

MINUTES
MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC BOWLINGCOACHES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Holiday Inn Midland, Michigan

Saturday September 29, 2007

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by President Harry Burkey at 1:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Role Call:

Members present: Harry Burkey, Carl Doornbos, Jim Pellerito, Tom Stockton, Jim Salzwedel, Keith Kruger, Dave Kowalski, Debbie Alexander, Judy Jaeger, Bill Johnson, Carl Doornbos, Laura Abele, Bob Solomoan, Sam Greaves, Bruce Worden, Ted Kress, Roberta Featherstone, Fred Ringrose, Michael J. Roach, Robert McKinnon, Scott Hare, Debra Besaw, Don Fulton, Carl Sonberg, Mike Duffy, Becky Arend, Dennis Arend, Allen Miller, Kimberly Miller, and Robert Tubbs

Guest present: Randy Allen and Debbie Pissa

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the July 29, 2006 Annual General Membership Meeting were presented. A motion was made by Ted Kress, seconded by Bob Solomon to accept the minutes. No further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. Reminder: A mailing will be sent out to athletic directors to advise them of the MHSIBCA Association, coach membership dues, All State Nominations, Hall of Fame nominations, and Coach of the Year nominations. The mailing is scheduled to arrive in AD offices by November 15, 2007.

Executive Officer Reports:

The PRESIDENT'S report was presented by Harry Burkey. The president has continued to maintain the MHSIBCA Web Site, created two more Bowl Swami Invitational Tournaments. The Web site had more than 60,000 visitors for the past year. The site plans to continue with the Golden Pin, Top Scores, the Bowl Swami Forum and various other items. In addition a Golden Pin Verification Form was created to deal with the issue of split game scores. The computer used for web publishing belongs to the Association. The computer was upgraded with more ram and a video card replaced. The Board of Directors may need to seek a new service company for the computer. The company currently used is closed and changing ownership. Following a request by MHSSA assistant director, Randy Allen, for input from the Association, the president created a committee to study the NCAA Bowling Rules Manual in preparation for a MHSAA Bowling Rules Manual. The president was then informed the committee's input would not be needed. Due to the success of the Eighth Annual Michigan Junior Varsity Championship, the championship tournament committee voted to make an annual contribution of \$1,000 to the MHSIBCA Association Scholarship fund. In addition, Harry Burkey assisted Tom Stockton in the creation of the MHSIBCA Scholarship Fund and made a personal contribution of \$500 in the name of the Bowl Swami. Mr. Burkey will continue to coordinate 12 schools in two divisions with the hope of making them independent by next season. Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Tom Stockton, that this report be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

The FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S report was submitted by Carl Doornbos. Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Sam Greaves, to accept this report as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

The SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S report was submitted by Debbie Alexander. The Flint area will be adding a JV league for the 2007-2008 season. Ted Kress moved, seconded by Dennis Arend to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.

The TREASURE'S report was submitted Tracy Long. Current balance is \$8633.84. Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Scott Hare, to accept this report as printed. Robert Tubbs questioned the fact that as reported, expenses in the report exceeds the income and within a short period of time the treasury will be operating in the red. Deb Alexander stated the treasurer's report that was submitted only reflected income and expenses from April 4, 2007 through September 19, 2007 and not for the entire fiscal year. Sam Greaves questioned the fact was the money in Smart-USBC Scholarship being monitored due to recent reports that students were being paid out in cash. Harry Burkey reported that in light of recent but unsubstantiated reports of cash payouts, the Executive Board would investigate and monitor the money in Smart USBC Scholarship. The treasure's report passed unanimously.

The SERGEANT AT ARM'S report, no report was presented.

Area Reports:

The REGION ONE report, no report was submitted.

The REGION TWO report was presented by Tom Stockton. Macomb Athletic Conference has recognized bowling as a high school sport and has taken over scheduling of the conference. A great deal of time was spent educating athletic directors on the past nine years of high school bowling history and format. Etonic is making a special offer for high school bowlers for their shoes and equipment. Coaches will need to be members of the associations to qualify for this offer. Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Deb Alexander, to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.

The REGION THREE report was presented by Jim Salzwedel. On October 16, 2007 at Westgate Bowl, Randy Allen will present a rules meeting. It is also suggested that this meeting could serve as an opportunity to solicit coaches to nominate themselves for director for this area being Jim Salzwedel's term expires at the end of this year. Bob Soloman moved, seconded by Carl Doornbos, to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.

The REGION FOUR report was presented by Dave Kowalski. The report updated conference activities for Region 4. Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Allen Miller, to accept this report.

The REGION FIVE report was presented by Keith Kruger. No changes reported. Tom Stockton moved, seconded by Laura Abele, to accept this report.

The REGION SIX report, no report was presented.

Committee Reports:

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING COMMITTEE report was presented by Jim Salzwedel. It was voted at the July 2006 Annual General Membership Meeting to hold the annual meeting in September/ October. There has been some discussion to move the annual general membership meeting and hold it in the same year as membership for voting rights. It was suggested the meeting might be held with the awards banquet. It was also suggested that there might be a spring general membership meeting and a fall update/educational meeting. Does the membership cycle need to change? The organization needs to establish a definite date for the annual general membership meeting and stay with it. This discussion should be held under legislative. For this year all members from 2006 thru July 2007 will be allowed to vote at the membership meeting tomorrow to be held September 29, 2007. Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Ted Kress, to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.

The AUDIT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE report was presented by Carl Doornbos. A formal audit of the Association's financial records was conducted by second vice president Debbie Alexander. A report was submitted by Debbie Alexander to Carl Doornbos. All balances, checkbook statements and ledger book were in order. Members of the committee will have to propose a budget for future expenditures. A budget for 2008-2009 fiscal year should be presented to the executive board by February 28, 2008. Keith Krueger moved, seconded by Bill Johnson, to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.

The AWARDS COMMITTEE report was presented by Tom Stockton. The suggestion was made to obtain medals for the All State recipients instead of plaques. Tom Stockton will investigate. This committee handles the all State selection, the Hall of Fame selection and the Coach of the Year selection. Golden pin is not part of this committee. For the 2006-2007 season, 297 forms were submitted for all state. Of the 297 individuals 99 athletes made the all state teams. There continues to be a problem with coaches filling out the correct forms and not providing the proper documentation to verify information. The committee also received forms late due to postal delays even with the mailing deadlines. There were sixty academic athletes recognized as All Academic with a G.P.A. of 3.6 or higher. A scholarship application was mailed to all 60 nominees. Twenty four returned the application with the necessary paperwork. A rubric was developed to evaluate the applicants based on bowling average, grade point average, an essay written by the applicant, letters of recommendation and community service activities. Six scholarships of \$500 dollars each were awarded. Each division had one male and one female recipient. There were fifteen nominees for the Coach of the Year. A boy's and a girl's coach was named in each division. Three individuals were selected to the Hall of Fame and they were inducted on April 22, 2007. The committee would also like to see an increase in the number of nominees for Hall of Fame and Coach of the Year. For a coach to be nominated to Hall of Fame they should have ten years of coaching to be considered. Bruce Worden moved, seconded by Allen Miller accept this report. Discussion included the suggestion that the committee develop a rubrics for selecting Coach of the Year and Hall of Fame applicants. The motion passed unanimously.

The BOWLING PROPRIETOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE, no report was presented.

The EDUCATION COMMITTEE report was submitted by Tracy Long. The committee was formed to organize and provide information about educational clinics and seminars for our members and athletes. The committee agreed to give flexibility to the MHSIBCA web master to list all USBC coaches' clinics that become available throughout the state on the web site. Due to the lack of participation for the CAP courses presented through MHSAA the committee felt it would not try and schedule specific courses for members but instead would post the general schedule of CAP courses on the website. The committee would like to poll the membership to find out the interest in scheduling USBC, Dick Ritger, and /or other clinics. Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Tom Stockton, to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.

The LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE report was made by Jim Pellerito. Copies of the proposed legislation were distributed. Proposed changes:

Article III – Dues The membership dues of this association shall be an annual fee of thirty- five dollars (\$35). The effective dates of membership shall be August 1st through July 31st of the current school season. If paid after December 31st dues will be fifty dollars (\$50) for that season. No changes to paragraph one or three. Reason: to clean up language and clarify dates. Allen Miller moved, Carl Doornbos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Article IV – Membership Proposal change, last paragraph , last line to read – “An application for membership must be submitted to the secretary with one year dues”. Delete “by August 1st”. Reason : Date not necessary, its coaches responsibility to submit when they want, the date makes it confusing. Dennis Arend moved, Robert Tubbs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Article V – Executive Officers Under secretary add to list of duties membership letter and card to be sent within (30) thirty days of receiving dues. Reason: This was understood but not written down. Keith Krueger moved, Scott Hare seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Article VIII – Meetings Second paragraph no change. Reason: The association needs to keep the Annual General Membership Meeting in the season of membership, as was stated in 2005 for voting rights of members, for a more meaningful AGM. Bill Johnson moved, Sam Greaves seconded the motion. Discussion followed that the Annual General Membership Meeting might be held in conjunction with the Annual Awards Banquet in April. The motion passed unanimously.

The NOMINATING COMMITTEE report was submitted by Debbie Alexander. Four positions were scheduled for elections at this meeting, Region I, II and III Representatives and Sergeant At Arms. No nominations for any of the positions had been submitted at the time of the meeting. Debbie Alexander asked current officers, whose office is up for elections to consider submitting their names again for election. Bill Johnson was nominated to be reelected as the Region I Representative. Jim Pellerito, seconded by Robert Tubbs, moved that nominations be closed. Bill Johnson was unanimously elected Region I Representative. Tom Stockton was nominated to be reelected as the Region II Representative. Sam Greave, seconded by Becky Arend, moved that nominations be closed. Tom Stockton was unanimously elected Region II Representative. Jim Salzwedel was nominated to be reelected as the Region III Representative. Carl Doornbos, seconded by Bob Soloman, moved that nominations be closed. Jim Salzwedel was unanimously elected Region III Representative. Jim Pellerito was nominated to be reelected as Sergeant At Arms. Robert Tubbs, seconded by Allen Miller, moved that nominations be closed. Jim Pellerito was unanimously elected Sergeant At Arms .

MHSAA RULES BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by Harry Burkey. President Burkey had been informed that the MHSAA no longer needed input from the committee. Bill Johnson stated that he had spoken with Randy Allen and the committee’s advise was still needed. A final draft of their report was to be submitted by December 31, 2007 to the MHSAA. Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Bob Mc McKinnon, to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.

The RANKING COMMITTEE report was submitted by Dave Kowalski. The members of the Ranking Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year’s polls more credible. A special thank you to Bob Becker, Grand Rapids Press; Geoff Kimmerly, Lansing State Journal; Mike Spencer, Bay City Times and Matt Fiorito, Detroit Free Press. Due to their efforts the rankings were kept in the public eye through out the season. The committee is always looking to expand coverage and will contact and forward polls to any newspaper. Next year the committee plans on doing five rankings, beginning the first week of January and closing the final standing of the State Tournament after the season ends the first week of March. A pre-season poll had been planned but not enough information was provided. The guidelines used this year made the task of the committee much easier. However, Division III schools seem to be overlooked. This is one area the committee is trying to improve. Jim Salzwedel moved, seconded by Robert Tubbs, to accept this report.

The TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE report was submitted by Dave Kowalski. The committee approved 19 invitation tournaments which raised \$475 of additional revenue. The guidelines in place gave the member programs direction and worked to protect member schools that bowled in these events. Suggested for next year’s guidelines is that the “tournament manager” not be in a position of directly coaching during competition. This suggestion allows the tournament director to focus all their energy in managing the tournament. It also suggested that invitational tournaments non-recognized by the association be allowed to register and pay a \$25 listing fee. It would give the event state wide recognition through the website and the stats from these events could be used for post season awards. Allen Miller moved, seconded by Bruce Worden, to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.

The CORPORATE SPONSOR COMMITTEE report was presented by Tracy Long. This committee was formed to regulate and set standards to qualify companies who wish to advertise to our members and athletes. The committee decided that a \$300 sponsorship fee was a minimum sponsorship fee. The committee will revisit the fee to determine if it needs to be adjusted after a year’s trial period. The committee would like to reserve the right to make exceptions, on an individual basis, as needed and voted upon by the committee. Dave Kowalski introduced Debbie Pissa, the Bay Area USBC President, encouraged the Coach’s Association to ask the respective local USBC organizations for help. Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Bill Johnson, to accept this report. It was passed unanimously.

The YEARLY REVIEW COMMITTEE report was presented by Bill Johnson. One of the biggest complaints was the movement of teams at state finals. It was suggested that one team move to the right and one to the left. There was also a complaint that bowlers were wearing sweats and inappropriate clothing at regionals. Mike Roach moved, seconded by Jim Pellerito, to accept this report.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business reported

NEW BUSINESS

GROUP/SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP FEE: The number of school who are members has increased however individual membership is slightly down. The question was raised is it possible to do a school or group rate for members. Tom Stockton introduced a proposal. The proposal would allow schools with multiple coaches to join at a group rate. Suggested group rate would be \$100. Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Dennis Arend to table the proposal until the next Annual General Membership Meeting. This will allow a committee to investigate the proposal and present it at that time. Concern was raised what would be the voting rights of these members from these schools. The vote was twenty five for, none against and four abstained

RIGHT OF AFFILIATE MEMBERS: Jim Pellerito discussed what rights affiliate get for their \$35. They do not get to vote. Are they able to get other discounts or privileges? Jim Pellerito moved and Robert Tubbs seconded a motion to make the rights of affiliate members part of the item the committee would look at when discussing group/school membership. The motion passed unanimously. Sam Greaves volunteered to serve on this committee.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

RULE 400: Dave Kowalski was questioning USBC Rule 400 Waiver. It is understood that the waiver would allow youth to bowl with adults as long as the youth signed a waiver that the youth would not accept money unless it was in the form of scholarship. It was questioned what was the stance of the Coach's Association and MHSAA. Keith Krueger moved and Debbie Alexander seconded that the Association seek further information on this matter. Bill Johnson will speak with Randy Allen on this matter at the Rules Meeting in his area in a few weeks.

Altering Bowling Balls: Mike Roach questioned the altering of bowling balls at regional and state tournaments. Is this USBC or NCAA rules?

Adjournment

Jim Pellerito moved to adjourn at 4:04 p.m., seconded by Bob Soloman.