

# **FIRST GENERAL MEETING**

## **MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC BOWLING COACHES ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF SPRING GENERAL MEETING    MAY 1, 2004**

**COLONIAL LANES    10 A.M.**

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Tomassoni (President)	Fred Ringrose	Rhonda Pfromm
Debbie Alexander	Dennis Arend	Roberta Featherstone
Harry Burkey (2nd Vice Pres.)	Becky Arend	Jerry Aubrey
Brian Bannasch (1st Vice Pres.)	Keith Kreuger	Jim Kitto
Tracy Long (Treasurer)	Nancy Simon	Keith Guertin
Carl Doornbos (Secretary)	George Juszczuk	Robert Solomon
Judy Jaeger BCAM)	Joe Kerckaert	Scott Bennett (Executive Director,
Paul Bentley	Robert Longrey	Matt Fiorito (Detroit Free Press)
Karl Bosman	Michael Roach	
Jim Gostovich	Tom Stockton	
Gloria Gostovich	Shelley Carver	

Ron Tomassoni opened the meeting with introductions of the executive board and the pledge of allegiance by the group present.

Randy Allen (MHSAA) was introduced and made a presentation discussing the involvement of the MHSAA in the sport of high school in light of where we have been and where we are headed. Randy presented many point of interest:

The state association stands with us.

MHSAA is the link to the coaches association.

Coaches association impacts what the MHSAA voices.

The MHSAA committee for bowling has acted as a planning and advisory group and

nominations to this committee should be made through member schools.

A review of the March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting was given – each attendee had a synopsis to follow.

We are the only state with bowling as a sport that uses our format – singles, team and baker.

YABA competitions were discussed with the recommendation that the relaxing of the loyalty rule

for bowling be presented to the MHSAA executive council on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. YABA is perceived

as a low key, mentoring, non-elite situation giving bowlers another situation for practice during

the season. The guidelines of 3 competitions per week and 5 in 14 days would still have to be

followed. A backup motion to this would be to increase the number of dates allowable in the

season – perhaps 24 or 25.

Sunnybrook Lanes will hold the state finals for another year in 2005. Future hosts would hold the

finals for a two year period to gain experience from the first year.

An annual coaches' rules meeting will be held throughout the state to include eligibility, roster

size and any pertinent information for the upcoming season.

Comments from athletic directors have been favorable and news articles have been numerous.

In the upcoming year, regional sites will be determined earlier and the deadline for schools to get

on board perhaps by December 1.

Tracy Long and Tom Stockton were recognized as the coaches of the year – presented by the

Detroit Free Press.

A coaches' manual will be developed (like skiing) and can be posted on the MHSAA website.

Our association is to be a model for a national bowling coaches association.

A high school rule book should be developed.

Dan Ottman (MJMA) was approached concerning the scholarship question – need for a working

relationship with all arms of bowling competition for youth.

Concern for the \$25 rule and the rings awarded for the promised value of \$23.99 – the MHSAA and Randy wants no problems down the line. This will be discussed this summer in the national meeting.

The All Star rule must be enforced during the school year. Only seniors not in a spring sport would be allowed to participate

### **The Zero Tolerance Abuse issue was discussed.**

Tom Stockton asked if there is an MHSAA provision for this.

Each school seems to handle this differently.

A question was raised as to who incurs the cost of the check, fingerprinting, etc.

The internet can provide some information – list of predators can be found there.

Matt Fiorito – background checks can be specific – driving infractions, embezzlements, etc.

Brian Bannasch suggested the paragraph stating that it will be done be deleted in the statement that USA Bowling put together.

This topic will go to committee for further review and reported on at the Fall GM.

### **Selection of All State and Coach of the Year**

Carl Doornbos and Tracy Long made comments that this year's selection method was not the best way, but it was felt by the executive board that something had to be done and that a committee must be formed to determine the criteria for these awards in the future.

#### **Some criteria brought up:**

all bowlers included as well as all coaches allowed to pick, member coaches only select or vote on nominations, minimum number necessary, more than one from a school may be selected, members not present should be allowed to voice their opinion as well,

This topic will go to committee and be reported on at the Fall general meeting.

Members volunteering for service on this committee: Tom Stockton, Paul Bentley, Judy Jaeger and Keith Krueger.

Harry Burkey commented that the MHCA has a coach of the year banquet every year.

**Meet and State finals changes:**

This was tabled until the MHSAA comes out with its rule book/handbook for the upcoming season, and these items can be discussed at the Fall meeting.

**Committees suggested:**

Zero Tolerance – Gloria Gostovich volunteered

All State Nominations – Tom Stockton, Paul Bentley, Judy Jaeger, Keith Kreuger

State finals – All State – Bob Longrey, Mike Roach

Nominating committee/ Board of Directors --Rhonda Pfromm volunteered

Constitution and By-Laws – Rhonda Pfromm, Becky Arend

Education -- Dennis and Becky Arend

Awards – Karl Bosman, Debbie Alexander

Publicity – Matt Fiorito

Group buying/Sponsors

Ad Sales

Meet Guidelines

Proprietors

School Recruitment – Matt Fiorito

Selection committee – Tom Stockton, Bob Soloman

Any member should be allowed to volunteer for these committees and can do so when they are published on the website.

**Mission Statement** – Ron Tomassoni commented on the need for a mission statement, said “We have a

purpose statement in our by-laws, but do we need to refine that into a mission statement as well?” This

will be dealt with by our by-laws committee – to report at the Fall meeting.

**Trade Shows** – should we, the coaches association, be involved at trade shows put on by athletic directors, school boards, principals, P.E. teachers. Other coaches associations do not do this. We did this because we wanted to promote bowling as a sport. After a discussion on this issue, it was moved that: “We investigate sharing expenses with the BCAM at Trade Shows that are helpful to our organization at this time.” Moved by Tom Stockton, seconded by Karl Bosman.

**Clinics** – we have Bowling USA, Dick Ritger and PACE events. Each was mentioned and these will be posted on the website with dates and cost included – get Harry the information. Ron stated that the PACE program needs at least 15 participants to be held and is useful in training people how to manage youth.

**Summer workshops** will be posted on the web.

**Awards** will be handled by committee.

**Calendar** – Tom S. suggested a mid September Fall meeting.. Harry B. suggested an August date. A motion by Mike Roach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rhonda P. that the Fall meeting be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September passed. A motion by Becky A., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis A. that the spring meeting be the weekend after

the state finals also passed. Discussion was held that if those who had to travel a great distance had an information sheet at the state finals they could submit this with their concerns and comments if they couldn't return for the meeting. Matt F. suggested all the state selection and dream teams be done by March 3rd. Scott Bennett commented that the BCAM could provide a meal for this meeting.

**Hall of Fame** was tabled to committee.

**Membership** – posted on the website unless a member wishes to be excluded.

**Announcements:**

Scott Bennett expressed his appreciation for all the members present and the results of the past year and the growth of the sport of bowling in Michigan. His organization (BCAM) stands behind our association and is willing to help in any area. He showed examples of awards/ medals he can purchase

for us at a very good rate and we can design our own as we please. Matt  
Fiorito from the Detroit Free Press encouraged the group to be persistent and consistent with the media in trying to get bowling news out to the public. He offered his help with editors we may be in contact with in our areas. Use of the community editions is a very viable source. Matt's email is [fiorito@freepress.com](mailto:fiorito@freepress.com) and phone is 1- 800- 678- 6728. Matt became a member of the PBA Hall of Fame this year and by unanimous vote he was selected to be an honorary member of our association.

Jim Gostovich asked if bowling was going to become a conference sport as are all other sports. The sport , as it is taken over by the schools and athletic directors, will probably move in that direction. It will still be up to the Athletic Directors and member schools to decide.

Many schools continue programs after the season is over in an intramural format.

Club sports have no restrictions as do varsity teams.

Motion to adjourn was made by Matt Fiorito at 3:10 and agreed to by all.

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