

IOWA STATE USBC WOMEN’S BOWLING ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING
March 18-19, 2017
Des Moines, Iowa

The 11th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Association, Inc. was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at the Stoney Creek Conference Center, Johnston, Iowa, by President Kristi Reidy.

Presentation of the colors was conducted by Sue Strasburger, Sergeant-at-Arms, Iowa State USBC WBA, Jeanne Staley, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Iowa State USBC WBA, and Mike Pagel, Sergeant-at-Arms, Greater Des Moines USBC. The delegation recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2nd Vice President Marilyn Mittan gave the invocation.

Ron Stanley, President, Greater Des Moines USBC, gave the Welcome.

The Response to the Welcome was given by Connie Rommel, President, Greater Cedar Valley USBC.

Ed Budzyn, President, Iowa State USBC BA, greeted the delegation and gave his remarks from the men’s state association.

Randy Thompson, President of the Iowa Bowling Council, greeted the delegation and talked about the in-school bowling program and fund raising to increase participation in the program.

Rules Committee

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

Credential Report

Cari McCormick, Greater Des Moines USBC, gave the report of the Credential Committee:

Officers	4
Directors	6
Delegates.....	<u>105</u>
Total	115
Associations.....	36

Reidy then asked for all first-time delegates to stand and be recognized.

Awards

10-Year Service Award

Charla Green, Iowa State USBC WBA Association Manager, assisted by Reidy, presented 10-Year Service Awards to Connie DeGreef, President, Jasper County USBC WBA, Chris Supino, Association Manager, Jasper County USBC WBA, Gene Logel, Association Manager, Muscatine USBC, and Carolynn Lee, Association Manager, Burlington USBC WBA.

Above and Beyond Award

Carma Bouska, Iowa State USBC WBA Director, presented the Above & Beyond Award to Carolynn Lee, Burlington USBC WBA, for her dedication and service to bowling. Lee thanked the Iowa State USBC WBA for honoring her with the award.

Outstanding Local Association Manager Award

Strasburger presented the Outstanding Local Association Manager Award to Jackie Mundorf, Cedar Rapids USBC. Mundorf thanked the Iowa State USBC WBA for the award.

Hall of Fame

Iowa State USBC WBA Director Diana Sidler took the podium and asked Strasburger to escort Marilyn Mittan to the podium. Mittan was inducted as the 53rd 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 Virginia Johnson, Greater Cedar Valley USBC, to the podium. Johnson was inducted as the 54th member of the Iowa State USBC WBA Hall of Fame. Johnson 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 introduced her family and friends, and shared some of her bowling stories from years past, and thanked them for their years of support.

The committee for 2017-18 will be Sidler, Chair, Strasburger, Sheila Chapman, Manchester USBC WBA, Peggy Decker, Independence USBC WBA, Jeanne Staley, Muscatine USBC, and Pat Hutchins, Stuart USBC WBA.

Reidy announced a 15-minute break.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting as printed in the 2016 Annual Report Book were approved on a motion by Connie Rommel, Iowa State USBC WBA Director; seconded by Carolynn Lee, Burlington USBC WBA.

Correspondence

Green reported normal correspondence between the office and the President and Board of Directors. Acknowledgement letters were received from the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame, BVL and Bowl for the Cure as well as correspondence from USBC.

Invitation for 2019

Becky Graves, Association Manager of Clinton USBC WBA, invited the Iowa State USBC WBA 2019 tournament. She announced that they would be hosting a hospitality suite in the Green Acres Room.

Carri Donaire from the Clinton Convention & Visitors Bureau then presented information regarding the Clinton-Camanche area. Finally, she introduced Mary Seeley who will be the new director of the Clinton CVB.

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.

Report of the Association Manager - Green also reported that her report is printed and in the folders and asked the delegates to read it. Report included facts and figures as well as tournament entry figures.

She also reported on the upcoming Merger meeting and encouraged delegates to run for the State Board.

Financial Report - The financial report as printed and in the delegate folders was reviewed. It was discovered that the expenses were not included. Green apologized for the error; the expenses were to have been printed on the back of the income page. (The report was emailed in its entirety to all delegates.)

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.

Administrative Policy - Bloodsworth, filling in for Cooper, reported changes made to the tournaments were recommended and approved.

Finance & Budget - Director Sally Reighard explained the function of the committee. An increase in the entry fee for the State Championship Tournament will be in effect for the 2018 event.

She encouraged communication among all bowlers to help promote the tournaments and increase the participation numbers and to increase membership as bowling is the original social media.

Legislative - Bloodsworth reported that no proposed legislation was received; therefore, no action was taken.

Newsletter & Promotion - Director Shellie Kutsch reported that no ball raffle was planned for 2017 as the Greater Des Moines USBC is doing ball raffles each squad of the tournament and no new promotional item was purchased as we are selling the knives and charm pins from last year yet.

The newsletter will be continued and we will continue to seek advertising to support the cost of the newsletter.

Special Tournaments - Rommel asked all delegates 54 years old and younger to stand. All those sitting are eligible to bowl in the Senior Tournament. Rommel reported the 2017 Senior Tournament will be held in Fort Dodge and the 2018 event will bowl at Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson. She then asked all present that are certified to stand. All are eligible to bowl in the Mixed Tournament. The 2017 Mixed Tournament is being hosted by Maple Lanes in Waterloo and Lancer Lanes in Cedar Rapids will be the site for the 2018 tournament.

Director Shannon McHugh came to the podium to report on Bowl for the Cure. McHugh advised her report is printed and included in the folders. The expected donation for 2017 is \$16,866.00.

Rommel then returned to the podium and reported on BVL. 3,342 entries were fielded in the 2016 tournament. We will request \$2,000.00 be returned to the three VA facilities in Iowa, Des Moines, Marshalltown, and Iowa City, as well as \$2,000.00 for the TEE Tournament held yearly in Iowa City in September.

Rommel started that the deadline for Mixed tournament bids is July 1 and asked everyone to promote the tournaments.

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

Special Awards - Bouska stated that the 10-Year Service Award, the Above & Beyond Award, and the Outstanding Local Association Manager Awards nominations are all due June 1 annually. She encouraged all present to submit names for all awards.

Championship Tournament - Strasburger reported entry numbers for the 2017 tournament. She further stated we have studied the entry numbers since the inception of the 4-woman and 5-woman team events. Using that information, the committee recommended changing to a 4-woman team event with one division for 2018. The entry fee will be increased from \$20.00 to \$22.00 per event with handicap all events being reduced to \$4.00 and remaining optional.

She reported we currently have 297 entered in the Virtual Doubles tournament.

Workshop Advisory - Bloodsworth reported 120 attendees at the workshop. A collection was taken for the Iowa Bowling Council Scholarship Fund which totaled \$400.00. She thanked David Prange and Richard Stewart from USBC for attending and putting on the workshop.

The summer workshop will be held July 22 in Newton. The theme will be "The Road Ahead" and will feature road signs. Registration forms were included in the delegate folders.

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.

Reidy made announcements regarding the Iowa Bowling Council meeting, Waterloo and Clinton hospitality rooms, the Iowa Women Bowling Writers and the 600 Club.

Waterloo distributed door prizes as follows:

Singles Entry to the 2018 tournament Linda Losee, Des Moines

Singles Entry..... Marie Cronk, Marshalltown

1 night stay, Days Inn Bev Malek, Forest City

1 night stay, Single Speed Brewery Dani Naughton, De Witt

Rommel then reported that Cadillac Lanes has been sold as of March 28 to the group who own Maple Lanes.

The 11th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Association, Inc. was recessed at 3:05 p.m.

Sunday Session

The 11th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Association, Inc. was called back to order on Sunday, March 19, 2017, at 9:15 a.m. by President Kristi Reidy.

Mittan then introduced the soloist, Morgan Wolfe, who is a bowler from Johnston High School. She thanked the Memorial Service participants and the committee.

Cari McCormick, Credential Chair, gave the final report of the Credential Committee:

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Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

Nominating Committee

Charli Pals, 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
Delegate to 2018 USBC.....	Kristi Reidy
Alternate to 2018 USBC.....	Charla Green

Reidy asked Bloodsworth to stand. She asked for any nominations from the floor for 1st Vice President. Kim Grady, Cedar Rapids, moved to elect Bloodsworth by acclamation; seconded by Verna LeMaster. Motion carried.

Reidy introduced Strasburger and asked for any nominations from the floor. Sam Claar, Council Bluffs, moved to elect by acclamation; seconded by Tricia Nederhiser, Cedar Rapids. The motion carried.

For Director #3, Reidy introduced Bouska and asked for any nominations from the floor. Reighard moved to elect by acclamation; seconded by McHugh. The motion carried.

Reidy called for Director #4 Connie Rommel to stand. As there were no other nominations, Carolynn Lee moved to elect by acclamation; seconded by Sue Neebel. The motion carried.

Reidy turned the podium over to Bloodsworth as her name is on the ballot as delegate to USBC convention in Reno in 2018. Reidy was elected by acclamation.

Green was elected by acclamation as the Alternate for the 2018 USBC Convention.

2019 Site Selection

Reidy stated that Clinton-Camanche is the bidder for 2019. No further comments were made and the delegation accepted the Clinton-Camanche bid for 2019.

20-Year Club

Lynne Riordan, Secretary-Treasurer, reported from the 20-Year Club. Attendance continues to be low with the costs climbing higher each year.

500 Club

Connie DeGreef, Secretary-Treasurer, reported the 500 Club held its annual meeting and tournament in Ottumwa in October. The 2017-18 tournament will be held in Newton October 14-15. She asked that all associations encourage bowlers to join the 500 Club. Funds were raised through the raffles held during the weekend.

600 Club

Shannon McHugh, Secretary-Treasurer, stated their report is printed and in the folders. She then highlighted their meeting; 44 attended. Donations will continue to the three VA centers in Iowa, the Iowa Bowling Council Scholarship Fund, and the Iowa Hall of Pride. Honors scores were awarded. All tournaments will continue.

700 Club

A printed report was included in the delegate folder. Secretary-Treasurer Shellie Kutsch corrected her report regarding the honor scores awarded. Membership cards have been discontinued but are available upon request. September 30 is the date of the annual tournament and meeting.

Iowa Women Bowling Writers

Secretary-Treasurer Carolynn Lee stated dues were paid by 22 members. Elections were held. Members were encouraged to submit stories to Sally Reighard.

Iowa Bowling Council

Reidy reported that the Iowa Bowling Council met the previous evening. 36 applications were received for the scholarship program. 29 \$400.00 scholarships were awarded by the committee.

USBC Regional Manager David Prange did his presentation.

Ron Stanley, President of Greater Des Moines USBC, handed the Gold Pin to Connie Rommel, Greater Cedar Valley USBC, showing the move of the tournament and annual meeting.

Rommel and McHugh distributed raffle prizes sold for the BVL and Bowl for the Cure. \$1,400.00 was raised through the raffles.

Resolutions

Sheila Chapman, Manchester 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." Chapman moved for adoption; seconded by Sally Reighard, Washington Iowa USBC. Motion carried.

The colors were retired and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charla Green

Association Manager