

Minutes of the 2017 NEBA Annual Meeting

held on Sunday, December 17, 2017 in Plantsville, CT

Board Members in Attendance: President Chris Forry, 1st VP Dave Kipperman, 2nd VP Chris Viale, TD Dan Kaye, S/T Becky Kregling, Mike Fiddler Sr, Tim Gillick, Bruce Hall, Tony Reynaud, Ed Roberts & Calvin Sellers. Board Member(s) Absent: Dave McGrath. Past President Present: Mike Klapik. Members Present: Brian Boghosian, Ashlie Kipperman, Andy Schilkowski & Amy Viale

1. Reports of Officers: Due to an increase of membership (577 in 2017, 501 in 2016) and sponsors since approving the 2017 budget, money is rolling over to 2018 in the general account. 885 people bowled in 2017 an increase from 774 last year.
2. Reports of Social Media Committee – There was a major increase in social media presence. Facebook: started with 1768 likes, currently at 2814 likes, a 59% increase. Instagram: started the account in January, 2017, currently have 714 followers. Twitter: started with 760 followers, currently at 830 followers, a 9% increase.
3. Board Members at Large Appointment for 2018 – All 2017 Members At Large are interested in staying on the board plus one eligible person expressed interest. Mike Fiddler Sr, Tim Gillick, Bruce Hall, Dave McGrath, Tony Reynaud, Ed Roberts and Calvin Sellers will return in 2018 joined by new member at-large Tim Gagne.
4. Sponsors for 2018 – All sponsors from 2017 continued their support of NEBA with BowlingSeriously.com increasing their monetary contribution. 123Bowl.com, Ace Mitchell Bowling Supply, Better Bowling Concepts, Brunswick Bowling (Brunswick, DV8 & Radical, Buddies Pro Shop, Cambridge Credit Counseling, Logo Infusion, Many Styles of Bowling, Savage Arms, Strike F/X Pro Shops, Turbo Grips, BowlingSeriously.com, Hall of Fame Silver Lanes, Yankee Lanes, Bowl Winkles Pro Shop & DJ's Pro Shop return in 2018. We have five new sponsors Callahan's Bowl-O-Rama, Cove Lanes, Ken's Bowl, Bloomfield Electric & Chester Electric.
5. Survey Results were distributed to those at the meeting and had been emailed to board members prior to the meeting.
6. Discuss Proposed Bylaw Changes - No Bylaw Proposals
7. Discuss Proposed Tournament Rules Changes
 - a. Doubles Reentries: Motion by Bruce Hall of Any change in a doubles team becomes a new reentry and goes to the bottom of the reentry list. Second by Chris Viale. Passed 13-0.
 - b. Motion by Tony Reynaud to Allow all ties for the squad cut to advance to match play. Second by Ed Roberts. Passed 7-6-2.
 - c. No Motion on Proposal: Eliminate "recreational" patterns. Have every event on challenge or sport shots.
 - d. No Motion on Proposal: Oil before every squad and not re oil for finals.
 - e. Motion by Ed Roberts to Change the high game out of the money awards in a reduced entry fee tournament to \$30 instead of \$50. Second by Dave Kipperman. Passed 14-0
 - f. No Motion on Proposal: Raise the membership fee \$5 to \$30. (Current Rule: \$25)
 - g. No Motion on Proposal: Eliminate bowlers being able to bowl as a guest.
 - h. Motion by Andy Schilkowski to Have set prize funds based upon number of entries using the season's average lineage rate. Second by Mike Fiddler Sr. Passed 13-1-2. A committee will finalize the standard prize funds and submit to the board for approval.
 - i. Motion by Becky Kregling of If a bowling center, sponsor, NEBA or individual donates money to a specific tournament, the donation will go to the top eight places if it is \$500 or less and added monies of over \$500 will be spread out over the entire prize fund. Second by Mike Fiddler Sr. Passed 12-1-3.
 - j. Motion by Ed Roberts to Contract with Dave Kipperman at a rate of 4.5% of expenses collected at each tournament for his NEBA Management Software (36 cents per entry). In mid 2018, the board will decide to continue with the program as is, move forward with enhancements of the program, consider other commercial software or other ways to automate the tournament. Second by Mike Fiddler Sr. Passed 15-0-1.
8. Committees
 - a. Schedule – The 2018 schedule is finalized and on BowlNEBA.com. The same number and type of tournaments as in 2017 are on the 2018 schedule along with a new women's only tournament sponsored by BowlingSeriously.com. The squad times for the Non-Champions Tournament in November will be moved an hour earlier to 9AM & 12:30PM. The Brunswick Tournament of Champions squad will be an hour earlier at 10AM.
 - b. Promotion & Ambassador Program – The Ambassador program is disbanded. The ambassadors did a good job but goal of win-a-spots did not materialize. A one time credit to hang posters and distribute flyers will be used.
 - c. Evaluations – Most board members did not complete the evaluations for the Tournament Director and Secretary/Treasurer. It was suggested to do the evaluations online in the future.
 - d. Tournament Committee – The rules for the Masters Tournament will be finalized, loaded to Google Docs and submitted to the board for approval.
 - e. Awards & Trophies - Trophies and Awards – No motion on the proposal: Discontinue the large checks given to the winner after the final match.
 - f. Hall of Fame – All the expenses of the initial Hall of Fame induction were fundraised. The last expense is to reprint a set of books for the inductees. All money over the expenses will be allocated in a Hall of Fame fund for the future.
9. New business
 - a. No motion to Discuss requiring a minimum number of entries in a tournament for it to count as a title.
 - b. Support for the proposal to Add a section to the website listing champions and titles by type of tournaments (regular, special, etc).
 - c. Support for the proposal to have NEBA participate in Youth exhibition matches. This topic was discussed when a youth director asked about having a match of their all-stars against NEBA stars. Discussion was to have it on a Saturday before the 6PM squad, not on the NEBA pattern, and to invite NEBA bowlers by using the point list.
 - d. Motion by Tony Reynaud to Recoil before match play in single squad tournaments. Second by Dave Kipperman. Passed 10-2.
 - e. Discussed putting stats and number of tournaments for all tournaments. Currently the online stats only include tournaments which count for overall points and average. Have a list of senior tournament stats.
 - f. Discussed possibly having more points for the Masters. The committee will put together a proposal.
10. Motion by Mike Fiddler Sr. to adjourn at 11:35AM. Second by Becky Kregling. Passed unanimously.

* PROPOSAL: License Agreement: Beginning January 1, 2018, the New England Bowlers Association (NEBA) shall pay a licensing fee for use of the NEBA Management Software (known as the application) to the software developer, David Kipperman. This is a right of use agreement, and the software developer maintains all legal ownership of the application. This fee shall be paid in the form of a non-expiring NEBA credit, credited within one (1) week of the end of each tournament. The application will be the official source for tracking credits. If approval of the work is done on the date a tournament is running, said tournament's fee will be the beginning of the increase. NEBA Tournament credits can be redeemed for a cash payout, provided two (2) weeks' notice is given to the NEBA Treasurer. NEBA Credit cash-outs cannot be more than \$150 per month, or \$1500 per calendar year. There will be no limit, monthly or otherwise, to the amount of credits used for tournament purposes (e.g. entry or membership fee).

- 4.5% of the expense money collected per tournament while no new feature work is being developed
- Any new feature requests would need to go through the board so that complete understanding of the work that will be done and the time-frame to complete said work can be voted on and approved
 - While new feature work is being developed, the fee goes up to 6.75% of expenses per tournament.
 - Once a feature has been delivered, the fee goes to 5% for three (3) months after the delivery date (known as the warranty period)
 - Any work done during the warranty period to fix any issues, or minor enhancements related to the delivery are done under the warranty period rate.
 - After the warranty period, the fee goes back down to 4.5%
 - Once a feature is a candidate for release (I feel it is ready for prime time), there will be a testing period in which I will be working alongside Dan and work in parallel with him, Becky, and Debbie to make sure the software is working as designed
 - I will be using the software, everyone else will use the current means for running the tournament (T-Brac, Excel, etc.)
 - During this time, the fee will be 5.75% of the expense money collected for the tournament in which I am testing the application
- Once NEBA is satisfied with the state of the software, and has no future plans for enhancements (which would require approval from the board), the software will go into Maintenance Mode, in which only bug fixes will be implemented
 - During Maintenance Mode, the fee will be 3% of expense money per tournament.
 - Once in Maintenance Mode, no enhancement work can be developed for twelve (12) months from the board vote to enter Maintenance Mode.
 - If work is approved to be started before the end of the Maintenance Period, a 2% fee will be applied retroactively to the beginning of the Maintenance Period as a penalty (equally a total of 5% of expenses during the forfeited Maintenance Period)