



MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2010
COUNCIL OF DELEGATES MEETING
GREENVILLE, SC



President Lloyd Britt called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm in the Columbia Room of the Embassy Suites & Golf Resort on Verdae Blvd in Greenville, SC. Executive Director Gary Anderson relayed the sad news that FL VP Greg Smith, his wife Beth Anne and Hall of Fame Member Al Sanders were involved in a serious automobile accident at 3:00 pm yesterday near Daytona Beach, FL while driving to attend this meeting. All three were admitted to Halifax Medical Center of Daytona Beach (386-254-4145); Beth Anne has been released. Al is reportedly incoherent and scheduled for surgery later today. Past President Paul Bumgarner noted that his business requires that he travel near Daytona Beach on 11/28. He will visit the hospital and email an update to SBA members.

Lloyd, after requesting a moment of silence to honor Greg, Beth Anne and Al and to remember other fallen and ailing members and friends, delivered the invocation.

Gary reported that NC Director Gary Breazeale could not attend due to health problems of his wife, Joyce. FL Director Jim Walker has guests at home for this weekend and Mary Lam, widow of Hall of Fame Member Charles Lam, hoped to be able to visit again at the Annual meeting in FL. Gary introduced new AL Director Zelda Turner and Chattanooga TN Association Manager Scott Vandiver.

Upon request of President Lloyd for roll call, Assistant Executive Director John Howard reported 47 officers, directors and delegates had registered for the meeting and 72 for the luncheon. The minutes of the June 26, 2010 were approved with corrections as follows: paragraph 4 of page 1 should be "...and finally **an** Open Year in 2015 ,," not "**on** Open Year..." and paragraph 1 on page 4 should end "...January/February **2011**..." not "January/February **2012**..."

As the President's report, Lloyd thanked all members for the opportunity to serve, and thanked Upstate SC (Greenville) USBC for tournament, hospitality and golf. He urged everyone to continue to work to improve the SBA tournament especially in an effort to improve entries to reverse the unsustainable downward trend of late. He noted success in this endeavor would be assured if each of us would get 10 teams to bowl in the SunCoast tournament.

Gary commented about the continuing lack of response in returning reservation forms in a timely manner. For instance, the Embassy Suites is full this weekend due to Clemson/South Carolina football game. He noted that the only bid for 2013 was Middle Georgia (Warner Robins), bids for 2014 must be received by Jul 31, 2011 with AL and

FL eligible to bid. He too alluded to the downward spiral in teams at SBA tournaments, "Just look at multi-year trends." He suggested contact at State Jamborees, Local Association Board of Director meetings or State Annual meetings as possible means of getting the word out. He commented regarding impending serious tax implications for non-profit organizations, including local and state bowling associations. All non-profits must comply and submit annual IRS tax returns and must make documented contributions to officially recognized charities.

Audit Committee Chair, AL VP Neal Campbell, gave its report. He noted the tournament account maintained by Central Alabama (Montgomery) was in good order with approximately 1,822 checks currently outstanding. He said the Committee reviewed bank statements and financial records received from the Executive Director and no problems/errors were found.

Paul, Chair of the Budget Committee, noted that the committee met and reviewed the proposed budget which appears on the "green" sheet presented to everyone at check-in. He said the Committee recommends the "green" sheet be modified to reflect an income (based on 450 teams instead of 500) of \$16, 200, a total expense of \$21,875 and a deficit of \$5,675 with the deficit to be adjusted through a one-time use of \$5,400 reserve funds of the SBA. A motion to approve the Committee report was made, seconded and approved.

Past President Leon Clark, Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, said 7 of 8 Committee members met, reviewed the applications of worthy nominees and elected one candidate to the SBA Hall of Fame. The name of the winner will be announced tomorrow during the Hall of Fame Luncheon. Past President Lynn Wiginton was elected the Chair for 2011-12. A question arose as to the candidacy of 5-year nominee SC Director Jerry Hill. President Lloyd agreed to research for an update on his status. {Editor's note: VA Director Bob Puffenberger was announced as the Hall of Fame winner.}

Paul, Chair of the Nominations Committee, mentioned the proposed slate has been modified to include Lynn Wiginton and Zelda Turner as Alabama Directors and Judy Britt as a Georgia Director. Zelda replaces Sonny Writesman who has resigned; Judy replaces Claude Oros who has health problems. Paul noted that NC may soon have a directorship to fill. Slate will be finalized for presentation at Annual Meeting.

VA VP Tom Dale, Chair of the Tournament Structure Committee, reported that 5 of 8 Committee members met. A proposal of changing from 5-bowler teams to 4-bowler teams was discussed in committee but rejected for now. The Committee proposes that the tournament structure be changed to a ***handicap tournament only*** with 2 divisions in each event: one division composed of bowlers with averages less than or equal to 180 (≤ 180) and one division composed of bowlers with averages greater than 180 (> 180 .) Committee expectations are that changing to a 2 division handicap tournament structure will increase entries. A motion to initiate this structure for the 2015 tournament was made seconded and approved. The

Committee recommends that tournament be conducted during June and July of each year; it was reported that Johnson City tournament can and will comply with the required dates. The Committee recommends that Tournament Program Books become optional at the discretion of the Host City.

GA VP Virgil Halte, Chair of the Legislative Committee, said 7 of 8 members were present at the meeting. The Committee reviewed the intent, contents and outline of, but did not publish, a standardized bid form for the SBA Tournament.

NC VP Don Rice, Chair of the Host City Annual, made its report. He noted John Spicer has flyers promoting the SunCoast Tournament available for distribution now and Tournament entry forms available now for distribution in January/February 2011. Entry forms available are 4 boxes per state with 900 in each box. John noted that at a recent TNBA tournament in FL, 500 entry forms were distributed. He expects to have 600 team entries and almost assured 500 entries just by using the FL State mailing lists. Post cards will be mailed using addresses from last two SBA tournaments. All mail outs will refer bowlers to the SBA web site.

SC VP Steve O'Brien, Chair of the Host City Fall, reported NO bids were received of the 2011 Fall meeting so the Committee recommends returning to Upstate SC (Greenville) USBC in November, 2011. The Embassy Suites Greenville Golf Resort & Conference, 670 Verdae Blvd, Greenville, SC 29607, Phone (864) 676-9090 will serve as headquarters, fees will be 109++ per night which will include complimentary full breakfast and the manager's happy hour in the early evening. Golf will be available at \$45 per entry. Early reservation is urged; a 30-day cut-off for reservation is in place. Gary said there is little interest year after year from centrally located associations in hosting the fall meeting. A question was posed for any discussion about going back to 2 day format for the fall meeting.

Executive VP Terry Cordell, Long Range Planning Committee Chair, presented its report. "Who likes new 1-day format; who likes old way?" He conducted a poll by show of hands. Terry said the problem associated with hospitality rooms must be addressed. Bidders who lose often disappear. Best hospitality room does not always win the tournament. We must look into this; it may account for **ONLY** single bidders for the last three years. TNBA membership is \$3.50 which allows a bowler to access their awards program. We must tap into this movement. We should consider changing from 3 zone + open year to 2 zone + open year with MS, AL, GA & FL in one zone then NC, SC, VA & TN in second zone. Earliest practical effective date is probably 2016. Terry assured this will be proposed.

A motion that Local Associations not be required to host a hospitality room on Saturday during Tournament weekend, effective in 2011, was made, seconded and approved.

A motion to eliminate the requirement for a Hospitality room during the Tournament bidding process was withdrawn until the Annual meeting.

At the urging of the delegation, Terry gave an update on the status of Past President Wayne Kuykendahl of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Wayne received his 1st disability check on December 17, 2009. His home was mortgaged on November 14, 2009 at a very low interest rate. A requirement for approval of the mortgage was that someone other than Wayne must handle his finances. Terry still serves in that capacity.

Lloyd gave the Executive Committee report. He said the Executive Committee met and heard all reports in summary that were presented in detail during this meeting. He requested and received a motion to accept ALL Committee reports that had just been presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Past President Norman Hamilton reported for Central Alabama (Montgomery) USBC that they are glad it's over !!! The tournament had 394 teams and all checks payable to individual bowlers were mailed to Team Captains. About 1,800 checks in the names of 37 bowlers remain un-cashed as of today. The prize list booklets have been mailed to all team captains of each entry whether team or only doubles/singles and to officers and directors of the SBA.

FL Director John Spicer, serving as 2011 Tournament Director, said golf will be available on Friday at Airco Golf Course which is an 18-hole Championship course with very wide fairways. The Early Bird Party will be a sit-down affair at a nearby property. Get your entries in early and bring in an additional 9 or so teams.

VA Director Hugh Thompson, 2012 Tournament Director, reported that all pertinent information is on the flyer that was handed out earlier. The only exception is the May date listed as the starting date is incorrect and will take place in June.

President Lloyd thanked everyone for their attendance and dedication and adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Howard, Assistant Executive Director