

IOWA STATE USBC WOMEN’S BOWLING ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING
March 21, 2015
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The 9th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Association, Inc. was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Cedar Rapids Marriott in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by President Kristi Reidy.

Presentation of the colors was conducted by Sue Strasburger, Sergeant-at-Arms, Iowa State USBC WBA, Janice Cooper, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Iowa State USBC WBA, and Lois Thompson, Sergeant-at-Arms, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA. The delegation recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Diana Sidler gave the invocation.

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

The Response to the Welcome was given by Margo Bousman, President, Clinton USBC WBA.

Randy Thompson, President of the Iowa Bowling Council, and speaking also on behalf of the Iowa Bowling Proprietors, greeted the delegation.

Danny Jensen gave his remarks from the Iowa State USBC BA. Jerry Robinson greeted the delegates from the Iowa State Youth Association.

Rules Committee

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

Credential Report

Lois Thompson, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA, gave the report of the Credential Committee:

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Awards

10-Year Service Award

Charla Green, Iowa State USBC WBA Association Manager, assisted by Reidy, presented 10-Year Service Awards to Dee Hughes, President, Clarinda USBC WBA, Margo Bousman, President, Clinton USBC WBA, and Jackie Mundorf, Association Manager, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA.

Outstanding Local Association Manager Award

Iowa State USBC WBA Director Connie Rommel presented the Outstanding Local Association Manager Award to Carolynn Lee, Burlington USBC WBA. Lee thanked the Iowa State USBC WBA for this honor and the Burlington USBC WBA for the nomination.

Hall of Fame

Rommel returned to the podium and asked Strasburger to escort Shirley Bloodsworth to the podium. Bloodsworth was then inducted as the 49th member of the Iowa State USBC WBA Hall of Fame. She thanked the committee for selecting her for the honor and then introduced her family and friends present for her induction.

Strasburger then escorted Becky Clark, Greater Des Moines USBC, to the podium. Clark was inducted as the 50th member of the Iowa State USBC WBA Hall of Fame. Clark also thanked the committee for their recommendation of her to the Hall of Fame and thanked the Iowa State USBC WBA for selecting her for the award. She then introduced her family and friends and thanked them for their years of support.

Diana Sidler was then escorted to the podium and inducted as the 51st member of the Iowa State USBC WBA Hall of Fame. Rommel recited her qualifications; Sidler then thanked the Iowa State USBC WBA for her selection and introduced her family and friends.

Rommel returned to the podium and announced the Special Awards Committee has recently implemented a new procedure for the Hall of Fame selection. A committee comprised of Board members, Hall of Fame members and general members will make recommendations to the Iowa State USBC WBA for Hall of Fame induction through a voting system.

The committee for 2015-16 will be Rommel, Sidler, Linda Ehlinger, Dubuqueland USBC WBA, Tammy Sheker, Fort Dodge Area USBC, Amy Vander Weerd, Pella USBC WBA, Dani Naughton, De Witt USBC WBA, and Barb Staub, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA.

Reidy announced a 15-minute break.

George Lambert, USBC Midwest Regional Manager, served cake to the delegates in celebration of 10 years of USBC.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting as printed in the 2014 Annual Report Book were approved on a motion by Nancy Butler, Ottumwa USBC WBA; seconded by Laura Christensen, Greater Des Moines USBC.

Correspondence

Green reported normal correspondence between the office and the President. A thank you from Laura Christensen for the opportunity to serve as an Auxiliary Director, an acknowledgement from BVL, the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, and correspondence from USBC were also received.

Reports

Report of the President - Reidy stated at her report is printed and in the delegate folders and asked the delegation to review it at their convenience. She also announced her upcoming retirement from her teaching position.

Report of the Association Manager - Green returned to the podium and stated that her report is also printed and in the folders and asked the delegates to read it. She also highlighted her service on a USBC committee and trip to bowling headquarters in Arlington, Texas. It was a very moving experience and the current leadership at USBC has the correct ideas and there is a future for our sport.

Financial Report - Green reported more detail in the financial report due to revisions she and Director Sally Reighard had implemented. There were no questions on the report.

Audit Report - Schnurr & Co., LLP, Fort Dodge, conducted the audit report and is also included in the folders. There were no questions.

Acts of the Board - Green stated the report is printed and in the folders and details business from the Fall Board Meeting of the Iowa State USBC WBA.

Reidy returned to the podium and invited the Greater Des Moines USBC to the podium for the presentation of their bid for the 2017 Iowa State USBC WBA State Championship Tournament and Annual Meeting.

Ryan Vogt from the Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau presented their bid and announced their theme as "Catch Strikes in the City" and highlighted Des Moines' ability to conduct successful sporting events in their city.

Bowlerama Lanes and Merle Hay Lanes are the two bowling centers included in the bid package from Des Moines.

Des Moines then announced the winner of their gift package - Connie Blair from Council Bluffs.

Reidy then called for committee reports.

Administrative Policy - Strasburger explained the procedures of the committee.

Finance and Budget - Reighard also explained the procedures of this committee. Four budgets are prepared yearly; General and Senior in the fall, and State Championship Tournament and Mixed Tournament in the spring.

The budget for the State Championship Tournament is good; we fell slightly short on the teams, but exceeded the projected entry for doubles and singles. Tournament participation fielded 22% of the membership.

The Senior budget called for 140 sets of doubles and only 69 are in at this time.

The Mixed Tournament in Waterloo in 2014 exceeded projected entries. The 2015 tournament will be held in Cedar Rapids; Reighard encouraged all to talk this tournament up and get these entries to grow.

Membership continues to decline, which leads to fewer bowlers to participate in the tournaments. Reighard asked that all work together to rebuild membership and increase tournament participation.

She stated there is no increase in entry fees for 2016 Clinton-Camanche or the 2015 Mixed Tournament.

Legislative - Director Carma Bouska reported the committee recommended withdrawing Proposed Amendment #1 regarding the dues increase. The Board accepted the recommendation. She stated the committee will review this topic after the USBC convention in Omaha.

Newsletter and Promotion - Cooper reported three issues of the Iowa WBA Bowler newsletter had been published. She asked that anyone not having access to the newsletter to contact Green.

She stated that the delegate gift this year was the bowling pin knife and this knife is also being sold at the tournament.

Special Tournaments - Sidler reported the 2016 Senior Tournament will be held in Waverly; the 2015 Mixed Tournament will be at Lancer Lanes in Cedar Rapids and the 2016 Mixed will be in Des Moines.

The Midwest Women's Tournament will be held in Waterloo in 2016.

Rommel and Director Shannon McHugh came to the podium to report on BVL and Bowl for the Cure.

Rommel stated both reports in printed form are in the folders. She then stated that BVL hosted 3,529 entries, a new record.

McHugh stated the Bowl for the Cure fielded 3,864 entries which is also a new record.

We request a portion of the raised funds for BVL be returned to the VA centers in Iowa and the National TEE Tournament.

Rommel stated the 2015 Tournament dates will be November 8-21 with a deadline of November 7. The expected donation this year is \$13,000.00. She then highlighted other BVL functions to be held at the USBC convention.

Hours of work put into the BVL Mail-in tournament statewide were requested by Rommel from those conducting the tournament in their locals as this information was requested by the national BVL office.

McHugh stated that we also request funds be returned back to Iowa. The expected donation for this season is \$14,000.00.

Rommel and McHugh then thanked those who donated raffle prizes for the benefit of BVL and Bowl for the Cure.

Special Awards - Rommel will meet with the new Hall of Fame Committee and explain the new process. She encouraged all present to send nominations for awards.

Championship Tournament - DirectorCarolynn Lee asked those entered in the Virtual Doubles to stand. Those standing were then asked to explain the Virtual Doubles to the delegation. Lee then further explained the tournament and stated the 2015 event fielded 398 entries.

Lee then reported the new process of score recording is going well with minimal errors.

She then asked the delegates' opinion on divisions in the various events and the plaques awarded to the champions and the costs involved with the plaques. Following discussion, the delegates overwhelmingly wish to keep the divisions and the plaques.

Lee then stated the 2015 average tournament average is 147 while the average age of tournament participants was 52. She then reiterated anyone can bowl in our tournaments; they are not qualifying events.

Workshop Advisory - Bloodsworth reported 118 attendees at the workshop. A collection was taken for the Iowa Bowling Council Scholarship Fund which totaled \$346.00. She asked for attendees input for future topics for workshops.

The summer workshop will be held July 11 in Newton. The theme will be "Get Fired Up." Registration forms were included in the delegate folders.

Reidy returned to the podium; she announced that there will be no Auxiliary Directors next season as there were no applications. She encouraged those present to consider applying for these positions. It's a learning experience. She then asked Shellie Kutsch, Donna Goyette, Laura Christensen and Janice Cooper to share their experiences as Auxiliary Directors.

Kutsch stated it was enlightening and increased her respect for the State Board, and she is considering running in the future.

Goyette stated it was great to listen and learn and that the State Board listened when she spoke on various topics.

Christensen stated it was intense and they work for all the bowlers. She stated she will try to run again in the future.

Cooper commented about being one of the Auxiliary Directors and then being a state Director. It was a learning experience.

Reidy advised the delegates that the form for applying is available from Green or from the website. The deadline is December 31 yearly.

Announcements were made by Reidy regarding location of various club meetings and hospitality rooms.

Memorial Service - 2nd Vice President Marilyn Mittan came to the podium and reviewed the participants for the Memorial Service which then met at the recess of the Annual Meeting.

The 9th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association, Inc. was recessed.

Sunday Session

The 9th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Association, Inc. was called back to order on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at 9:15 a.m. by President Kristi Reidy.

Lois Thompson, Credential Chair gave the final report of the Credential Committee:

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Directors	7
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Mittan then thanked the Memorial Service participants and the committee.

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

Nominating Committee

Kim Grady, Chair of the Nominating Committee gave their report:

President	Kristi Reidy
Director #5	Shannon McHugh
Director #6	Diana Sidler
Director #7	Myrtle “Sally” Reighard
Delegate to 2016 USBC.....	Kristi Reidy
Alternate to 2016 USBC.....	Charla Green

Bloodsworth went to the podium and stated no other nominations had been received for President and asked the delegates’ wishes. Reidy was re-elected by acclamation.

Reidy returned to the podium and thanked the delegation for their support and friendship.

She then called for Director #5 Shannon McHugh, Greene County USBC, to stand. No other nominations were received. McHugh was re-elected by acclamation.

McHugh accepted and thanked the delegates for their support.

Reidy called for Director #6 Diana Sidler, Boone County USBC. There were no other nominations received. Sidler was re-elected by acclamation.

Sidler thanked the delegates for the past three years and looks forward to the next three years.

Reidy then called for Director #7, Myrtle “Sally” Reighard, Washington Iowa USBC; no other nominations were received. Reighard was re-elected by acclamation.

Reighard accepted with great pleasure and looks forward to 2016 when Iowa hosts the Midwest Tournament.

Bloodsworth called for other nominations for USBC delegate for 2016 to Las Vegas. There were no other nominations. Reidy was elected and accepted.

For the Alternate for the 2016 USBC Convention, Green was elected by acclamation.

2017 Site Selection

Reidy stated Des Moines is bidding for the 2017 events. Charli Pals, Greater Cedar Valley USBC, moved to accept Des Moines; seconded by Teri Jennings, Ames Area USBC. The motion carried.

Laura Christensen, Vice President of Greater Des Moines, accepted and expressed their pleasure at being selected and the centers and the association will be ready as they are hosting the men in 2016.

She thanked Cedar Rapids for hosting a great meeting and tournament; door prizes were distributed.

20-Year Club

Lynne Riordan, Secretary-Treasurer, reported from the 20-Year Club. 58 attended the luncheon and the annual luncheon will continue next year. Irene Cassens was re-elected president.

500 Club

Connie DeGreef, Secretary-Treasurer, reported the 500 Club held its annual meeting and tournament in Des Moines in October. There are 55 members this season including 11 new members. The 2015-16 tournament will be held in Creston October 10-11. She asked that all associations encourage bowlers to join the 500 Club.

600 Club

Shannon McHugh, Secretary-Treasurer, stated their report is printed and in the folders. She then highlighted their meeting; 45 attended, dues will be raised to \$3.00. Donations will continue to the three VA centers in Iowa, the Iowa Bowling Council Scholarship Fund and the Iowa Hall of Pride. Janice Cooper was re-elected president while Terri Carriere was re-elected Sergeant-at-Arms. Tournaments will continue.

700 Club

A printed report was included in the delegate folder. Secretary-Treasurer Shellie Kutsch reported 33 renewals for 2014-15. The annual Singles Tournament will be held at Berry's Lanes in Vinton on September 26. The one mailing of the year will come out in August.

Iowa Women Bowling Writers

Secretary-TreasurerCarolynn Lee stated that instead of the usual report, Sally Reighard was going to read a story written by a club member regarding her experience at the state tournament in 2011 in Ottumwa. The story was "Night of the Spooning." The delegation enjoyed this out of the normal report.

Iowa Bowling Council

Reidy reported that the Iowa Bowling Council met the previous evening. 48 applications were received for the scholarship program. 26 \$400.00 scholarships were awarded by the committee.

Rommel and McHugh distributed raffle prizes sold for the BVL and Bowl for the Cure. \$1,375.00 was raised through the raffles.

Rommel asked for anyone interested in helping with the 2016 Midwest Women's Tournament to please contact her or Green.

Carey Cook, Lisa Edwards and Becky Schoenthaler of the Davenport Metro USBC WBA then spoke regarding their various fundraising activities and their successful methods of fundraising. Davenport Metro raised \$1,007.00 for Bowl for the Cure and \$1,501.00 for BVL this season.

George Lambert gave the delegates his final remarks on behalf of USBC.

Cedar Rapids USBC WBA President Kim Grady thanked everyone for coming to Cedar Rapids and handed the Gold Pin over to Cindy Garvey, President of the Camanche USBC WBA. Garvey accepted and invited everyone to Clinton-Camanche in 2016.

Clinton-Camanche then drew for door prizes. A team entry to the 2016 tournament went to Lisa Gregerson, Des Moines, a doubles entry to Jean Mumm, Davenport, and a singles entry to Janice Dornath, Humboldt.

Legislative Committee

For 2015-16, Connie Rommel, Sally Reighard, Sue Strasburger, Joy Schild, Marlene Yeoman, and Becky Graves.

Nominating Committee

For 2015-16, Charli Pals, Chair, Kim Grady, Nancy Butler, Connie Lessard, Lynda Rhiner.

Resolutions

Amy Vander Weerdt, Pella USBC WBA, gave the resolutions. She said: "Be it resolved that the acts of the officers and agents of the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association since its last Annual Meeting be hereby ratified and approved." Vander Weerdt moved for adoption; seconded by Terri Carriere, Ames Area USBC. Motion carried.

The colors were retired and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charla Green

Association Manager