

# Minutes from NEBA Board of Directors Meeting

## held virtually on Thursday, October 6, 2022

Board members in attendance: President Chris Viale, 1st VP Bruce Hall, 2nd VP Stephen Major, Tournament Director Dan Kaye, Manager Becky Kregling, Tim Gagne, Andrew Hall, Amy Viale & AJ Villa, Past Presidents in attendance: Chris Monroy.  
Members in attendance: Brian Gaskill & Jay Johnson. Board members absent: Frankie Calca & Ed Roberts.

1. Meeting called to order by President Chris Viale at 5:37PM
2. Reports of Tournament Director, Officers and Executive Committee - Tournament director Dan Kaye reported on entries this year, suggested more promotion and reported he gave a warning to a bowler for writing obscenities on a scoresheet. Manager Becky Kregling reported she predicted to have \$2,000-\$3,000 at the end of year so money can be added to prize funds at end of year tournaments.
3. Reports of Technology Director and Social Media Committee - Social Media committee chair Bruce Hall reported that we have increased promotion and social media posts as suggested in the last meeting. The committee is still working on a plan to promote upcoming tournaments in centers.
4. Discussed Proposed Bylaw Changes to be discussed and voted upon at the annual meeting.
  - a. Modify the duties of the Tournament Director
  - b. Modify the duties of the manager  
*Board discussion: Vote on at Annual Meeting. Both will have the list and wording verified by the tournament director and manager to be presented at the annual meeting*
4. Discussed Proposed Tournament Rules Changes to be discussed and voted upon at the annual meeting
  - a. Change the entry fee back to \$95 in 2023 or \$100 (Current: \$80). *Board Discussion: Vote on at annual meeting. Discussion included suggestions of if entry is increased to \$100 that \$5 goes towards high game pots and replace high game credits.*
  - b. Use PBA style pair courtesy at all tournaments; *Board Discussion: Vote on at Annual Meeting*
  - c. Use one lane courtesy. *Board Discussion: Vote on at Annual Meeting. Discussion included when surveying members to give details for each proposal and ask if there was a change to either if they would still bowl.*
  - d. Special Cuts:
    1. For the guaranteed senior to make match play, remove the guarantee or add a guarantee to the other two side cuts. They should all be equal. *Board Discussion: Vote on at annual meeting. Support for the first part. Contact person who put on to consider including the first part and whether to keep the second part on the agenda*
    - e. Keeping the guarantees as they are but do what we did for the masters. Don't guarantee a spot into match play but pay them if they aren't made through the standard cuts. *Board Discussion: Vote on at Annual Meeting. Present data for annual meeting.*
    - f. A bowler must be in the building and paid to write their name down on the re-entry list. *Board Discussion: Vote on at Annual Meeting*
    - g. Change minimum number of games to be eligible for high average to 4.0 games per tournament (Current: 4.5 games) *Board Discussion: Vote on at Annual Meeting. Present data of eligible bowlers for both scenarios.*
    - h. Super seniors should be excluded from the two champions per team for doubles. *Board discussion: No support, contact person who submitted about keeping on annual meeting agenda.*
    - i. Change to four games qualifying to save time and lineage (Current: 5 games) *Board discussion: No support, contact person who submitted about whether to keep on annual meeting agenda.*
    - j. Put a maximum of four per pair to save time. *Board discussion: No support, contact person who submitted about whether to keep on annual meeting agenda*
    - k. Do not oil before match play to save time. *Board discussion: No support, contact person who submitted about whether to keep on annual meeting agenda*
    - l. Take 16 into match play to save time and pay the rest of cash spots. *Board discussion: No support, contact person who submitted about whether to keep on annual meeting agenda*
    - m. Move Saturday night squad earlier to 4PM or 5PM. *Board discussion: Vote on at annual meeting. Note that senior event may need to start an hour earlier.*
5. Patterns: Board Discussion on the multiple proposals for patterns centered mostly providing the center with a few patterns to choose from. Those patterns would be selected by people who are not bowling NEBA tournaments. A committee was created to help select, communicate with and oversee this group. The committee is Andrew Hall, Jay Johnson, AJ Villa and Tim Gagne. This group will create a working committee of two or three people outside of NEBA Membership to help with lane patterns.
  - a. Have Kegel create a large bank of patterns with multiple within each set of parameters for centers to use then only use those patterns. For recreation patterns, the center could use their house shot. Also discussed doing some videos relating to patterns. *Board Discussion: Support for center using house shots for recreational patterns and to have Kegel create more patterns. No support to produce videos relating to lane play. There was discussion and support to put existing videos on our social media which provide education on lane play, equipment and altering ball surfaces.*
  - b. Have NEBA provide the houses with oil pattern options vs. letting the house come up with patterns that meet criteria. Note: Let house select from bank of patterns. Maybe have a committee give them a few options.
  - c. Switch from "Sport, Challenge, Standard" to anticipated scoring pace "low, medium, high" *Board Discussion: No support. Rationale is that sometimes a type of pattern does not score as predicted. For instance, we have had recreational patterns which scored low and sport shots which scored higher than expected.*

- d. No longer publish pattern. Give parameters only and have pattern PDF hung up on site or don't hang up at all. *Board Discussion: No support. Reason is for transparency, so nobody feels someone knows the pattern while others do not know it.*
  - e. Use sport patterns for majors, 3-1 to 5-1 for challenge and no more than 8-1 for standard. keep the distances rotating as well so we have a mix of long medium and short and we should have centers select more recent name patterns.
  - f. Evenly distribute oil pattern types so similar amounts of short, medium and long (excluding special events). *Board Discussion: This is something we tried to do in 2022 and will continue in 2023.*
  5. Finalize Annual Meeting agenda - The manager will contact those who put on proposals which did not have support to see if they wanted to keep it on the annual meeting agenda or remove the proposal.
  6. Hall of Fame Points - Give more points for Master and Over/Under Doubles. The board has asked the Hall of Fame committee to look at the points for doubles and majors.
  7. Proposals to change salaries of Tournament Director and Manager - Increase the Tournament director to \$5.00 per entry and decrease the Manager to \$3.50 per entry. To do this an extra \$1 would need to come out for expenses. The rationale included that travel especially hotels has increased, and the software has created more hours for the tournament director and less for the manager. *Board Discussion: Support including the manager.*
  8. Board of Directors for 2023 - Any member in good standing that desires to be Board Member at Large for the following year must submit in writing his or her interest to the President by December 4 which is no later than one week before the annual meeting on Sunday, December 11 at 9:30AM. This deadline will be promoted on-line. Also encourage all members to consider joining to represent the entire membership.
  9. Election – There is an election for Second Vice-President this year. It will be held in November. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Manager 30 days before the election. If no written applications are received, nominations shall be accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting. Motion by Becky Kregling to replace handwritten voting on-site with on-line electronic voting. Second by Dan Kaye. Passed.
  10. Committees
    - a. Schedule - The proposed 2023 was presented by committee chair Becky Kregling. As the committee was instructed, tournaments and weekends were removed so there were 14 weekends. The board voted to have The Masters tournament added back in on a Sunday. The board also requested the committee to discuss having the Tournament of Champions in December.
    - b. Special Tournaments - Will be discussing the Invitational rules for presentation at the next meeting.
    - c. NEBA Network - Committee chair Amy Viale reported that they are still working out details to get this on our website.
    - d. Hall of Fame & Awards Dinner/Luncheon - Committee chair Amy Viale will work with the committee to find a location for the Saturday prior to the Invitational in April. The board supported a lunch instead of dinner taking pricing and availability into consideration.
    - e. Sponsors - Chair Chris Viale reported he is working with the 2022 sponsors and new sponsor with progress being positive. He will have a detailed report for the annual meeting.
    - f. Patterns – Plan to communicate with bowlers how ratio does not always determine difficulty of pattern. We need to better inform our membership of this so decisions on whether to bowl aren't solely made on pattern. Provide our membership information on how to play them, we can not only encourage bowlers to step out of their comfort zones but teach them to improve. A very easy way to do this is to run 1 or 2 monthly videos explaining how to navigate patterns, understand lane surface and its effects, and how to prepare your ball surface to make these patterns as manageable as familiar league patterns. This type of effort will not only show added value to NEBA membership but get current members to engage in growing NEBA/bowling in the northeast. *Board Discussion: There was discussion and support to put existing videos on our social media which provide education on lane play, equipment and altering ball surfaces plus having NEBA members share their knowledge on our social media sites.*
  11. New business
    - a. Discussed adding money to the Tournament of Champions and Non-Champions in November. The manager is going to look up the history then the board will vote on amounts.
    - b. Champions Shirts - New designs were presented for a 2023 NEBA shirt. It includes a white version with gray for champion and a few other colors of a similar design. Response was positive so will move forward with designs.
11. Motion to adjourn by Dan Kaye at 8:10PM. Second by Amy Viale. Passed.

#### 2022 NEBA Board of Directors

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|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| President                      | Chris Viale    | Member at-large Frankie Calca        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Bruce Hall     | Member at-large Tim Gagne            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Stephen Major  | Member at-large Andrew Hall          |
| Tournament Director            | Dan Kaye       | Member at-large Ed Roberts           |
| Manager                        | Becky Kregling | Member at-large Amy Viale            |
|                                |                | Member at-large AJ Villa             |
|                                |                | All past Presidents in good standing |