

# **Agenda and Meeting Notes for Annual Meeting**

## **That was held in person & virtually at 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 16, 2023**

### **at Norwich Bowling & Entertainment Lanes in Norwich, CT**

Attendance was taken at 4:05 p.m. Board members in attendance; Bruce Hall, Jon Van Hees, Jay Johnson, Amy Viale, Ed Roberts, Dan Kaye, Justin Alves, AJ Villa, Tim Gagne, Past Presidents; Chris Forry, Chris Monroy, Dave Kipperman, Bill Green, Chris Viale. Members-at-large; Bill Webb, Stephen Dale, Brian Gaskill, Ashlie Kipperman, Debbie Brogan, Joey Nereu, Sebastain Yanez, James Bessette, Joanne Herman, Sam Kaplan.

1. Ratify the minutes from the Oct 2023 Board Meeting – ***Motion to accept by Ed Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Forry - Unanimously approved.***

2. 2024 meeting dates will be announced. –

***Proposed Zoom Dates; Tuesday, March 5, 2024, Tuesday, June 18, 2024, Tuesday, October 1, 2024***

***Proposed in Person Annual Meeting, Saturday, December 7, 2024 – Location TBD***

3. Reports of Tournament Director, Officers, and Executive Committee

- ***Dan Kaye, Manager gave the financial report through December 16, 2023. Gave out the Balance Sheet and P & L for the 2023 year to date. Motion by Ed Roberts to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Johnson – unanimously approved. (See Financial reports attached)***
- ***Justin Alves, TD gave the tournament report for 2023 to date showing approx. 100 entries less than 2022 with 2 less events than 2022.***

4. Review Impact of 2023 Rule Changes; One-Lane Courtesy. Tracking of Squad Start and end times. For each squad we capture these facts: ***- Justin did update us on the speed of lane play. While we do see the one lane courtesy speeding up lane play overall, there are still a few pairs at each event who do not follow the one-lane rule, and this will be addressed on a case by case basis.***

#### **Committee Reports**

- a. Committees Special Tournaments – Invitational – Rule Change - It was noted to remind everyone that the invitational this year, ALL bowlers including the Top 16 in points MUST bowl the 9 AM squad. They are automatically seeded into the next round, however, all scores carry over, so they MUST Bowl.
- b. Discussion to possibly remove the Women's event and allow them to bowl with the seniors and consider this Special Cuts event versus just a senior event. ***Ratio of who makes the finals from each special group TBD, but we need to make the change to include women now to reflect it on the schedule for next year. Motion by Jay Johnson, seconded by Chris Viale. Passed unanimously.***
- c. Hall of Fame Committee – Report on proposal for HOF points to High Qualifier of an event. This was presented to the HOF Committee who did not approve. – ***NO Motion to move forward.***

#### **2023 Annual Meeting Proposals**

List of proposals for the 2023 Annual Meeting from the Board of Directors Meetings during 2023.

1. Proposed Tournament Rules Changes were discussed and will be voted upon at the annual meeting. The results of the survey will be presented and discussed by Bruce Hall & Becky Kregling. ***Presented by Bruce Hall as Becky Kregling was not in attendance.***

- a. Change entry fee to \$100 in 2024 (Currently \$95.00), this is to help offset the increased lineage as most Bowlero centers. ***Discussion to not stop at \$100, since there may be future price increases in the next year or so. Motion to raise to \$110 by Chris Forry and seconded by Jay Johnson. Passed unanimously.***
- b. Use PBA style pair courtesy at all tournaments. – ***No Motion***
- c. Continue using One-Lane Courtesy for Qualifying and Two-Lane Courtesy for Match-Play. ***Review of survey results. Motion to restore two lane courtesy by Chris Forry, seconded by Bill Webb. The vote was 6 to 6 tie, so President was asked to break the tie, and voted to keep one lane courtesy.***
- d. Proposal to go to 5 years for all past champions when choosing a partner, not just for Over / Under Doubles. – ***No Motion***
- e. Proposal for the Senior Tournaments to include Women, Senior & Super Senior categories at all Senior Events and to eliminate the Women's only event due to lack of participation. – ***See above in Committee report – passed unanimously.***
- f. For the guaranteed senior to make match play, remove the guarantee or add a guarantee to the other two side cuts as well at the 1:6 ratio. – ***No Motion***
- g. A request to increase the practice time for Major events from 5 minutes to 10 minutes was sent out to the tournament committee for their input with no negative feedback. A vote at the annual meeting will decide. ***Approved by the committee – no vote needed.***

## 2. Other proposals:

- a. Patterns – There was a request to consider only using Named Patterns for regular tournaments using Challenge and Sport Patterns versus having the pattern committee make the patterns based on all the research they have done on the various centers that host our events. Recreation patterns used during 2023 were the center's house shot. The proposal is to use a combination of Named patterns and NEBA made patterns for 2024. ***After discussion and a review of survey results, there is no motion to change any lane pattern procedures for 2024. The pattern committee may employ named patterns at certain events.***
- b. A proposal to create compensation for the two non-bowlers on the pattern committee. ***Proposal for \$100 each year for Greg Tack and Tommy Hankey. Approved***
- c. Suggestions for Changes to the By-laws have been worked on by Ed Roberts and Chris Monroy who will be present at the annual meeting for a vote. As ***this is a big job – bigger than they anticipated. No changes we available for review, and no by law changes we proposed and reviewed by the membership prior to the 2023 annual meeting. Proposal to roll up all by law changes and any new proposed changes and follow our published procedures for changes to the by-laws at the end of 2024 for 2025. No motion since this follows our established procedures.***
- d. A proposal to limit the time frame the High Game out of the money credits will last. Presently there is no expiration date, and the proposal is for them to expire 12 months from the date earned. All expired credits will be added to the Non-Champions and Tournament of Champions tournaments in November of each year. ***Motion by Dan Kaye and seconded by Justin Alves – passed unanimously.***
- e. Survey results presented by Bruce Hall and Becky Kregling. ***Becky did not attend the meeting. Results were presented for each individual topic as it arose.***

- f. Due to the resignation of a board member, we will be voting at the annual meeting for a new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for a 1-year term, who will then move to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in January 2025. ***Don't have a list of nominations for second VP as was supposed to be gathered in advance of the annual meeting. Jay Johnson has been nominated at the meeting. An email will go out to the membership on Dec. 18 asking for nominees, and Bruce will then send a Survey Planet to the attendees of the annual meeting asking for a vote.*** Likewise, written notice if a desire to service on the board for 2024 is required for each board member. Again, no solicitation to the membership was issued prior to the annual meeting. We did get written requests from Amy Viale, Brian Boghosian and Ed Roberts. In the same email of Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> we will invite those who wish to be on board to submit their name via email. Depending on the number of submissions, the board will vote on who and how many board members they accept.
- g. Proposal to consider a reoil for 12:30 and bowl final on burn. Survey results showed overall support for this idea. ***However, a concern was raised that many oiling machines may not be able to recharge in time for a full reoil at 12:30. So, more research is needed. No changes for 2024, but the pattern committee and the newly formed Center Committee (see new business) will contact centers to gather more information.***
- h. **New Business**  
***Jon Van Hees suggested the formation of a Center Committee to work more closely with centers primarily to encourage more local bowlers to participate in NEBA when it visits a particular center. Jon offered to chair the committee, with Ashlie Kipperman offering to be on the committee. Jon will organize his committee and report at the next board meeting.***  
***Also, a question that has been asked for a while is to define NEBA's mission statement. This helps make decisions like pattern selection, promotion, etc. easier. The President will make a suggestion as to a process to define the mission statement at the next board meeting.***
- Motion to end the meeting came at 5:56 pm, motioned by Bruce, second by Dave Kipperman, meeting adjourned.***

### **NEBA 2023 Board Members**

President	Bruce Hall	Member at-large	Amy Viale
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Jon Van Hees	Member at-large	Brian Boghosian
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President		Member at-large	Tim Gagne
Tournament Director	Justin Alves	Member at-large	Andrew Hall
Manager	Daniel Kaye	Member at-large	Jay Johnson
		Member at-large	Ed Roberts
Past Presidents in Good Standing		Member at-large	AJ Villa

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## Profit and Loss

January 1 - December 16, 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
Center Donation	600.00
Entries Net of CCCI and GF	276,427.50
Fines	90.00
General Fund Contribution from Entry Fee	1,443.50
HOF Ad Book	2,270.00
Membership	12,675.00
Sponsorships	7,750.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$301,256.00</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$301,256.00</b>
Expenses	
Advertising & Marketing	7,618.15
Cash Short (Extra if Negative)	4,201.60
Legal & Professional Services	1,055.45
Lineage	41,937.35
Live Stream Broadcasting	5,050.00
NEBA Software	1,564.45
Office/General Administrative Expenses	1,046.00
Paid Entries	815.00
Phone & Hotspot	409.86
Printing	707.87
Prizes Paid from Entries	209,094.75
Reimbursable Expenses	2,341.00
Social Media Marketing	474.60
Tournament Expenses	25,430.50
Training	2,900.00
Trophies	466.98
Website & Database	187.41
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$305,300.97</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$ -4,044.97</b>
Other Income	
Interest from Bank	4.73
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$4.73</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>\$4.73</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$ -4,040.24</b>

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## Balance Sheet

As of December 16, 2023

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Prepays and Added Money Clearing	0.00
Reserve / HOF (1412) - 2	4,232.05
Simple Checking for Business (1403) - 1	6,254.40
Sponsor Money (1404) - 1	3,603.93
Tournament Cash	1,000.00
Undeposited Payments	0.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$15,090.38</b>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	50.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
Other Current Assets	
Inventory Asset	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$15,140.38</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$15,140.38</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
CCCI Contribution from Entry Fee	2,879.00
SMART Funds from Prize Fund	130.00
Sponsor Prize Money Balance	2,000.00
TOC Entries from Prize Fund	100.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$5,109.00</b>
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Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	14,071.62
Retained Earnings	
Net Income	-4,040.24
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$10,031.38</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$15,140.38</b>