

**MINUTES**  
**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING COACHES**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SUNNYBROOK LANES**  
**JULY 29, 2006**

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Tomassoni at 7:20 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Ron Tomassoni, Harry Burkey, Tracy Long, Carl Doornbos, Jim Pellerito, Tom Stockton, Bill Johnson, Karl Bosman, Dave Kowalski, Wallace Schneider, Bob Longrey, Debbie Alexander, Jim Salzwedel, Bob Soloman, Bruce Worden, Sam Greaves, Vicki Kowalski, Dave Frankfurth, Mike Busch, Ken Marzka, Mike Johnson, Kathy Clark, and Roger Schildroth.

Guests present: Roger and Kathy Phillipi

Ron Tomassoni thanked all attendees for being present at the meeting and for those who participated in the events planned for the weekend.

The Hall of Fame recipients were introduced for 2006. Receiving the awards were Mark Voight, Jim Pellerito and Harry Burkey.

Roger Phillipi accepted the award for Mr. Voight who was in New York for a family wedding. Mr. Voight has been instrumental in the bowling community in his ownership of bowling centers throughout Michigan. Two of our state finals have been held in houses owned by his company. Mr. Phillipi related how honored Mr. Voight was to receive this award and passed on his deep appreciation for his induction to our coach's Hall of Fame.

Jim Pellerito was instrumental in starting the Grand Rapids area bowling conference as its commissioner for the first five years. He had the insight to organize the bowling proprietors to sponsor the teams and provide for competition in the early years with the hopes that the schools would become the driving force for the programs which was accomplished when the MHSAA saw the need to take on bowling as a viable sport.

Harry Burkey has been with high school bowling since its infancy as well. He has served as 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, has been commissioner of the Southeast conference and has been the webmaster for the MHSIBCA website. He has developed the golden pin awards which led to our all state selections and has helped run the state tournaments each year. He was newly appointed as the President of the association at the AGM.

**A motion was made by Roger Schildroth, seconded by Vicky Kowalski to accept the minutes of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.** No discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The PRESIDENT's report was presented by Ron Tomassoni. The members of various committees and by-laws/constitution were reviewed. Six at large directors were appointed. The South West member will be Bill Johnson of Portage, South East Tom Stockton of Sterling Heights Stevenson, West Central Jim Salzwedel Kelloggsville. These three were appointed for one year terms. Two year members appointed were the Eastern Central Dave Kowalski of Bangor John Glenn, Northern Deb Alexander of Flint and Upper Peninsula Ron Tomassoni of Iron Mountain. **Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Bob Soloman, that this report be accepted.** Discussion included an explanation for the one and two year term appointments in order that future elections will be staggered. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The VICE PRESIDENT's report was presented by Harry Burkey. He was involved in the AGM planning and setting up the graduating senior tournament and the all star tournament held at Sunnybrook on July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. **Vicky Kowalski moved, seconded by Bill Johnson, to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.**

The TREASURER's report was presented by Tracy Long. **Debbie Alexander moved, seconded by Sam Greaves, to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.**

The AWARDS COMMITTEE report was presented by Tom Stockton. The all state nomination form was discussed. 283 nominations were submitted. Tom reiterated that it is the responsibility of coaches to make sure forms are complete and on time. **Bob Soloman moved, seconded by Jim Salzwedel, to accept this report.** Discussion included the value of the post season points. Tom explained that a graduated high game/series award would be included and that the equalizing of points from conference to post season would be considered. The motion passed unanimously.

The RANKING COMMITTEE report was presented by Dave Kowalski. Conferences are encouraged to have coordinators contact the ranking committee members (D1 - Dave Kowalski, D2 - Paul Bentley, D3 - Carl Doornbos) for including those teams deserving of recognition. **Debbie Alexander moved, seconded by Bill Johnson, to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously.**

The TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE report was presented by Dave Kowalski. It cost \$25 to post a tournament on the website. Tracy Long commented that the form on the website should be used and sent to Harry Burkey. **Bob Johnson moved, seconded by Tom Stockton, to accept this report.** It was noted that now that some tournaments are being filled early, more than one tournament will be posted on the same day. This gives coaches a choice now that the sport is growing as it is. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The CLINIC/SEMINAR committee report was presented by Tracy Long. The AGM was primarily set up by Harry Burkey. Ideas will be entertained for presentations to our coaches. A first aid class will be a necessary in service in the near future for all coaches. Taylor Lanes is hosting a Level 1 class on September 10<sup>th</sup> and a Bronze level class on October 6<sup>th</sup>. **Mike Busch moved, seconded by Jim Salzwedel, to accept this report. It was accepted unanimously.**

The CORPORATE SPONSOR committee report was presented by Tracy Long. The following companies have shown interest in using our website. D.B.T. Enterprises, Flashy Footwear, Parker Bohn Merchandizing as well as Dexter are possible sponsors who want to advertise. **Jim Salzwedel moved, seconded by Vicky Kowalski, to accept this report. It was passed unanimously.**

The PUBLIC RELATIONS committee report was presented by Harry Burkey. **No new news was presented. A motion by Karl Bosman, seconded by Ken Marzka, to accept this report was passed unanimously.**

The CONSTITUTION/BY-LAW committee chair, Jim Pellerito, reported that the by-laws were reworked in a couple of areas. The regional directors for regions 1 thru 3 would be a one year term and the directors for regions 4 thru 6 would be for two years in order that the positions would be staggered in the future. Dave Kowalski explained the changes in terminology for Article V thru VII in the constitution. Article V would now be termed the EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, Article VI would be termed the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (the six regional directors) and Article VII would be termed the BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The term lengths were presented and state that the offices of President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Sergeant of Arms are two year terms while the Secretary and Treasurer are four year terms. Even year elections will be held for President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and odd year elections for Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant of Arms. **Debbie Alexander moved, seconded by Karl Bosman, to**

accept these changes. It passed unanimously. Discussion included the dues section of the constitution in regards to the 60 day sign up limit, the date by which renewals should be made and the penalty phase of the dues structure in Article III of the constitution. Jim Pellerito moved, seconded by Bill Johnson, that the cutoff date for renewal of membership be Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> with the penalty phase after this date (dues will be \$50). New memberships will continue to be \$35 throughout the year. The motion passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Three offices were to be filled at this meeting. President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President were up for election. The ballot for President included Harry Burkey and Dave Kowalski was nominated from the floor but declined. Sam Greaves moved to close the nominations, seconded by Bob Soloman. Harry Burkey was the unanimous selection for President. Carl Doornbos was nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Roger Schildroth, seconded by Bob Soloman, moved that the nominations be closed. Carl Doornbos was elected the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Debbie Alexander was nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Bob Johnson moved and, seconded by Bruce Worden, that nominations be closed. Debbie Alexander was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Judy Jaeger was appointed officially as the new Secretary.

Our first President, Ron Tomassoni, had a few comments in closing his endeavors as our first President. They were well received and we all know how greatly appreciative we should all be for Ron's steadfastness in getting bowling to where it is today in the state of Michigan. His dream probably never included such a great event as the state finals, the number of teams in the state and a coaches membership in an association over 200. We want Ron to know that all the time and travel from the UP has been greatly appreciated and his leadership has been exemplary.

Carl Doornbos discussed a member liability program in affiliation with the Michigan High School Coaches Association (membership \$5) which includes access to a \$1,000,000 individual and group liability policy for as little as \$5.50 a member is available. This policy is underwritten by Lexington Insurance Company. It includes protection against claims for negligent acts, accidents resulting in bodily injury, personal and advertising injury and property damage. The Miscellaneous Professional Liability provides coverage for the negligent act or error of omission in professional services rendered by you acting in your capacity. In addition, a rider protects our All-State selection committees, and MHSIBCA officers against claims made against the association. The General Liability Program covers all members working camps or conducting their own personal camps. Tom Stockton, seconded by Mike Johnson, moved that this program be looked into and a committee formed to investigate. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held about the dates for our meeting. Tom Stockton suggested a May – October setup. The May meeting would be a wrap-up of the season and awards banquet/dinner type of meeting to honor our athletes. The October meeting, just before the season, would give coaches ideas to begin their season and keep everyone on the same page as we begin the season.

Jim Pellerito moved to adjourn at 9:35, seconded by all.