

# Minutes from the NEBA Board of Directors' Meeting

## held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Board members in attendance: President Bruce Hall, Tournament Director Justin Alves, Manager Daniel Kaye, Jay Johnson, and Amy Viale, Past Presidents in attendance: Chris Forry, Dave Kipperman, Chris Monroy, Chris Viale & Becky Kregling. No Members in attendance:  
Board members absent 1st VP Jon Van Hees, AJ Villa, Brian Boghosian, Tim Gagne, Andrew Hall, Ed Roberts

1. 6:35 pm meeting called to order by President Bruce Hall. Welcome everyone to the call.
2. MOTION by Chris Viale to ratify the minutes from the June 2023 Board Meeting. Second by Justin Alves. Passed 9-0-0
3. The next board meeting will be in person and on Zoom, Saturday, December 16, 2023 after the senior Open.
4. Reports of Tournament Director, Officers and Executive Committee - Tournament Director Justin Alves gave a recap for the tournaments through October 1, 2023. Manager Daniel Kaye presented the current 2023 report through the Master's event, the bank balances of the three bank accounts verified by the statements available to the board along with the Balance sheet, P&L and showing all activity for each event held before this meeting. President Bruce Hall gave a report for the Executive Committee stating that the resignation of Stephen Major from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and the board has been accepted. President Hall has also noted that Jon Van Hees has accepted the role of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and will assume the role of President in January of 2025. At the annual meeting we will vote for a new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for a 1-year term, who will then move to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in January 2025. President Hall indicated how pleased everyone was with the outcome of the 1,000<sup>th</sup> event and thanked everyone involved for making it a successful event. MOTION by Dave Kipperman to accept these reports. Second by Dan Kaye. Passed 9-0-0
5. Review Impact of 2023 Rule Changes – Two lane courtesy, entry fee increases and reentry list.
  - a. One lane courtesy – Justin Alves gave us the numbers reflecting the start and finish times of his log to further show that the one-lane courtesy seems to be working in most cases. Not all bowlers are following along, discussion of any fines or penalties if this continues was started. We are using a Two-lane courtesy for match-play.
  - b. Entry Fee Increase & Reentry List - There has been no negative feedback to Dan on either.
  - c. Dan had discussion of related incident brought to his attention relating to the Re-Entry list at the 1,000<sup>th</sup> event. After further discussion with the Board, there was no evidence of wrongdoing. We did have one bowler who was shut out from re-entry for the last squad, however his name was called numerous times and he did not respond, his spot was filled with the last bowler.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Special Tournaments – There are no format or rules changes for this year's Invitational, Masters or Keene. The Invitational has a max of 100 entries.
  - b. Discussion to combine the Women's and the senior event at Manchester due to low turnout. Question was raised to allow the Women's and the Seniors to be combined for all three Senior events held during the year. Item will be added to the survey for a year end vote.
  - c. A request to increase the practice time for Majors from 5 minutes to ten minutes – Dan to send out an email to the tournament committee for their consideration. To be discussed at the annual meeting.
  - d. Sponsors – Chris Viale is looking for an assistant with the Sponsors, to learn the process and assist Chris Viale with securing, communicating, and working with sponsors to be sure we meet all their needs. Chris Viale will send me a job description for us to post the opportunity for applicants.
  - e. Promotion/Marketing – President Hall heard the communication from Tim Gagne to combine the promotions / social media positions to include more content on a regular basis. There will be continued discussion with James Bessette making a presentation to the board regarding this.

- f. Patterns – Report by Jay Johnson relating to the patterns used so far for 2023. A discussion to put on the agenda to consider named patterns and NEBA made patterns combination for 2024.
- g. Hall of Fame – Two newly qualified for the HOF, Chris Monroy and Chris Forry. Item was brought up to update the O/U points from 3 to 6 pts as well as offering 1 point for High Qualifier of the events. Dan Kaye to forward an email to the HOF Committee for their consideration.
- h. NEBA Network – Postponed till January 2024
- i. Schedule Committee – Bid sheets are out and coming in slowly, a draft for the 2024 schedule has been sent to the committee, hopeful for a schedule to send to the board by the 25<sup>th</sup> of October.
- j. Discussion was brought up to consider raising the entry fee to \$100 for next year as a lot of bid sheets are coming in with lineage rates at \$3.50- \$4.00 for Bowlero Centers. Presently evaluating what this does to our prize funds.
- k. Survey, Evaluations, Bylaw Review & Tech Committees - No reports
7. By-Law Review: Ed and Chris Monroy will have a report for the board before the annual meeting.
8. Survey committee – Bruce and Becky will be putting together the survey for November 2023.
9. Discussion to limit the time the High Game out of the money credits will last. Dave Kipperman reached out to the rules department at the USBC to be sure we are covered as to how we handle the expense side of our events. The reply from the USBC is that we comply, and our expenses are categorized correctly to allow an expiration date.
10. MOTION to adjourn by Jay Johnson at 8:20 PM, second by Dan Kaye. Passed unanimously.

### ***NEBA 2023 Board Members***

President	Bruce Hall	Member at-large	Amy Viale
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Jon Van Hees	Member at-large	Brian Boghosian
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President		Member at-large	Tim Gagne
Tournament Director	Justin Alves	Member at-large	Andrew Hall
Manager	Daniel Kaye	Member at-large	Jay Johnson
		Member at-large	Ed Roberts
Past Presidents in Good Standing		Member at-large	AJ Villa