

Minutes from the NEBA Board of Directors Meeting

held Friday, July 15, 2022

Board members in attendance: President Chris Viale, VP Bruce Hall, TD Dan Kaye, Manager Becky Kregling, Andrew Hall, Ed Roberts, and Amy Viale plus Past Presidents: Chris Forry, Chris Monroy. Board members absent: 2nd VP Stephen Major, Frankie Calca, Tim Gagne, and Amando Jay Villa. Members in Attendance: Don Frye, Carl Buckley, Sarah Hood and Hunter Kempton.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:34PM
2. Reports of Tournament Director, Officers and Executive Committee – The tournament director gave report of events this season. When talking about a breakdown, the question was brought up if we should leave a pair open in the future. The Manager discussed membership numbers and the finances stating that in the last two years, we have spent more than previous years with a lot more income from sponsors going into the prize funds. It was suggested that the extra cash spots needing to be budgeted or potentially being part of the prize fund next season.
3. Reports of Technology Director and Social Media Committee - Social Media reported they are doing more promoting and different than last year. There is more posts about upcoming events and current stats leaders then asked if there were more ideas. Two ideas were to highlight the results of what happened the previous year at the upcoming event and to post some good past title matches or cut some videos of great shots plus to promote the % of people who cash and that the last cash spot pays more than most tournaments so the money is spread out instead of on top. The marketing committee will reconvene later this summer.
4. Promotion – Discussed getting the center more involved with promotion and having someone with NEBA go to the center 2-3 weeks before the event to help promote to center bowlers.
5. Proposed Tournament Rules Changes were discussed and will be voted upon at the annual meeting. It was suggested to do a survey sooner than December on the topics to be able to discuss what the members want at the meeting in October.
 - a. Discuss changing the entry fee back to \$95 in 2023 (Current: \$80)
 - b. Use PBA style pair courtesy at all tournaments
 - c. For the guaranteed senior to make match play, remove the guarantee or add a guarantee to the other two side cuts as well. They should all be equal.
5. Discussed the ways suggested to speed up bowling. Some had support while others didn't. The same number of games take longer than in the past. We use the same format that has been used for 20+ years with 5 games of qualifying yet in the last 5-10 years, squads are taking longer to bowl the 5 games. Everyone wants NEBA to go faster so it will take everyone's help to make that happen. The ideas on the agenda were major including format changes so none would be changed until next season.
 - a. 4 games qualifying, recoil before match play had little support..
 - b. One lane courtesy.- suggested sharing the video about lane courtesy again
 - c. Maximum of 4 per pair and Move match play down one round and pay cash spots instead (or have a casher's round of some number of games and cut to a match play field of 16 or similar) would speed up but impact entries and payout so some support.
 - d. Idea from meeting was to start matches while the lanes are being oiled. The TD will try it at upcoming events. Another idea was to make announcements to the bowlers being clear that bowling is slow and do all they can to be ready to bowl when they are up and start the next game when the next pair opens up.
6. Travel cost increases and salaries – The TD and Manager are going to work together to be able to present some data and work hours to modify the salaries. A committee will be formed to present any proposals to be voted upon.
7. Recent change in transgender rules by USBC which requires video submission for review were discussed. NEBA is USBC certified so we need to follow their rules.
8. Committees:
 - a. Schedule - Have committee work complete by September 15. Discuss less tournaments for 2023.
 - b. NEBA Network – Work in progress to get on the website.
 - c. Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner – To be held the Saturday night before the Invitational. A committee was formed.
 - d. Sponsors – We lost a major sponsor BowlingSeriously.com for 2023. We all thank Joanne Herman for her support of NEBA, her love of the sport and her wanting to encourage more woman to bowl NEBA.
 - e. Patterns – There were ten ideas from members on what to do about patterns. This season, we put some pattern parameters on each tournament and added it to the schedule. The center needed to pick a pattern within those parameters. Many bowlers commented on the selection of patterns. What was most supported was to have Kegel create a large bank of patterns with multiple within each set of parameters for centers to use then only use those patterns. For recreation patterns, the center could use their house shot. Also discussed doing some videos relating to patterns.
9. New business – Adding money to the Non Champs and Tournament of Champions. Videos are being uploaded to the NEBA YouTube Channel which will be promoted in the future.
10. Call to adjourn at 8:35PM. Motion by Bruce Hall. Second by Chris Forry. Passed.

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2 nd Vice President	Stephen Major
Tournament Director	Dan Kaye
Manager	Becky Kregling

Member at-large	Frankie Calca
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Member at-large	Andrew Hall
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Member at-large	Amy Viale
Member at-large	AJ Villa
All past Presidents	in good standing