



**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2010  
ANNUAL MEETING  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

President Paul Bumgarner called the meeting of the Council of Delegates of the Southeast Bowling Association, Inc. to order at 9:40 am in the Capitol Ballroom of the River Walk Embassy Suites, Montgomery, AL. He extended a sincere welcome to the City and thanks to the Central Alabama USBC for their efforts on behalf of the SBA. Executive Vice President Lloyd Britt was asked to deliver the invocation; he noted there are lost and loved ones, who are no longer with us, requested a moment of silent remembrance and delivered the invocation.

Past President Norman Hamilton introduced Montgomery City Councilman Charles Ginright who extended a warm welcome to the SBA, its officers, directors and members. He noted he is very proud of the City's progress since the SBA was last here and called Montgomery a "great city with a great history." He invited us back at the earliest convenience to witness the continuing progress of the City.

Paul called on Executive Director Gary Anderson for roll call and announcements. Gary said fifty-one Officers, Director and Delegates had registered for the meeting even though we had almost 100 in people in the room and that 88 had signed up for the Hall of Fame Luncheon. He reported VP SC Steve O'Brien is working at home in Charleston, NC Director Charles Wilson has health issues and GA Director Ivey Sarvis is attending a family reunion. Gary invited TN Director Hugh Thompson to introduce the guests in attendance from Johnson City and then allowed a presentation of the Johnson City bid to continue. Hugh introduced Johnson City Tourist Bureau Manager Debbie Shelton, who gave a brief slide show of the attractions of Appalachia and surrounding area. Upon conclusion of the presentation and invitation by Johnson City, President Paul thanked the Johnson City delegation for their gracious hospitality last evening and called for action on their proposal. A motion to accept Johnson City's invitation was made, seconded and approved.

Gary detailed the bid process for the next few years: 2012 is in the North District with the Tournament committed to Johnson City; then in 2013 the Middle District - SC & GA with a bid already received from Warner Robins and a tentative first-time-ever bid from Spartanburg; then in 2014 on to the South District of AL and FL and finally on Open Year in 2015 with preference given to any losing Association from the last 3 years. He also noted he has an indication from Central Shenandoah Valley USBC of an interest in hosting the 2012 tournament - he will advise them that 2015 is their 1<sup>st</sup> eligible opportunity to bid.

Gary said nonprofit governance continues to be a top priority for the IRS. As he has related, he believes that 10-20% of USBC Associations will lose their 501c3 status this

year for noncompliance in filing a return. He said by the time he finally received addresses for all eight states, USBC had already sent several notices about the importance of filing. He mentioned that delegates had problems with several proposals at the Convention, but they probably misjudge the added responsibility of local Boards. We all need to address the reality of changing our by-laws. Boards will have to be self-perpetuating to protect its members. Boards need to elect a President and Vice Presidents as the Boards will be responsible for the Officer's actions. The SBA needs to be pro-active and change its by-laws to reflect that the Board elects the Board and Officers, not on a longevity basis but, rather on the basis of ability and knowledge. At the fall meeting, we need to address this issue and modify our constitution.

As the USBC report, Gary noted the Annual USBC Convention is scheduled for the week of Jun 27 – Jul 2, 2011 in Arlington, TX with opportunity for everyone attending to tour the new facilities. Bowl Expo will be held there during the same week. The SBA tournament has no bowling scheduled for the weekend of Jul 2-3, 2011 to encourage its members to attend the USBC Convention.

The minutes of the November 29, 2009 fall meeting in Savannah were approved.

In the President's report, Paul reinforced Gary's remarks about IRS penalties that he called excessive but which also result in loss of 501c3 status as a non-profit organization with an attendant loss of treasury funds. His goal is that NO bowling organization forfeits a cent of their money to the IRS through loss of non-profit status.

As Executive Committee report, Paul noted that not all Committees meet at this time but those that did reported to the Executive Committee earlier today and have reports to the delegation for review, discussion and action.

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 Norman Hamilton was inducted into the Hall Fame at the luncheon.}

Past President Norman Hamilton, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave its report: The slate of officers included Lloyd Britt-President, Terry Cordell-Executive Vice President, Thomas Dale-VP VA, Greg Smith-VP FL, Neil Campbell-VP AL, Don Rice-VP NC, Steve O'Brien-VP SC, Virgil Halte-VP GA and Hugh Thompson-VP TN. The slate of Directors included for North Carolina – Gary Breazeale, Al Brown, Bob Ivey, Richard Knapp and Charles Wilson; for South Carolina – Mitchell Bowers, Jerry Hill, John Langley, Earl Mason and Luther Wolfe; for Georgia – Claude Oros, Ivey Sarvis, Joe Spain, Bill Trice and Curley Winter; for Tennessee – Bill Dennis, Yogi Garner, Gene Jenkins, Joseph Hupp and Reece Maples; for Virginia – David Anderson, Johnny Harris, Don Kendrick, Bob Puffenberger and Fred Thweatt; for Florida – Claudio Cristofori, Ron Ebel, James Hall, John Spicer and Jim Walker and for Alabama – David Gilmore, Charles Powe, Brandon Vining and Herbert "Sonny" Writesman.

Virgil Halte, VP GA and Chair of the Tournament Structure Committee gave its report. He reported 6 Committee members and 3 guests met and reviewed the Sun Coast tournament entry form presented by FL Director John Spicer. The Committee recommendation to the Executive Committee was to eliminate the 10-pin Rule and its April 1 effective date and substitute instead the full wording of USBC Rule 319A2, "When the previous season's average is used, and **at the time of bowling** an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used." The Committee feels provisions of Rule 39A2 will be more easily enforced since averages will be available on bowl.com as the tournament is being bowled. The importance and implication of this rule will be stressed by tournament management during the check-in process at both the team and singles/doubles events. The recommendation of the Executive Committee to the Delegates is for approval of this change.

President Paul called for discussion, review and action on the Committee reports. The Committee reports were approved.

Gary noted that before the fall meeting, he and John Howard would take a close look at the Constitution and Bylaws and strive to have proposals for action.

Norman reported the Montgomery tournament has 394 teams, 903 doubles, 1,806 singles with 41 scratch teams, 114 scratch doubles and 296 scratch singles. He is disappointed in tournament entries but it was not due to lack of effort by him or the Central Alabama USBC BA. He mentioned the leading scores in each event. He said there have already been 3 300-games, 3 800-series and 8 11-in-a-row games. He noted all squads at both centers are full this weekend and requested prompt, continuous bowling since the lanes will be re-oiled after each squad. He had no report regarding payment to team captains who entered 5 or 10 teams in the tournament. He accepted compliments on the quality of his early bird party aboard the Harriott II. Norman received a round of applause.

Regarding the tournament, Paul addressed the situation where an individual emailed questioning the accuracy of superhuman scores posted on the SBA web site. Paul said that while the question was appreciated, the fact that copies of the email were sent to 75 other bowlers bothered him. He would rather have had the opportunity to research and review the matter and then respond to the individual one-on-one, avoiding unnecessary false impressions by uninvolved bowlers.

FL Director John Spicer presented the proposal for the Sun Coast USBC BA – not Clearwater or St Petersburg – for the 2011 SBA Tournament. Tournament weekends will be June 10-12, 18-19, 25-26, July 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30, 2011 with the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend – June 10-12 as meeting weekend with NO bowling during the weekend of July 2-3 to avoid conflict with the USBC Convention. He noted that team event will be in the 24-lane Dunedin Lanes which has a full family restaurant while doubles/singles will be at the 50-lane AMF Clearwater Lanes. All lanes will be re-dressed after each shift. He urged all SBA members to recruit, recruit and recruit to increase entries. He said he

is seeking 500 to a high 600 team entries in the Tournament. He will have both flyers and entry forms available at the fall meeting; he requested immediate distribution of the flyers and then distribution of the entry forms in January/February 2012.

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 26, 2010 and the Upstate SC USBC will have a hospitality room on Friday with both events being on property at Embassy Suites. The new Saturday, November 27, 2010 one-day format will apply with committee meetings in the morning, then lunch followed by the Executive Committee meeting in the afternoon. SunCoast USBC BA will host a hospitality room at the Embassy on Saturday evening to promote the SBA Tournament. Due to time constraints, no bowling will be planned. Gary noted the one day format may result in additional changes to the amount of compensation for officers and directors so he stressed that two nights stay at headquarters hotel is required for the compensation. 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.

At the request of President Paul, VP TN Terry Cordell described the unfortunate and heart-wrenching situation that has befallen Past President Wayne Kuykendahl. Wayne's mental and physical health has deteriorated to the point that Terry feels Wayne may be homeless in less than three months. He noted that Wayne now exists on approximate \$1,200 collected at a recent meeting of the Greater Chattanooga USBC membership meeting. Terry is personally handling Wayne's financial matters. Foreclosure on the home where Wayne lives may be undertaken soon. The home belonged to Wayne's parents while they were alive. Yogi Garner and Bill Dennis passed around a hat "of sorts" and collected money to assist Wayne in his continuing battle against homelessness. Funds collected for the day totaled almost \$1,250.

Lloyd Britt introduced Middle Georgia USBC President Jay Taylor who in turn introduced members of the Warner Robins-area Board of Directors who were in attendance.

John Howard described the recent computer glitch that occurred when the hosting corporation, Hostway, upgraded its system. The website has been totally redesigned and is now more comprehensive and more user-friendly. John urged everyone to consider it a resource for all bowling needs and visit the site often.

President Paul adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted

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