

# Minutes of NEBA Board of Directors' Meeting

held 9:10 a.m. to 11:28 a.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2019

at Callahan's Bowl-o-Rama, Newington, CT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: PRESIDENT DAVE KIPPERMAN, 1<sup>ST</sup> VP BRUCE HALL, TD DAN KAYE, S/T BECKY KREGLING, AMY VIALE AND AJ VILLA. PAST PRESIDENT PRESENT: GEORGE TIGNOR. BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: 2<sup>ND</sup> VP CHRIS VIALE, TIM GAGNE, TIM GILLICK, TONY REYNAUD & ED ROBERTS.

1. Reports of Tournament Director, Officers and Executive Committee were given. We are down 52 entries for 2019 compared to 2018. 39 of these were in March which had a conflict with other tournaments. We always try to work with other tournaments but for 2020 we are going to contact other tournaments earlier to try to avoid conflicts. We are on budget including the added expenses voted upon at the March meeting. We will reevaluate committee budgets and spending at the next meeting to decide if money will be added to late year tournaments.
2. The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Reports of Tech Directors – Vimeo Premium is going to be paid for by the live stream vendor so the \$75 budgeted from last month's meeting can be removed. The software program is currently calculating bowlers' statistics and matches the secretary's excel file through last tournament. Both programs will be run in parallel through 2019 with the plan to move to the software starting in 2020.
4. Scoresheet Fees – *Motion by Becky Kregling to change the fee for printing scoresheets from ten cents per scoresheet to ten cents per entry to keep consistent with other payments. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kaye. Passed 5-0-1*
5. Meetings – There was discussion and support for the Secretary's proposal to finalize and post the agenda seven days before meetings and that the Treasurer's report and all pertinent reports for the upcoming be distributed to all board members seven days before the meeting.
6. Finance Reports – Discussed putting the financial file spreadsheet online for all board members to view and revisited subscribing to Quickbooks for \$60 per month. Both ways will be run in parallel for 2019 with reports and functions to be compared with a discussion as to whether to spend \$720 on Quickbooks in 2020 at the annual meeting.
7. The Secretary proposed keeping a list of and publish all "Actions of the Board". This would be a list of all items voted upon at meetings which was supported by the board.
8. There was discussion and support for working with the web designer to have put the type of pattern on-line on the website for future tournaments for the entire season in the next website redesign. It will be replaced that with the pattern once it is selected.
9. The amount of money added to upcoming tournaments were confirmed. \$500 in July, \$1,000 Yankee Lanes Doubles, \$1,000 Yankee Lanes Singles, \$1,000 senior in August, \$1,000 women's in August, \$5,000 Masters in August, \$500 September Doubles, \$2,000 reduced entry in October, \$1,000 Non-Champions and \$2,500 Tournament of Champions.
10. Women's Tournament Points – *Motion by Amy Viale to align the points for the women's only tournament with the doubles tournament point system. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Hall. Pass unanimously.* The rationale was with the lower points, it is less likely for a person to bowl only that tournament and finish in the top few spots of the women's cup series so it gives more weight to bowling all five women's cup events. Discussed requiring a minimum of two tournaments to be eligible for the women's cup series prize fund. We will ask the sponsor for her input on this and present at the annual meeting.
11. Since we have over 2,000 emails in Mailchimp, we can no longer use the free account. *Motion by Bruce Hall to update Mailchimp to the \$9.99 per month plan. Second by George Tignor. Passed unanimously.*
12. The weekend on the poster and schedule for the Non-Champions and Tournament of Champions is not Thanksgiving. It is usually that weekend and that was the intent but it was an oversight with Thanksgiving being the fifth Thursday in 2019. It was discussed moving the date but decided to keep it as printed for 2019 and move back to Thanksgiving weekend in 2020. A Friday night squad for the non-champions will be considered in 2020.
13. Committees:
  - a. Tournament Committee – Presented ideas for Masters format. After feedback from the board which was mostly to make it a shorter time frame from 2018, the committee will work on proposals and send to the board for approval.
  - b. Schedule Committee – Bid sheets were sent to all centers with 32 lanes or more in New England. The dates with Silver Lanes in East Hartford, CT have already been confirmed with the new owners for January 2020. The committee will look at weekends and bid sheets as they come in, communicate with the board and have a schedule to present at the next meeting.
  - c. Special Cut Committee – Some of the ideas and proposals of the committee were shared and input was received. A proposal will be presented at the next meeting.
14. New business – Reminder that all Bylaw changes and proposals to be voted upon at the Annual meeting must be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer by September 15. The board shall only consider the proposal as written by the person proffering the proposal. Any variation of the proposal shall be brought as an additional proposal.