

Minutes for the NEBA Annual Meeting

held Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Apple Valley Bowl in Plantsville, CT

Board members present: President Chris Forry, 1st VP Dave Kipperman, 2nd VP Chris Viale, TD Dan Kaye, S/T Becky Kregling, Tim Gagne, Tim Gillick. Bruce Hall, Tony Reynaud(late), Ed Roberts & Calvin Sellers. Members Present: Mike Fiddler Sr & Amy Viale. Board Members Absent: Dave McGrath.

1. Reports of Tournament Director, Officers and Executive Committee – We are down about 100 entries compared to last year (3681 to 3795) but up total bowlers and members (597 to 501). The treasurer report was not sent out one day in advance instead of seven days in advance as requested at the last meeting. We had a record number of sponsors which has allowed us to provide more added money to prize fund than in the last ten years, services such as livestream and social media directors while we run on a balanced budget. Discussed finalizing the schedule in October next year. The executive committee discussed scheduling tournaments with balanced patterns for 2019. Discussed adding a section to the website about NEBA lane pattern philosophy.
2. Reports of Social Media and Tech Directors – Numbers are up for Facebook. No other options for a membership database was presented but options are being considered if it proves to be economically sensible. Motion by Chris Forry to continue to use the NEBA Management Software on a tournament by tournament basis without a one year contract. 2nd by Tony Reynaud. Passed (11-0-1)
3. Officers for 2019-2020 Terms – Since one nominee for each position, there was no election. 2nd Vice President Bruce Hall. Secretary-Treasurer Becky Kregling. NEBA Officers for 2019-2021: President Dave Kipperman, 1st Vice-President Chris Viale, 2nd Vice-President Bruce Hall, Secretary-Treasurer Becky Kregling
4. Board Members at Large Appointment for 2019 – Two current board members, Tim Gagne and Ed Roberts, submitted their interest seven days in advance by December 9 along with a new board member at-large Armand Jay Villa. Two other new members submitted their interest in writing but one has not been a member for a year and the other did not reply to the President's email. Two current board members, Tim Gillick and Tony Reynaud, expressed interested after December 9 along with a new member Amy Viale.
5. Sponsors for 2019 – All 2018 sponsors have returned for 2019 plus new sponsors for a record total of \$30,500 for 2019.
6. Survey Results – The survey results were distributed to all in the meeting. 32% of those who bowled 5+ tournaments took the Cambridge Credit Counseling Survey and 16% of those who bowled 4 tournaments took the survey. Both groups ranked the super match play format as their number one choice (55% super match play, 23% Eliminator without carryover, 22% eliminator with carryover). Since the membership's choice was not close, those at the meeting agreed to go with the survey so the Invitational format will be match play. 20% of those who received the main survey returned them with 30% response rate from bowlers who bowled more than one tournament and 5% response rate from those who bowled only one tournament. We are going to put these in a more condensed format which can be published on social media. We looking into the paid terms of survey monkey since the free terms are limiting and create more work to create a report of results. The board of directors planned to use the membership's opinion while voting on rule changes.
7. Proposed Bylaw Changes - No Bylaw Proposals
8. Proposed Tournament Rule Changes
 - a. Motion by Chris Viale that In the event of a tie during match play, the higher seed has choice of starting lane and order of play. 2nd by Calvin Sellers. Passed (12-0-0)
 - b. No motion to Eliminate staggered skip lane cross
 - c. No motion to Oil before every squad and not re oil for finals.
 - d. Motion by Tim Gillick to Allow headbands with the tournament director having discretion if worn in bad taste. 2nd by Ed Roberts. Passed (12-0-0)
 - e. No Motion to Fine people for not adhering to 2 lane courtesy.
 - f. No motion to have One in six youth participants across all squads will qualify for the match play finals. If there are not six youth entries, the bowlers will be moved into the regular division.
 - g. Motion by Tony Reynaud to Change champions rule for doubles tournaments from not having won in the last 15 years to 10 years. 2nd by Dave Kipperman. Passed (10-2-0)

- h. No motion for Format Changes - Pay 1 in 5. Only take the top 32 into match play and pay cash spots.
 - i. Patterns – There will be more shots in the 5 to 1 ratio and up plus plan oil patterns so there is more variety with easier patterns than in 2018.
 - j. No motion to Raise Entry Fee \$5 to \$100 for members and \$115 for non-members
 - k. We will add wording to the current rule for practice balls in the rule book: Current Rule: For all qualifying squads, allow three minutes per bowler of open practice prior to the first game each qualifying squad. This is 9 minutes when 3 on a pair, 12 when 4 on a pair and 15 when 5 on a pair.
 - . 1: Add: For subsequent games, no practice balls shall be allowed.
 - 2. Add: For subsequent games, no practice balls shall be allowed except when an "unusual change in pace of play" dictates.
 - 3. Add: PBA rule for breakdown of lanes and staggered skip.
 - 9. Committee Schedule – Squad times for special tournaments will be 11:00AM for senior and women tournaments, 1:00 for over/under doubles and 10:00AM for the Tournament of Champions. All other tournaments will be 9:00AM and 12:30PM with a 6:00PM Saturday squad for singles tournaments.
 - 10. Committee Promotion & Sponsors – Implement a new sponsor appreciation program which thanks multi-year sponsors for their support of NEBA. A committee was created for this new program consisting of Chris Viale, Calvin Sellers and Chris Forry.
 - 11. Committee Hall of Fame – The committee voted 3-1-1 to keep the original point system. There was no motion to Change NEBA HOF point totals for T of C & Masters from 6 point to 12 points each to match the pre 1991 titles since both have no reentries and longer formats. The Hall of Fame induction plans were modified to include a dinner. The induction will be in 2020 on the Saturday before the Invitational in August. An annual dinner committee has been formed with Bruce Hall, Tony Reynaud and Chris Viale on the committee.
 - 12. Committee Technology – An account has been set up with Slack. It is a free app which allows discussions to be held on that platform which also supports survey monkey and mailchimp.
 - 13. New Business:
 - a. Add a NEBA philosophy section on the website. Give rationale of pattern choice and why we do not reoil between squads. Provide answers to questions some bowlers may have.
 - b. Potentially add Friday night squad to non-champions in November.
 - c. Survey members as to whether they prefer the current rule of seeding bowlers in match play based upon qualifying score or random draw.
 - d. Livestream Proposal – A proposal was made to hire a company run the live stream which would include staffing all tournaments with a minimum of the last three rounds broadcast. Those in the meeting requested a more detailed proposal plus accept applications from others for this potential new position. This will be discussed at the next board meeting. The fees for this would be paid by sponsor monies not by the NEBA membership or NEBA general funds. The next survey will ask members if the livestream is important and if they support outsourcing it.
 - e. Motion by Ed Roberts to give the tournament director Dan Kaye \$2,500 to over his hotels in 2018. 2nd by Chris Viale, Passed (10-0-2)
 - f. Motion by Becky Kregling to raise the social media compensation from two entries to four entries per year. 2nd by Tim Gagne. Passed (11-0-1).
- Motion to adjourn by Ed Roberts at 11:45AM. Second by Chris Viale. Passed.