

Minutes from the Board of Directors' Meeting

held 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 15, 2020

Virtual meeting

Board members present: President Dave Kipperman, 1st VP Chris Viale, 2nd VP Bruce Hall, TD Dan Kaye, Manager Becky Kregling, Tim Gagne, Stephen Viale, Ed Roberts & Amy Viale.
Past President(s): Chris Monroy, Member(s): Debbie Brogan & Andrew Hall.

1. Reports of Tournament Director, Officers and Executive Committee – Discussed upcoming tournaments in November and December. There were just over thirty registered for the November tournament. This is lower than previous tournaments and could be a gage of how members feel as the COVID numbers increase and travel restrictions change. The board did not feel comfortable cancelling but decided to wait until Tuesday to see the travel restrictions updates and entries then let the Executive Board vote by Wednesday. Tournament Director and Manager reported the recent tournaments ran well including using the two apps for payment and prize fund distribution as well as adding cash, entries are well below average as expected. We have not had to use as much of the money in the reserve account mostly because the livestream and software companies are not taking any fees while NEBA runs COVID tournaments. Thank you to both of them. The executive committee has not voted upon anything but mostly discussed the schedule and how the pandemic has affected events.
2. Social Media Report – Position is still open. Tech Director Report – Everything is running well and neither are taking salaries.
3. Discuss Proposed Bylaw Changes
(to be acted upon at Annual Meeting unless proposal is withdrawn by person who submitted it):
None
4. Discuss Proposed Tournament Rules Changes
(to be acted upon at Annual Meeting unless proposal is withdrawn by person who submitted it):
No discussion was negative and the board members are interested in survey results.
 - a. Allow headphones and earbuds to be worn during bowling (Current rule: not allowed)
 - b. Put the names on the patterns (Current: Length, Distance and volume are given but not the name if named)
 - c. Change the entry fee to \$80 for regular tournaments. Change the entry fee to \$90. (Current: \$95) - *On survey, give sample prizefunds so people can see the payout difference before they vote.*
 - d. Attire – Be able more relaxed on bottoms. Allow athletic pants and shorts. – *Contact person who made this proposal for more details.*
 - e. Membership – Do not allow PBA title holders to bowl. – *Contact person who made this proposal asking if they propose national titles, regional titles, senior, etc or all.*
 - f. When someone misses roll call, do not let the alternate bowl. The person who misses roll call would be a bye for the first round and cash. (Current rule: Alternate replaces anyone who misses roll call) – *Contact person who made proposal for more details such as will person have to bowl or will a bye be rewarded for whoever draws the person who missed roll call.*
5. Finalize Annual Meeting Agenda – Add to above proposals based upon intent of person submitting idea. Meeting will be virtual. Attendance will be taken at 10:15AM. All members attending the meeting by 10:15AM will have voting privileges. Dave will look into the best way to vote during the meeting.
6. Election – There is one nomination for 2nd Vice-President so no election will be held. Stephen Major will be NEBA 2nd Vice-President for 2021-2022.
7. COVID protocol – Reviewed COVID tournament policy.
 - a. Format - We currently bowl 3 games on first pair and 2 games on second pair. There were two proposals: Switch lanes after each game OR bowl first squad bowl 3 games on first pair and 2 on second pair. Second squad bowl 2 games on first pair and 3 on second pair.

- b. Masks/Face Coverings - Discussed not requiring masks in the settee but no motion was made for the change. Will continue with current rule of masks but if the local or state rules are more restrictive, we will abide by those rules.
- c. Future Tournaments – If a tournament needs to be cancelled due to travel restrictions to that state, the board wants to survey members whether the date is cancelled or should it be moved to a center in another state.
- 8. Board of Directors for 2021 - Any member in good standing that desires to be Board Member at Large for the following year must submit in writing his or her interest to the President by December 6 which is no later than one week before the annual meeting on Sunday, December 13 at 10AM.
- 9. Discussed giving a travel stipend of \$75 or \$100 to NEBA staff when the tournament is at least 60 miles from their house and the entry count is not over 140 to help cover hotel bills & extra time during COVID impacted events. Will be voted upon at the annual meeting.
- 10. 2021 season – Discussed starting annual awards back up again in 2021 by adding 2021 points earned the first three months of 2020. We can start with the first event in 2021 or start when we stop using the modified COVID format.
- 11. Committees
 - a. Schedule – One tournament will be scheduled a month for the first half of the year with larger centers in case we need to use every other pair and then go back to the regular events for the last half of the year. Consider putting the women’s series the second half of the year.
 - b. Sponsors – The sponsor year was combined between 2020-2021.
 - c. Survey – Survey will be taken before annual meeting
 - d. Tournament Committee – Nothing to report
 - e. Social Media – Need to clarify what the position is, promote and accept applicants.
- 12. New business – None
- 13. Motion to adjourn at 11:54AM by Dan Kaye. Second by Bruce Hall. Passed.

ACTS OF THE BOARD:

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2020 NEBA Board of Directors

President	Dave Kipperman	Member at-large	Tim Gagne
1 st Vice President	Chris Viale	Member at-large	Stephen Major
2 nd Vice President	Bruce Hall	Member at-large	Ed Roberts
Tournament Director	Dan Kaye	Member at-large	Amy Viale
Manager	Becky Kregling		