

**MINUTES FROM THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING  
HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015  
AT LAUREL LANES IN PLAINVILLE, CT**

Board Members Present: President Chris Viale, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Larry King, TD Dan Kaye, S/T Becky Kregling, Ralph Dahlgren, Tim Gillick, Josh Grabiec, Bruce Hall, Dave Kipperman, Dave McGrath, Tony Reynaud & Ed Roberts, Past President Mike Klapik and Past President Marcel Lessard. Member Calvin Sellers.

Board members absent: 1<sup>st</sup> VP Chris Forry,

1. Dan gave tournament reports. Bowlers are starting to disrespect the dress code. We will communicate with the bowlers about the rules and work on a way to enforce them before bowlers start practice. Becky gave a treasurer's and secretary report. Average entries are 201 this year, they were 213 in 2014 and 192 in 2015. 755 bowled this year similar to 764 last year and up from 714 the previous year.
2. Promotion – Motion by Ed Roberts to purchase 2-3 banner stands to display at tournaments. Second by Tim Gillick. Passed.
3. Shirts – We are still waiting on a final version of the championship shirt. The goal is to have everything set for champion orders and online orders for members at the start of 2016.
4. Board member at-large appointments for 2016 – (Need list from Chris) – Current members Tim Gillick, Josh Grabiec, Bruce Hall, Dave Kipperman, Dave McGrath, Tony Reynaud and Ed Roberts plus new at-large members Calvin Sellers and Mike Fiddler Sr. Ralph Dahlgren is not returning. Thank him for all his work for the last few years.
5. Proposed Bylaw Changes
  - a. Membership - Motion by Ed Roberts to modify the membership rule to include PWBA and PBA50 bowlers with the following wording – “membership is open to Any PBA or PWBA member that has not won a PBA, PWBA or PBA50 national tournament in the past five (5) years (US Open, USBC Masters, USBC Queens and USBC Senior Masters are exempt) or is not in the top 40 on the national PBA points list for the prior season. Any NEBA member in good standing who wins a national title and maintains their NEBA membership can continue to compete in NEBA.” Second Ralph. Passed Unanimous
6. Proposed Tournament Rule Changes
  - a. Practice - Motion by Tony Reynaud to allow three minutes per bowler of open practice at the start of each qualifying squad. Second by Tim Gillick. Passed. To clarify, this is 9 minutes when 3 on a pair, 12 when 4 on a pair and 15 when 5 on a pair.
  - b. Doubles Eligibility – Motion by Ralph Dahlgren for a champion to bowl with another champion in a doubles tournament, one bowler may not have won a NEBA title, PBA National Title, PBA50 or PWBA National Title in the last 15 years. Second Josh Grabiec. Passed.
  - c. Doubles Eligibility – There was no motion for the following proposal: Do not allow bowlers who win a Saturday event on a doubles weekend to bowl with a champion on Sunday.
  - d. Baker Doubles Lineup - Motion by Tony Reynaud that In baker doubles, a team not following the rule for order of bowling will be subject to the following penalties. If the error was found within the first two frames, the team gets a zero for each frame out of order and play continues in the correct order. If it was found after the second frame, the match is forfeited. Second Tim Gillick. Passed.
  - e. Awards – There was no motion for the following proposal: In lieu of a trophy, offer a gift card for a current NEBA sponsor. \$35 or 40 for a tournament champion. \$100 for Bowler of the Year. \$50 for other annual award winners.
  - f. 35 mile radius rule – Motion by Dave Kipperman to amend the 35-mile radius rule by adding guests after “g- non-members”. Second by Tim Gillick. Passed. The order of the 35-mile radius rule is

### The “35 Mile” Rule

Entries into the last qualifying squad shall be handled in the following order:

- a. Any Board member attending a Board meeting prior to the squad
  - b. First time participants residing outside a 35 mile radius from the tournament site
  - c. New members that joined at the tournament site
  - d. First time re-entries
  - e. Second time re-entries
  - f. Members residing within the 35 mile radius
  - g. Non-members
  - h. Guests
  - i. Bowlers with a guaranteed spot in mach play on a previous squad
- g. Dress Code – Motion by Tim Gillick to not allow yoga pants. Second by Larry King. Passed.  
Motion by Tim Gillick to not allow headphones or earbuds. Second Ralph Dahlgren. Passed.  
There was no motion to allow headbands so headbands are not allowed.
- h. Super Senior & Women - Motion by Dave Kipperman to Split women and super seniors into two divisions. 1 in 6 make the cut. Six entries are needed for a division to qualify one bowler. If there are not 6 for the super seniors, the bowlers will be moved into the senior cut. If there are not 6 women, the bowlers will be moved into the regular division. Second Ed Roberts. Passed.
- i. Lane Courtesy – after a lot of discussion, it was agreed to continue to use two lane courtesy. In an attempt to get everyone to understand and follow the rule, we will have a video in the tournament office and online in 2016 and enforce two lane courtesy. Tournaments are running too long. Bowlers must all agree to go when it is possible without waving on others
7. Proposed Rule Changes
- a. Board Member Compensation – Motion by Dave Kipperman to change board member compensation to \$25.00 per board meeting that is attended. Compensation for Committee Work is Chairman to receive a one-time \$25.00 award for the committee Chairman and a \$20 one time for committee members. The Chairman is responsible reporting to whether committee members are active to the tournament director. The monies will be used toward entry to a tournament or future membership. Second Tony Reynaud. Passed.
8. Board of Directors – Proposals will be made to add structure to the board of directors including a maximum number of at-large members. Proposals will be voted upon at the 2016 Annual Meeting.
9. Sponsors – Some sponsors have renewed and new have come on board. The following have been finalized with others still in progress. To be on the poster and membership cards, a sponsor commitment must be made by December 29, 2015. 2016 sponsors include Bowl Winkles Pro Shop (New), BuddiesProShop.com, Cambridge Credit Counseling, Ace Mitchell Bowlers Mart, Continuity Dental Plans, Logo Infusion and Brunswick.
10. Live Stream Championship Match – Members showed interest on the survey to watch the championship live. Dan and Becky will work with Bruce and Chris to find the best way to get online for January 2016.
11. Committee Reports – Some were given while some were tabled for the next meeting.
12. New Business – Put more on the website including the minutes or acts of the board.
13. Motion to adjourn by Tim Gillick at 11:24AM. Second by Larry King. Passed.