 mile rule and verifying addresses – this will no longer happen due to the service now proposing to charge

k. *Social Media Committee* – discussion relating to all Social Media Platforms, NEBA has not had a Tweet since August of 2022. Would also like to explore how to promote our You Tube Channel with all of our Championship videos on there.

- i. See combination note above.

10. *New business*

- a. Brian Gaskill reported the lack of confirmation emails. This is being looked into by Justin and Dan, it may be a spam folder problem. Dan has spoken to Scott, the webmaster, to figure out the solution.
- b. Note that advanced payment is no longer required to hold a reservation.

11. MOTION to adjourn by Dan Kaye at 8:42PM. Second by Bill Green. Passed unanimously.

NEBA 2023 Board Members

President	Bruce Hall	Member at-large	Amy Viale
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	Justin Alves	Member at-large	Andrew Hall
Manager	Daniel Kaye	Member at-large	Jay Johnson
		Member at-large	Ed Roberts
Past Presidents in Good Standing		Member at-large	AJ Villa