



Minutes of the June 26, 2016
Council of Delegates Meeting
Staunton, Virginia

President Joe Spain called the meeting of the Council of Delegates Meeting to order on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at 9:30 am in the Jefferson/Jackson Room of the Holiday Inn in Staunton, VA.

President Joe Spain got right into business, asking USBC Director Steve O'Brien to give the USBC report. Steve noted the USBC Convention was held in the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas. Executive Director Scott Vandiver reported that, as is now the norm, roll call will be determined by the return of attendance forms all members received by email; and contact information will be updated in accordance with the same forms. No guests were present at the meeting. Assistant Executive Director John Howard reported that 39 SBA Officers, Directors and Delegates had registered for the meeting and 78 Officers, Directors, Delegates and guests had signed up for Lunch. Forms for ordering shirts or badges are available at the SBA check-in desk.

The minutes of the November 30, 2015 Council of Delegates of the Southeast Bowling Association were approved with the following corrections: page 4, paragraph 2 should be "... Executive Committee will be scheduled for 11:00-12 Noon and paragraph 5 should be "... 2017 SBA Tournament, not 20147."

President Joe Spain noted this is his last meeting as President; He thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as leader of such a dynamic organization. He observed that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts and the dedication of the officers and directors is what it takes to make it run. He again noted his sincere gratitude for his brief period as President of the SBA. He thanked Scott Vandiver and John Howard as well as all members of the Board of Directors for their continued good work. He urged that everyone continue to support Hugh Thompson as he presides during the coming year; he also noted he is grateful that the organization provides him the opportunity to continue to serve the SBA in coming years.

Scott Vandiver reported that at its meeting earlier today, the Executive Committee discussed and proposed that he send a letter in August 2017 to State VPs and Board members asking that names and contact information for all delegates be submitted to him. He would then include these delegates – and possibly USBC Association Managers – {info available from USBC} – in email distribution of entry forms or other SBA pertinent information in an effort to promote SBA programs. He stated it would be helpful to him and to Board members to have

access to this information since it is fairly common that delegates eventually advance to become directors. The delegation approved this action. Scott also called attention to the Statement of Income and Expense for the year ending December 31, 2015 that is contained in the handout information. He noted the report shows about \$3,500 profit; he cited the 310 Teams in the Tournament in Northern Virginia as major factor but anticipates improvement as the Tournament returns to Augusta, a more centrally located venue.

Responding to President Joe's invitation, USBC Director Steve O'Brien gave the USBC report. He noted the USBC Convention was held in the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas. It was largely successful as USBC introduced its slogan, "Today's Vision, Tomorrow's Future." The effort to unite men, women and youth into a single organization was finalized as all local and state associations must now, by 2018, merge and agree to serve men, women and youth bowlers in its jurisdiction. Penalty for failure to merge will be loss of non-profit status. Steve suggested that on this front we all buy into the BOOGIE effort: Be Outstanding Or Get Involved Elsewhere. USBC has pledged to be available to facilitate the merger process. In another clean-up effort, the USBC delegates approved an amendment so that in any USBC certified Tournament, any bowler who has had prior average rerates or adjustments must report such to current Tournament officials of risk disqualification of their scores, unless the current Tournament rules state otherwise. On the dues issue, the USBC Convention approved a requested increase of \$5.00 but with a step-wise implementation: \$3.00 increase – effective in the 2017-18 season in order to maintain current efficiencies of systems plus an additional \$2.00 increase in 2022-23 season without further USBC Delegate action. President Joe thanked Steve for the excellence and thoroughness of his report. He remarked that the SBA is very lucky to have a direct contact with USBC headquarters.

The Audit Committee had no report. The Budget Committee had nothing further to add to the Fall Meeting report. The Hall of Fame Committee said "See you at Lunch!" Host City Annual received comments on the times meetings are held which sometimes does not allow Committee members to make other meetings of interest. Host City Fall reported it is all set with new Tournament and meeting weekend formats. John Langley, Chair of Legislative Committee reported that no action was required at this meeting.

Chairman Steve O'Brien said the Nominating Committee met on Friday at 6pm to review the slate of candidates and it has made preliminary approval of the following slate: Candidates nominated for FY 2017-2018 were President Hugh Thompson, Executive VP David Anderson, Executive Director Emeritus Gary Anderson, VP VA Johnny Harris to replace David Anderson, VP AL Charles Powe, VP NC Gary Breazeale, VP FL Robert Nicolette, VP SC John Langley, VP GA Curley Winter, VP TN Gene Jenkins, Director at Large '21 Joe Spain, Director at Large '20 Steve O'Brien, Greg Smith, Director at Large '19 Tom Dale, Director at Large '18, and Lloyd Britt, Director at Large '17. Directors nominated were for VA: Leon Clark, Don Kendrick, Bob Puffenberger, Ray Swartz and one to be named later, {Ed: Clayton Stone}. For AL: John Cowan, John Dengel, Norman Hamilton, Rick Pickett and Woody Page, Jr. For NC; Richard

Beeson, Tony Brown, Mike Easterday, Bob Ivey and Maurice Seymour. For FL: Claudio Cristofori, Mike Demole, James E. "Jim" Hall, Robert Mahr and Dave Northrop. For SC: Bruce Bailey, Mitch Bowers, Delmar Ferguson, Derrell Kicklighter and Earl Mason. For GA: Judy Britt, David Checkle, Lester Culver, Chuck Hilley and Chester Huffman. And for TN: Bill Dennis, Randall Lockhart, Shelton Farr, Reece Maples and Bobby Rhines. The report was approved. A round of applause ensued. Later, during discussions before adjournment, Hall of Fame member Paul Bumgarner noted since the slate of nominations is complete, he proposes the candidates be elected by acclamation. The delegation approved this action.

FL VP Robert Nicolette reported the Tournament Structure Committee met yesterday at 5pm in the Shenandoah Board Room. The Augusta Delegation presented a draft proposal of their 2017 SBA Tournament format. After the examination, the Committee agreed that all was in order and gave its temporary approval of the entry form. It was also mentioned in the Committee that Greensboro has expressed an interest in bidding for the 2018 SBA Tournament.

Curley Winter was asked if he had any report regarding the 2017 SBA Augusta Tournament. He said, "I just did."

President Joe Spain reported that the Executive Committee met this morning at 7:30 in the Jefferson Jackson room, reviewed and approved all Committee reports.

Report of the SBA 2016 Tournament: Tournament Director Ray Swartz reported that the SBA Golf Tournament was a success enjoyed by all participants. He reported there were 328 entries and 310 Teams in the 2016 SBA Tournament; he gave his thanks to ALL who worked so long and hard to achieve this level of success. He mentioned that there have already been 5 300+ games and 2 800+ series so far in the Tournament.

This time, Curley Winter when asked to provide details of the Augusta plan for the Jun 3 – Jul 2 2017 SBA Tournament, introduced GA Director Chester Huffman, who Curley said will assist him from now to end of Tournament in all details. Chester distributed some draft entry forms printed with support of the Augusta Sports Council. He said Teams will be conducted at Northside Lanes (803) 279-1948 in North Augusta, SC, Doubles/Singles at Brunswick National (706)860-1667 on Washington Rd in Augusta and Host Hotel will be Hilton Garden Inn, 1065 Stevens Creek Rd, Augusta, GA 30907 (877)722-9444 at \$109+taxes per night. SBA Delegates meeting will be at the Hilton Garden Inn on June 24, 2017.

Scott Vandiver presented preliminary details of the 2018 SBA Tournament in Chattanooga. Doubles/Singles will bowl at the 32-lane SpareTime Bowl which has recently had minor renovations. A full-service lounge is available. While liquor cannot be consumed on the lanes; drinking at tables behind the lanes is acceptable. Team event will be bowled at the 24-lane Leisure Lanes in Cleveland, TN. Beer is available but no liquor. The Host Hotel will be Holiday Inn at I75 Exit 5 on Shallowford Road with a room rate of \$99+taxes including

breakfast. The Tournament will start Memorial Day weekend 2018 and run for 5 weekends; Jun 2-3, Jun 9-10, Jun 16-17, Jun 23-24 and Jun 30-Jul 1, 2018. Meeting weekend will be the last weekend of the Tournament: Jun 30 – Jul 1, 2018 at the Holiday Inn. Details of the Early Bird Party will be presented at a later date. Scott announced that he had 2 door prizes, each containing 4 tickets to Chattanooga area attractions to give away to two lucky individuals. He noted the prizes will be mailed to the winners in 2018 before the Tournament begins. By the luck of the draw, NC Director Maurice Seymour and 2016 Tournament Director/VA Director Ray Swartz were the winners. A motion to accept Chattanooga's invitation for the Tournament was made, seconded and approved by a near unanimous vote.

During a general discussion, which followed, an inquiry was made as to the chances of changing the Tournament from the 5-man team format to a 4-man team format. Executive Director Scott Vandiver noted that this proposal has been studied and discussed in Tournament Structure Committee meetings often in the past. The Committee has always decided the math just does not add up to support the change.

Someone else posed the question: Why a USBC dues increase? USBC Director Steve O'Brien responded:

- . No dues increase in 11 years.
- . Staff has been reduced over these year in salary saving effort.
- . Limited staff means calls no longer answered as promptly.
- . Money needed badly for IT, equipment testing, etc.
- . Approved increase will stop the bleeding.

GA Director Judy Britt reported that she still has some GA PEACHES available.

President Joe Spain reiterated thanks and praise for the VA Delegation for the 2015 SBA Tournament success.

Executive Director Scott Vandiver noted that the Hall of Fame Luncheon is at 12:30 after this meeting.

President Joe Spain adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Howard, Assistant Executive Director

