

IOWA STATE USBC WOMEN’S BOWLING ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING
March 12-13, 2016
Clinton, Iowa

The 10th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Association, Inc. was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the Wild Rose Casino and Resort in Clinton, 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 Gloria Albright, Clinton USBC WBA Sergeant-at-Arms. The delegation recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2nd Vice President Marilyn Mittan gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Determan gave his welcome to the delegation.

Carrie Donhaire from the Clinton Convention and Visitors Bureau welcomed the delegates.

Margo Bousman, President, Clinton USBC WBA, gave the Welcome.

The Response to the Welcome was given by Laura Christensen, 1st Vice President, Greater Des Moines USBC.

Lyle Jennings, President of the Iowa State USBC BA, greeted the delegation.

Jerry Robinson gave his remarks on behalf of the Iowa State USBC Youth Association.

Reidy announced the Iowa Bowling Council meeting will be in room 220 following the recess of today’s session.

Rules Committee

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

Credential Report

Pam Langfitt, Clinton USBC WBA, gave the report of the Credential Committee:

Officers	4
Directors	7
Delegates.....	<u>109</u>
Total	120
Associations	36

Awards

10-Year Service Award

Charla Green, Iowa State USBC WBA Association Manager, assisted by Reidy, presented 10-Year Service Awards to Donna Neuroth, President, Marshall County USBC WBA; Jean Bremer, Association Manager, Tripoli USBC WBA; Joyce Deyo, President, Tripoli USBC WBA; Shannon McHugh, Association Manager, Greene County USBC; Jill Black, Association Manager, Farley USBC WBA; Judy Callahan, President, Farley USBC WBA; Jan Edwards, Association Manager, Davenport Metro USBC WBA; and Rich Riesberg, Association Manager, Grundy Center USBC.

Outstanding Local Association Manager Award

Iowa State USBC WBA Director Diana Sidler presented the Outstanding Local Association Manager Award to Virginia McGuire, West Union USBC WBA, who was not present.

Above and Beyond Award

Sidler then presented the Above and Beyond Award to Marlys Fear of Mt. Pleasant USBC for her past and continuing service to bowling.

Hall of Fame

Iowa State USBC WBA Director Connie Rommel came to the podium and asked Strasburger to escort Carma Bouska to the podium. Bouska was then inducted as the 52nd member of the Iowa State USBC WBA Hall of Fame. She thanked the bowlers, the person who nominated her, and the Hall of Fame Committee as well as the Board of Directors for selecting her. She also thanked and introduced her family, her bowling family, and friends.

Reidy announced that the BVL and Bowl for the Cure raffle tickets will be sold until the recess of today's session. She also advised that there will be a nomination from the floor and those credentials are being distributed.

Reidy announced a 15-minute break.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the 2015 Annual Report Book were approved on a motion by Laura Lloyd, Fort Dodge Area USBC; seconded by Verna LeMaster, Council Bluffs USBC.

Correspondence

Green reported normal correspondence between the office and the President as well as the Board of Directors. An acknowledgment was also received from BVL.

Invitations

Kayla Chick, Muscatine USBC, introduced Kai Cochran from Muscatine who presented their bid for the 2018 State Championship Tournament and Annual Meeting. Muscatine will host a hospitality room from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in room 216.

Reidy then invited Greater Cedar Valley USBC and Waterloo to the podium to present their invitation for the 2018 events. President Connie Rommel presented their invitation followed by Jim Marlin with the Greater Cedar Valley Sports Commission who announced a \$10,000.00 added prize money commitment. Rich Eighme, proprietor of Maple Lanes, also spoke about hosting the 2018 events. Room 221 is the site of the Waterloo/Greater Cedar Valley USBC hospitality room from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Reports

Report of the President - Reidy stated that her report is printed and in the delegate folders and asked the delegation to review it at their convenience. She announced Stony Creek Hotel and Convention Center, 5291 Stony Creek Ct., Johnston, Iowa, 515-334-9000 as the site of the 2017 Annual Meeting.

She then announced that Virg Van Dierendonck, past secretary-treasurer of the IWBA has suffered a stroke and is recovering at home, and Dale Bertramsen, past president of the IWBA, passed away in January after suffering a stroke.

Reidy then reported five applications were received for the two open auxiliary director positions. The Board approved the appointment of Pat Hutchins of Stuart and Jeanne Staley of Muscatine for the 2016-17 season.

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 at their convenience. She highlighted facts and figures in the report as well as change.

Financial Report - Green reported on detail in the financial report and asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

Audit Report - Green then stated the Audit Report was next in the folders and asked for any questions. There were none.

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 then called for committee reports.

Administrative Policy - Director Carolynn Lee explained the Policy & Procedure Manual to the delegation and the action needed as chair of the committee. Only four changes were made this meeting and were all word clarification type changes.

Finance & Budget - Director Sally Reighard explained the procedures of this committee and the non-excitement of the figures as compared to awards. Her job is to report on the overall financial health of the association. Besides studying membership figures, income and expenses, 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 and the Senior Tournament that will be held in Waverly in May were prepared at last spring's Board meeting. Entry is the Championship Tournament fell short of the projection, adding to the expected deficit of the tournament. Expenses exceed income and we take from the reserves to maintain our services.

Approximately 2,325 bowlers will participate in the 2016 tournament, 19⅓% of the membership which is good for being on the far east side of our state and also indicates the dedication of the bowlers. Those who are dropping out and causing our membership decline are not participating in the tournament anyway.

It's too early to tell what the final entry number will be for the Senior tournament.

The Mixed Tournament in Cedar Rapids in 2015 entry numbers were decent but the fact remains that there are still too many of our members who do not even know about this tournament. Communication is vital to the health of our events. We can't get bowlers to bowl if they don't know about the tournaments.

Reighard asked that all work together, communicate, and to rebuild membership and increase tournament participation.

Keeping and building our membership and our tournament participation is needed to make sure there is A FUTURE FOR THE SPORT.

Legislative - Rommel reported the committee receive no proposed legislation and therefore, no action was taken.

Newsletter & Promotion - Director Carma Bouska asked those present how many read the Iowa WBA Bowler newsletter, and then how many share the newsletter with others in their leagues.

She asked all to report information from their associations so it can be included in the newsletter and shared across Iowa. Articles from across the state are needed and are what makes the newsletter great.

Bouska stated the newsletter can be found at www.iowawba.com/newsletter. It is produced four times yearly.

Reidy then asked that all first time delegates stand and be recognized.

Special Tournaments - Cooper came to the podium and asked Director Shannon McHugh to report on the Bowl for the Cure tournament.

McHugh stated a printed report is included in the folders and asked the delegation about participation. She commented about the challenges the weather presented in the 2016 tournament.

Entries totaled 3,475 which is a decrease of almost 400 from last year. She asked everyone to help bring those numbers back up next year. The expected donation for this year will exceed \$14,062.00. Winners have not yet been determined and should be done next week.

The donation will be sent to USBC with our request that the funds be returned to the three Komen affiliates in Iowa.

No changes are planned for the 2017 event.

Rommel reported on the BVL tournament. 3,606 entries were fielded in 2016 which was 77 more than the previous year. Last year's donation totaled \$12,180.00. The donation for 2016 will exceed \$10,000.00 and we will request a portion come back to our three VA centers and for the National TEE Tournament.

Rommel cited the photo on the BVL table which is a VA league in Marshalltown which costs them only \$2.00 each week each bowler as the remaining costs are covered by BVL.

Cooper reported on the Senior tournament which will be held in Waverly, Iowa, on April 30, May 1, 7, 14 and 15. We have projected 140 doubles and 280 singles.

The Mixed Tournament will be held October 22, 23, 29, 30, and November 12 and 13 at Bowlerama Lanes in Des Moines. Cooper encouraged all to form teams and enter the tournament.

She then told the delegation that bowling centers with 12 lanes are eligible for hosting the Senior tournament.

Special Awards - Sidler took the podium and asked for nominations for the Outstanding Local Association Manager and the Above & Beyond Award, noting that the qualifications are listed on pages 74-75 in the Annual Report Book. Deadline for nominations is June 1; forms are available on the web site or from the state office.

The Special Awards and Hall of Fame committee were separated this season; Sidler asked Rommel to report on the Hall of Fame committee.

Rommel reported on the composition of the committee which is seven members; two current Board members, one Hall of Fame member, and four non-members, all appointed by the President.

Nominations are due June 1 yearly and must be sent to the state office. After the deadline, Green removes the names and mails copies of the credentials to the committee members. Committee members vote using a point system for selection to the Hall of Fame. The ballot is then mailed to Green for tabulation. A certain number of votes is required. The name of the selected nominee is placed before the Board for approval at the Fall meeting.

The committee for 2016-17 will be Sidler, chair, Rommel, Cindy Cottrell, Debbie Bryant, Donna Goyette, Teri Jennings and Becky Graves.

Championship Tournament - Strasburger stated the duties of the committee; review all current rules and policies for the tournament. She stated the number of teams in the tournament in the past ten years and the steady decline. She also asked all present to bring someone new to the next tournament.

Lineage is a large factor in the tournament cost; Strasburger then stated there will not be an increase for the 2017 tournament.

She then asked about participation in the Virtual Doubles tournament. She explained the operation of the Virtual Doubles and noted it is a fund-raising event for the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame.

New this year, signup for the Virtual Doubles is being done on-site at the tournament which has made for a large increase in entry with eight remaining weekends. She noted that the standings are not being posted in order to keep it fair for everyone.

Workshop Advisory - Bloodsworth reported 126 attendees at the workshop. A collection was taken for the Iowa Bowling Council Scholarship Fund which totaled \$350.00. She thanked George Lambert for his contribution to the workshop.

The Summer workshop will be held July 23 in Newton. The theme will be "Hip Hip Hooray." Registration forms were included in the delegate folders.

Midwest Women's Tournament - Green stated 589 teams are in and processed for the 2016 MWT, and another 100 reservations are in the book. She highlighted the weekend and available spots and encourage those not entered to get a team together.

The entry form for 2017 was included in the delegate folders; it will held in two centers in the Dayton, Ohio, area.

She commented on the designs for the tee shirts, towels, the raffles and added fun events for the tournament.

She asked for any volunteers wanting to help with the MWT to please contact Rommel.

Reidy asked Mittan to report on the Memorial Service.

Memorial Service - Mittan confirmed participants and asked for needed volunteers.

Reidy announced the Iowa Bowling Council will meet in room 220 and then announced the location of the various club meetings and hospitality rooms.

The 10th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association, Inc. was recessed.

Sunday Session

The 10th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association, Inc. was called back to order on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 9:20 a.m. by President Kristi Reidy.

Mittan thanked the Memorial Service participants and the committee.

Pam Langfitt, Credential Chair, gave the final report of the Credential Committee:

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Unfinished Business

BVL and Bowl for the Cure raffles were distributed as well as the 500 Club.

Nominating Committee

Charli Pals, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave their report:

2nd Vice President	Marilyn Mittan
Director #1	Janice Cooper
Director #1	Shellie Kutsch

Director #2 Carolynn Lee

Delegate to 2017 USBC..... Kristi Reidy

Alternate to 2017 USBC..... Charla Green

Reidy declared Mittan on the ballot for 2nd Vice President; she then asked for any nominations from the floor.

Rommel moved to elect Mittan by acclamation.

Reidy called for the vote; Mittan was elected.

Mittan returned to the podium and accepted and thanked the delegation for the opportunity to continue her service.

Reidy then asked Cooper and Shellie Kutsch to report to the front. She asked for any nominations from the floor. Tammy Rhine, Creston USBC, nominated Chris Supino, Jasper County USBC WBA. The motion was seconded by Lisa Jump, Davenport Metro USBC WBA.

Reidy then introduced Kutsch, Cooper and Supino.

The tellers were excused.

20-Year Club

Reidy called on Lynne Riordan for her report from the 20-Year Club. The luncheon was attended by 66; meeting discussion featured promotion of the club.

500 Club

Connie DeGreef report for the 500 Club. 58 members paid dues for the 2015-16 season including 18 new members. The 2016-17 tournament will be held in Ottumwa.

600 Club

Shannon McHugh reported from the 600 Club. 46 members attended the annual meeting. All events will be continued in the next season. Donations were approved. Changes in membership cards were made along with a due date for membership.

700 Club

Shellie Kutsch reported for the 700 Club. 285 women have joined the 700 Club but only 31 paid renewal dues in 2015-16. There are eight new members. Current tournaments will continue but the singles tournament will be changed to a doubles invite with a 700 member inviting a non-700 member to bowl.

Reidy returned to the podium and declared we have an election. 109 ballots were cast. The results were Cooper 56, Kutsch 34, and Supino 19.

Cooper came to the podium and accepted and thanked the delegation for their support.

Reidy then announced Carolynn Lee on the ballot for Director #2. She asked Carolynn to stand. Kim Grady, Cedar Rapids, nominated Shellie Kutsch for Director #2. Michelle Hochrein, Dubuqueland, seconded the nomination. Kutsch stood.

Reidy instructed the delegates to use Ballot #2. Ballots were collected and the tellers excused.

Iowa Women Bowling Writers

Carolynn Lee came to the podium and gave the report of the Iowa Women Bowling Writers. 16 members were present for the meeting. 2016-17 membership stands at 24. Lee announced that Kristi Reidy wrote and had published a book this year and encouraged everyone to check Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble for a copy.

Iowa Bowling Council

Reidy reported for the Iowa Bowling Council. 31 applications were received; 24 \$400 scholarships were awarded.

Reidy also reported on conversation with our counterparts regarding a merger.

USBC

George Lambert came to the podium and thanked Clinton-Camanche and the Iowa State USBC WBA for this weekend.

Lambert highlighted technology use and the need for it, AFFTS - A Future for the Sport and asked everyone to reflect on life, stay positive and focus.

The tellers returned; Reidy announce the election results; Kutsch 58, Lee 51. Kutsch came to the podium and accepted. She thanked Lee for her service and vowed to work hard for everyone.

Lee then thanked her supporters and those present for her service to them over the years.

Bloodsworth took the podium and stated that Reidy is on the ballot as delegate to the USBC convention in 2017 to Las Vegas. There were no other nominations. Reighard moved to elect Reidy by acclamation; seconded by Margo Bousman, Clinton USBC WBA. The motion carried and Reidy was elected. Reidy accepted and thanked the delegates for the opportunity to serve them in this capacity.

Charla Green was placed on the ballot as the alternate for the 2017 USBC Convention. Sam Claar, Council Bluffs USBC, moved to elect Green by acclamation; the motion was seconded by Rose Lee, Burlington. Motion carried; Green was elected by acclamation. Green thanked the delegates.

2018 Site Selection

Reidy declared Muscatine and Greater Cedar Valley on the ballot for the 2018 events. She instructed the delegates to vote using ballot #3. The tellers collected the ballots and were excused.

Rommel announced that BVL kits are available from the BVL table and encouraged those present to take them home and start their own BVL fundraising campaigns.

Reidy then reminded anyone planning to attend the Summer workshop that in the event a reservation needs to be increased, please contact Chris Supino.

The tellers returned and Reidy announced the election; Waterloo 56, Muscatine 52, 1 illegal ballot.

Rommel came to the podium and thanked the delegates for selecting them and promised a great tournament.

Muscatine thanked the delegates for their support and stated they will try again.

Reidy thanked the Nominating Committee for their service as well as the Teller Committee.

Gold Pin Ceremony

She then asked Cindy Garvey, President of Camanche USBC WBA, to come to the podium for the Gold Pin Ceremony. Garvey thanked those present for the opportunity to host the tournament and annual meeting.

Laura Christensen, Greater Des Moines accepted the Gold Pin and welcomes everyone to Des Moines for next year. She thanked Clinton-Camanche for a great job in 2016.

Resolutions

Cindy Garvey, Camanche 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." Garvey moved for adoption; seconded by Rose Lee, Burlington. Motion carried.

Reidy asked for any other business.

Lisa Jump, Davenport Metro USBC WBA, moved to adjourn; seconded by Brandy Williams-Hernandez, Ottumwa USBC WBA. Motion carried.

The colors were retired and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charla Green

Association Manager