



**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2011  
ANNUAL MEETING  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

President Lloyd Britt called the meeting of the Council of Delegates of the Southeast Bowling Association, Inc. to order at 9:30 am in the Pinellas Room of the Marriott Clearwater/St Petersburg. He extended a sincere welcome to all to the SunCoast USBC area of Clearwater and St Petersburg. He thanked the Suncoast USBC for the outstanding early bird party on Thursday and said he is looking forward to enjoying the rest of today and tomorrow. Lloyd mentioned members who could not attend this weekend, including NC Director Al Brown who had cancer surgery on Friday and is recovering; NC VP Don Rice who has had a serious bout of diminished vision and has resigned from the SBA as a result; TN Director "Yogi" Garner who had back surgery to remove a diseased disk and fusion of a couple of more – Yogi has scar tissue from his elbow to his wrist but will be okay; AL VP Neal Campbell whose health has faded to the point travel is difficult – Neal has also resigned from the SBA. President Lloyd asked Executive Vice President Terry Cordell for an update on Past President Wayne Kuykendahl. Terry reported that Wayne has received disability payments since last November, that his quality of life has improved, that bowling friends have replaced rotted lumber on his house at very low cost, and that he knows his way to the grocery store and gas station. Lloyd asked for a moment of silent remembrance of these friends and others and delivered the invocation.

Lloyd called on Executive Director Gary Anderson for roll call and announcements. Gary said forty-six Officers, Director and Delegates had registered for the meeting and that 81 had signed up for the Hall of Fame Luncheon. He noted, as Lloyd had, that Al and "Yogi" had made reservations but cancelled due to surgery, that Don has resigned due to eye problems and that Neal resigned due to health problems. He reported that VA Dir Dave Anderson and Al Dir Zelda Turner are bowling the National Tournaments in Reno and Syracuse, respectively; that Director At Large Paul Bumgarner is attending a granddaughter's graduation, that FL Dir Claudio Cristifori is at home with back ailments and a problem with diabetic imbalance, that AL Dir Lynn Wiginton is bowling later in our Tournament and cannot afford to make the trip twice, and that FL Delegate Ray Lincoln is at home with pneumonia. Gary said he received NO response from Gary Breazeale, James Hall, Joe Hupp, Bob Ivey, Ivey Sarvis and Joe Spain. A motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2010 meeting in Greenville SC was made and passed.

Gary reported that the Tournament in Johnson City for 2012 has been moved to the Greenville area hosted by UpState USBC. With the deadline drawing near, VA Dir Hugh Thompson called Gary and informed him that Mountain View Lanes had closed, leaving them with only one center and unable to handle the SBA Tournament. With only about three weeks left to present an entry form, Gary contacted UpState USBC, as it had previously expressed an interest in holding the Tournament again. SC Dir Earl

Mason contacted his Board and they agreed to help us out in this instance. The Host Hotel will be the Embassy Suites on Verdae Blvd with the same \$109 rate as the Fall Meetings. Gary also said the 2013 Tournament is in the Middle District and Warner Robins has a bid in place. In 2014, it is in the South District with perhaps Jacksonville {Ed Note: Jacksonville said, "No"} and the Villages considering a bid and 2015 is an open year with any losing association from the last three years given preference; Staunton/Harrisburg, VA area is considering a bid.

Referring to the "green" sheet, Gary noted the 2010 financial statements show we have taken a large hit due to the drop in Tournament entries. Since opening the investment account in 1997, this is the first time we have transferred funds to the regular account for operating expenses.

Lloyd recognized FL Dir & SBA Tournament Director John Spicer who welcomed everyone to the SunCoast area of FL. He introduced members of the SunCoast USBC Board including President Stan Passer, VP's Mike Pavlak, Linda Spicer, Jack Cuthbert and Gary Wisgarda. John then introduced Mr. Angel Natal, Senior Sales Manager of the Pinellas County Sports Commission. Mr. Natal welcomed us to Pinellas County, urged everyone to enjoy its many outstanding attractions and invited us to return at the earliest possible date. John Spicer reported that the Sports Commission mainly underwrote the cost of the Early Bird Party and the Tournament Program Book.

As his President's Report, Lloyd again welcomed all to Florida, thanked all for the opportunity to serve, noted some concerns during the year appear to be the same as in many prior years and he mentioned the steady low tournament entry levels in the last 3 years. He said he is certain that John Spicer did an excellent job promoting the tournament but gas prices and other expenses effects each of us. He noted the financial report shows about \$11,000 loss this year which cannot continue or, in only a few years, we will be out of business. He said he appreciates the efforts of the SunCoast USBC; for the Early Bird Party and the singers there – he commented that Hall of Fame Member Chuck Silvey proved himself to be "quite the dancer" at the Party.

As his Executive Director's report, Gary remarked our Annual meeting this year is earlier in June than normal so as not to conflict with the USBC Convention in Arlington but we should review this policy for future meetings since attendance is down a lot here due to graduations, absences, etc. He said the USBC Women's Finals will be held at Cowboy Stadium during Convention week and tours of new USBC offices, Hall of Fame and Training Center will be available. He suggested that BPAA has proven to be a valuable ally to USBC. Gary again called attention to the losses shown on the "green sheet." He led a lengthy discussion which resulted in a **motion** which was made seconded and **approved to require for both the Annual and Fall meeting**, effective August 1, 2011, **2-nights stay in the headquarters motel to qualify for \$100 expense reimbursement** to Officers and Directors

FL VP Greg Smith said he was very much appreciated the cards, thoughts and prayers of the SBA members for him and Bethanne following the accident and recovery last

November. He also showed the business card designed to promote the SBA Tournament. The card has the SBA logo, the words, "Wanted Tournament Bowlers", the May 1 entry deadline and the SBA website address prominently displayed. He has made the cards widely available. He expressed disappointment in Florida participation in the SBA Tournament but he also knows firsthand that John Spicer did a fine job in promoting it in the State.

Past President Norm Hamilton, on behalf of Paul Bumgarner, presented the Nominating Committee's slate of Officers and Directors for 2011-12: for President, Terry Cordell; for Executive Vice, President Thomas E Dale, Jr.; for VP FL '13, Greg T Smith; for VP SC '14, Steve O'Brien; for VP GA '15, Virgil F Halte; for VP TN '16, Hugh M Thompson; for VP VA '17, David R Anderson; for VP AL '18, Charles L Powe; for VP NC '19, Gary R Breazeale; for Directors at Large: Leon M Clark '12, Clayton W Bailey '13, Norm A Hamilton '14, Paul C Bumgarner '15 and A Lloyd Britt '16; for FL Directors: Claudio Cristofori, Ron Ebel, Jim Hall, John Spicer and Jim Walker; for SC Directors Mitch Bowers, Jerry Hill, John Langley, Earl Mason and Butch Wolfe; for GA Directors Judy Britt, Ivey Sarvis, Joe Spain, Bill Trice and Curley Winter; for TN Directors Bill Dennis, Yogi Garner, Joe Hupp, Gene Jenkins and Reece Maples; for VA Directors Larry Gonzales, Johnny Harris, Don Kendrick, Bob Puffenberger and Fred Thweatt; for AL Directors Zelda Turner, Brandon Vinning and Lynn Wiginton, and for NC Directors Richard Beeson, Al Brown, Mike Easterday, Bob Ivey and Charles Wilson. There were no nominations from the floor and **the slate was approved** by the delegation.

VP Tom Dale reported for the Tournament Structure Committee. He mentioned that all members are already aware that the tournament entry reviewed was for UpState SC USBC and not Johnson City. The Committee reviewed the entry form as furnished by SC Dir Earl Mason. There were errors on the form which will be noted and returned to Earl for update. The updated entry will be emailed to Tom who will forward it to each Committee member for review and approval. Final entry forms will be available as usual at the Fall Meeting. Tom reported the Committee discussed the 10-pin rule (**USBC Rule 319A2**) at length, finally voting to recommend to the Council of Delegates that the 10-pin rule **be eliminated from SBA Tournament** rules effective with the 2013 Greenville tournament. The Committee recommendation constituted a **motion** for approval which **was seconded and approved**. Tom noted that Divisions in the tournament - based on an average of 180 - will begin for the 2015 Tournament. A motion to place an area map on the back of the Tournament entry form was made, seconded and approved.

The Hall of Fame Committee had no report but Gary remarked that the Hall of Fame Luncheon would follow our meeting at approximately 12:00 noon. {Editor's Note: Past President Clayton Bailey was inducted into the Hall Fame at the luncheon.}

John Spicer gave the SunCoast USBC Tournament report. He again welcomed everyone to Clearwater/St Pete. He assured the audience that he and his staff had done everything possible to promote the Tournament and increase entries. He reported 368 Teams with 54 Scratch Teams, 836 Doubles, 1632 Singles and 1506 All Events

Handicap in the Tournament. The state breakout of entries is AL-14, FL-112, GA-139, VA-21, NC-36, SC-42, and TN-18, totaling 382 entries.

When asked to present the Montgomery Tournament, Norm responded, "I thought it was closed." He did say however that all monies remaining in the account have been transferred to Gary.

TN VP Hugh Thompson said he regrets that the SBA Tournament will not be coming to Johnson City in 2012 but when the bowling center closed he had no other choice

Executive Vice President Terry Cordell gave a review of the SBA survey noting that most responders said they do not like the way it is now. He said he will turn the survey results over to the Tournament Structure Committee for its review at the Fall meeting.

Gary Anderson announced the fall meeting is scheduled for the Embassy Suites Golf and Conference Center, 670 Verdae Blvd, Greenville, SC 29607, Tel: (864) 676-9090. Golf will be on Friday morning, November 25, 2011. The new Saturday, November 26, 2011 one-day format will apply with committee meetings in the morning, then lunch followed by the Executive Committee meeting in the afternoon. Due to time constraints, no bowling will be planned. He urged everyone to reserve early ... even if you later have to cancel for personal or business reasons. It's far better for planning purposes and helps to avoid additional charges for late add-ons.

As Executive Committee report, Lloyd noted that not all Committees meet during this weekend but those that did reported to the Executive Committee earlier today and have submitted reports to the delegation for review, discussion and action. The Committee reports were approved.

Lloyd introduced Middle Georgia USBC President Jay Taylor to lead the proposal for hosting the 2013 SBA Tournament. Jay first introduced members of his Association including Association Manager Kevin Dimuzio, Director Lloyd Britt, Judy Britt and Claude Oros. Jay also introduced Marsha Buzzel from the Houston County Convention & Travel Bureau who presented a slide show illustrating many of the attractions in the area. Jay announced that headquarters hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn with rates at about \$100 per night. The 50-lane Gold Cup Center in Warner Robins will host the doubles/singles competition while the 32 lane Gold Cup Center in Macon will feature the Team event. Lineage for each center will be at about \$11 per series. The SBA Tournament will be conducted during the 5-weekends of June 2013 with the Annual meeting being held the weekend of June 21-23, 2013. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the proposal for the 2013 SBA Tournament in Warner Robins.

President Lloyd adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted

John N. Howard, Assistant Executive Director