

**IOWA STATE USBC WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Dubuque, Iowa
March 22-23, 2014**

The 8th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association, Inc. was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2014, at the Best Western Plus in Dubuque, Iowa, by President Kristi Reidy.

Presentation of the colors was conducted by Carma Bouska, Iowa State USBC WBA Sergeant-at-Arms, Sue Strasburger, Iowa State USBC WBA Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms, and Marge Clancy, Dubuqueland USBC WBA Sergeant-at-Arms.

The delegation recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Diana Sidler, Iowa State USBC WBA Director, gave the invocation.

The Welcome was given by Dubuqueland USBC WBA President Shellie Kutsch.

Kim Grady, President, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA, gave the response to the Welcome.

Greetings were given by Michael Jordan, President, Iowa State USBC BA, LeRoy Heatherington, President, Iowa State USBC Youth Assn., and Randy Thompson, President, Iowa Bowling Council, and also on behalf of the Iowa Bowling Proprietors.

Rules Committee

1st Vice President Shirley Bloodsworth read the Rules of the Convention.

Credential Report

Michelle Kaufmann, Dubuqueland USBC WBA, and chairperson of the Credential Committee gave the first report:

Officers	4
Directors	7
Delegates.....	<u>113</u>
Total	124
 Associations	 36

Awards

Charla Green, Iowa State USBC WBA Assn. Manager, assisted by Reidy, presented 10-Year Service Awards to Charlotte Markle, Association Manager of the New Hampton USBC WBA, and to Tammy Sheker, President of Fort Dodge USBC WBA.

300 Games/800 Series

Reidy stated the change to the policy regarding the awards program whereas the awards are being mailed to the recipients so they are received in a timelier manner. The award winners, listed in the President's Report, included 11 300 games and four 800 series.

Outstanding Local Association Manager Award

Bouska presented the Outstanding Local Association Manager Award to Nancy Butler, Association Manager of the Ottumwa USBC WBA.

Hall of Fame

Norma Rose was inducted as the 48th member of the Iowa State USBC WBA Hall of Fame by Bouska.

Rose thanked the Iowa State USBC WBA and the Special Awards Committee for selecting her for the award. She introduced her family, her bowling family from Des Moines, and special friends present for her special day.

Bouska announced a reception will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Rose's honor.

Reidy called for a 15-minute break.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the Annual Report Book were approved on a motion by Gail Huerter, Pella USBC WBA, seconded by Melissa Nicholas, Greater Cedar Valley USBC.

Correspondence

Green reported normal correspondence between the office and the President, and the Board, as well as acknowledgments from Bowl for the Cure, BVL, and the three VA centers in Iowa for our donations from the previous season.

2016 Invitation

Reidy invited Waterloo and the Greater Cedar Valley USBC to present their invitation for the 2016 Iowa State USBC WBA Championship Tournament and Annual Meeting.

Following the Waterloo presentation, the delegation from the Clinton and Camanche USBC WBAs presentation their bid.

Reports

Report of the President - Reidy stated that her report is printed and in the delegate folders and encouraged all present to read it at their leisure.

Reidy reported on the recent passing of Shirley Kamantz-Winkler on March 1, 2014. She stated that Kamantz-Winkler will be honored at the 2015 Memorial Service. The delegation observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Shirley.

Report of the Association Manager - Green also stated her report is in printed form and in the delegate packet.

Financial Report - The printed report was also included in the delegate materials. Green asked for questions or comments; there were none.

Audit Report - Schnurr & Co., LLP conducted the audit and prepared the audit report which was included in the delegate folders. Green asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

Acts of the Board - Also in printed form and also included in the delegate materials, Green stated this report details the action of the Board of Directors at the Fall Board Meeting.

Reidy called for Committee Reports.

Administrative Policy - Director Connie Rommel informed the delegation of the significant amount of time spent updating and making changes in the Iowa State USBC WBA Policy Manual. She stated all changes were discussed and implemented.

Rommel thanked her committee.

Finance & Budget - Director Sally Reighard reported the purpose of the committee and that four budgets are prepared annually; one for the general operations and one for each of the three (3) tournaments conducted.

Reighard stated that the budget for the State Championship Tournament and the Senior Tournament were prepared last Spring, and the outcome for the State Championship Tournament is good, but the Senior is not the best at this time.

She stated the entry numbers for the State Championship Tournament events, and compared to the current membership figures, the tournament fielded 22% of the membership which is higher than in recent years.

The Senior Tournament numbers as compared to 2013 in Mason City are lagging; Reighard encouraged everyone to get more seniors to enter.

The Mixed Tournament numbers for 2013 were also down, but the tournament is still in its infancy and we expect higher numbers for 2014 when the tournament returns to Waterloo.

Reighard challenged all to find new bowlers to join a league. She further challenged the delegation to find a team that has never entered the tournament to give it a try.

She announced there will not be an increase in the entry fees for the 2015 tournament in Cedar Rapids nor the Mixed Tournament in Waterloo.

Reighard thanked her committee.

Legislative

2nd Vice President Marilyn Mittan reported no legislation was received this year.

Mittan thanked the committee.

Reidy asked for volunteers to serve on the 2014-15 committees.

Newsletter & Promotion - Sidler stated a new promotion idea as "Plus One." If everyone could get one more bowler, or one more team, the numbers would really perk up.

The newsletter is available online with a few being printed.

Promotional items for this season are bowling socks in addition to the charm pins.

Sidler thanked her committee.

Reidy asked those present if they had noticed the Memories articles in the most recent newsletter. Comments were positive regarding the articles and the overall newsletter.

Special Tournaments

Senior Tournament

Strasburger reported the Iowa State Senior Women's Tournament will be held in Iowa Falls. The 2015 event will be held at Totem Bowl in Marshalltown. Strasburger asked for bids from any association with a 12-lane or larger center. Bids must be received in the office by July 1 two years prior to the hosting year.

Mixed Tournament

76 teams entered the 2013 tournament. Strasburger also asked for bids for this tournament. The 2014 event will be held at Maple Lanes in Waterloo.

Midwest Women's Tournament

As of March 18, 2014, 807 teams are reserved and or processed for the 2014 tournament in South Bend, Indiana.

The 2015 tournament will be held in Rockford, Illinois.

Bowl for the Cure

Director Shannon McHugh reported on the Bowl for the Cure Mail-In Tournament. The 2014 event fielded 3,771 entries, an increase of over 400 from 2013 and a new record high.

No changes are planned in the format for the 2015 event. Entry deadline will be January 24, 2015, with scores used during leagues bowled February 8-14 or February 15-21. Score submitting deadline will be March 4, 2015.

The current donation for this year is at \$8,242.17 (\$7,542.00 from entries, \$700.17 cash donations).

BVL

Rommel reported that her BVL report is printed and in the delegate materials. She stated that \$2,666.00 checks were distributed to the VA centers in Marshalltown, Iowa City and Des Moines.

The Mail-In Tournament fielded 3,003 entries this year, a decrease from the previous year. She asked everyone to help increase those numbers.

The 2014 Mail-In Tournament entry deadline will be November 8th; league scores will be used from November 9-15 or 15-22, 2014. Scores deadline is ten (10) days after the conclusion of the tournament.

Rommel thanked Davenport for their monetary support given this weekend as well as donated items for the raffle.

The expected donation for this year will be \$7,000.00. We will request these funds be returned to Iowa for the VA centers and in support of the TEE Tournament held annually in Iowa City.

Strasburger thanked the committee.

Special Awards

Bouska reported on the Above & Beyond Award, Outstanding Association Manager Award, and the Hall of Fame Award; deadline is June 1 annually for all.

Above & Beyond and Outstanding Manager forms are not kept on file. Hall of Fame nominations are held for five years.

The committee is working on revisions for the Hall of Fame nomination form; however, the form will remain the same for 2014-15.

Bouska thanked the committee.

State Championship Tournament

DirectorCarolynn Lee reported on changes to the Championship Tournament including the addition of the four-woman team event. She stated total income for 2014 is \$177,175.00 for 605 teams. 2013 income was \$183,240.00 for 563 teams. This reflects 93.3 bowlers lost. However, the four-woman team event is successful.

Entry numbers by division are being studied.

Based on entry numbers for 2014, the tournament fielded 22.9% of the membership.

The new reservation system will be continued.

Lee challenged all to bring one more team to Cedar Rapids in 2015.

Lee thanked the committee.

Workshop Advisory

Bloodsworth thanked USBC for sending our Regional Manager George Lambert to be with us during our convention and for his presentation during the workshop on Saturday morning.

The Summer Workshop will be held in Newton at the Moose Lodge on July 12. We will use the theme "Fun in the Sun." Lunch will be available. The workshop will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$289.00 was collected for the Iowa Bowling Council Scholarship Fund at the Saturday morning workshop. There were 128 in attendance.

Bloodsworth thanked the committee.

Memorial Committee

Mittan read the associations and participants and asked for volunteers for those not having a representative present.

Unfinished Business

Reidy asked for Unfinished Business. There was none.

Reidy asked Mark Meier, Meier Studio to come to the podium. Green, assisted by Reidy, presented Meier with a recognition gift for his 40 years of service to the IWBA/Iowa State USBC WBA.

Reidy announced the hospitality rooms for Greater Cedar Valley and Clinton-Camanche, and the reception room for Norma Rose, followed by the club meeting locations.

At 3:20 p.m. Reidy declared the meeting recessed.

Sunday Session

The 8th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Association, Inc. was called back to order following the Memorial Service, at 9:20 a.m. on Sunday, March 22, 2014, by President Reidy.

Mittan thanked the committee members and participants of the Memorial Committee.

Michelle Kaufmann gave the final report of the Credential Committee as of March 23, 2014, at 8:30 a.m.

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Reidy reminded the delegation that the Midwest Women’s Tournament will be held in South Bend, Indiana, this year and Rockford, Illinois, in 2015. She announced that Waterloo will be the site of the 2016 tournament.

Nominating Committee

Teri Jennings, Chair of the Nominating Committee gave their report:

1st Vice President.....	Shirley Bloodsworth
Sergeant-at-Arms	Sue Strasburger
Director #3.....	Carma Bouska
Director #4.....	Connie Rommel and Laura Christensen

Reidy asked for any nominations from the floor for 1st Vice President. Gail Huerter, Pella USBC WBA, moved to elect Bloodsworth by acclamation. Patty Anderson, Clinton USBC

WBA, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bloodsworth accepted and thanked the delegation for their confidence in her.

For Sergeant-at-Arms, Reidy asked for nominations from the floor. Sam Claar, Council Bluffs USBC, moved to elect Strasburger by acclamation; seconded by Betty Svoboda, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA. Motion carried. Strasburger accepted and thanked the Nominating Committee and the delegates. She also thanked Bouska for her service as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Reidy asked Bouska to stand as she asked for any nominations from the floor for Director #3. Connie Rommel, Greater Cedar Valley, moved to elect Bouska by acclamation; seconded by Sam Claar, Council Bluffs USBC. Bouska accepted and thanked the delegates for electing her and for their service to the association.

For Director #4, Reidy asked Rommel and Laura Christensen to stand. She asked for any nominations from the floor. Rose Lee, Burlington USBC WBA, moved for nominations to cease; seconded by Loretta Wander, Greater Cedar Valley USBC. Motion carried.

The tellers were instructed to distribute the ballots to the delegates.

Using ballot #1, Reidy instructed the delegates to vote for either Rommel or Christensen. The tellers picked up the ballots and went to the counting area.

Kim Grady, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA, announced the winners of their prizes; free team, doubles & singles entry to the 2015 tournament. Charla Green won the team entry, Lynda Rhiner, Greater Des Moines USBC, won the doubles, and Tammy Sheker, Fort Dodge Area USBC, won the singles.

Door prizes from Greater Cedar Valley USBC that were not picked up were announced by Rommel. Rommel thanked the delegates for visiting their hospitality room.

Clinton and Camanche USBC WBAs thanked the delegation for attending their open house.

McHugh and Rommel announced that \$1,044.00 was raised for Bowl for the Cure and BVL with the raffles. The raffle items were distributed to the winners.

Reidy announced the election results; 124 votes cast, 63 needed for election. The results were 93 Rommel and 31 Christensen. Rommel accepted and thanked the delegates. She thanked Christensen for her service as an Auxiliary Director and encouraged her to continue to run for the Board.

Christensen thanked the delegates and the Board for the appointment as Auxiliary Director.

Reidy asked for interested delegates to apply for the two Auxiliary Director positions.

Jennings returned to the podium and stated that Reidy is on the ballot as the Iowa delegate to the 2015 USBC Annual Meeting. Rose Lee, Burlington USBC WBA, moved to elect Reidy by acclamation; seconded by Nancy Butler, Ottumwa USBC WBA. Bloodsworth called for the vote. Motion carried; Reidy accepted.

Reidy stated that Green is on the ballot as alternate to the 2015 USBC Annual Meeting. Tammy Sheker, Fort Dodge Area USBC, moved to elect Green by acclamation; seconded by Sam Claar, Council Bluffs USBC. Motion carried. Green thanked the delegation.

Jennings thanked her committee; Charli Pals, Greater Cedar Valley USBC, Donna Goyette, Davenport Metro USBC WBA, and Shellie Kutsch, Dubuqueland USBC WBA.

Nominating Committee 2015

Reidy announced the 2015 Nominating Committee as Kim Grady, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA as Chair, Teri Jennings, Ames Area USBC, Sandy Isch, Greater Mason City USBC, Melissa Nicholas, Greater Cedar Valley USBC, and Connie Heisler Eggers, Council Bluffs USBC.

Legislative Committee 2015

Bouska will serve as chair of the 2015 Legislative Committee. Other committee members announced by Reidy are Strasburger, Sidler, Charli Pals, Greater Cedar Valley USBC, Amy VanderWeerd Pella USBC WBA, and Marge Clancy, Dubuqueland USBC WBA.

2016 Tournament Site

Reidy asked the two bidding associations for any last comments; there were none.

Official ballot #2 was announced as the ballot for voting for the site of the 2016 Championship Tournament and Annual Meeting. Reidy instructed the delegates to vote for either Greater Cedar Valley or Clinton-Camanche. The tellers collected the ballots and returned to the counting area.

Reidy announced that the Iowa Bowling Council had met and will be awarding 30 \$500.00 scholarships.

Lynne Riordan gave a report of the Iowa 20-Year Club citing 75 attended the luncheon as attendance was offered to all, not just club members. The luncheon will be offered to everyone again in 2015. Raffle prizes were distributed.

Reidy announced the selection of the 2016 tournament site. 124 votes cast, 63 needed for election. Greater Cedar Valley USBC 22, Clinton and Camanche USBC WBAs 102.

Margo Bousman, Clinton USBC WBA, thanked the Iowa State USBC WBA for allowing the smaller associations and centers to bid and the Clinton and Camanche boards for the efforts in their bid, and the delegation for selecting them.

Reidy asked the delegates to return the new lanyards used with the delegate badges so they can be used again next year.

Connie DeGreef reported from the Iowa 500 Bowling Club. Wyn Ann Allen of Eagle Grove was re-elected Vice President and Connie DeGreef of Jasper County USBC WBA was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Bowlerama Lanes in Des Moines will host the 2014 tournament on October 11-12.

McHugh reported from the Iowa 600 Club. Kim Grady, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA, was elected Vice President; McHugh was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Sue Strasburger was thanked for her service upon her retirement as Vice President. Tournaments offered and changes made were announced.

Grady reported from the Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club; printed report in the delegate folders. She thanked Green for 17 years of service and announced Green was elected as the first Life Member of the Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club at their annual meeting.

Carolynn Lee reported from the Iowa Women Bowling Writers. Chris Supino was re-elected president; Charli Pals was elected Sergeant-at-Arms. The writing assignment was announced as "One of your Memories of Mark Meier" in honor on Mark Meier's 40 years of taking our bowling pictures.

Rommel returned to the podium and congratulated Clinton-Camanche on a job well done and stated Greater Cedar Valley will be back.

Golden Pin Ceremony

Shellie Kutsch, President of Dubuqueland USBC WBA, presented the Golden Pin to Kim Grady, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA, and wished them well in 2015. Kutsch thanked the Dubuqueland USBC WBA Board and their association manager, Linda Ehlinger as she retires at the conclusion of the season.

Grady encouraged all to come to Cedar Rapids for the 2015 events and assured all a great tournament and visit to their community. She congratulated Clinton-Camanche and offered her assistance.

Resolutions

Jackie Mundorf, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA, presented this resolution: Be it resolved that the acts of the officers and agents of the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Assn., Inc. since its last annual meeting be and they are hereby ratified and approved. Mundorf moved for the adoption of the resolution. It was seconded by Deb Tisor, Washington USBC. Motion carried.

There were no further announcements.

Patty Anderson, Clinton USBC WBA, moved to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned and the colors were retired.

Respectfully submitted,

Charla Green

Association Manager