



MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2009
COUNCIL OF DELEGATES MEETING
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

President Paul Bumgarner called the meeting to order at 9:35 am in Salon B/C of the Hilton Garden Inn on Abercorn Street in Savannah, GA. Paul reported that the Executive Committee, at its meeting earlier this morning, had confirmed his election as President of the SBA. He requested Executive Vice President Lloyd Britt to give the invocation. After requesting a moment of silence in honor of our fallen and ailing members and friends, Lloyd delivered the invocation. The minutes of the June 27, 2009 meeting of the Council of Delegates were approved.

Upon request of President Paul for roll call, Assistant Executive Director John Howard reported 48 officers, directors and delegates had registered for the meeting and 72 for the luncheon. As his report, Paul noted Larry Meredith's sudden resignation led to his nomination and election to a 2nd term as President. He wished Larry good luck on all future endeavors, thanked the Executive Committee for its support and entered a plea for continuing support from everyone in the audience.

Executive Director Gary Anderson reported that Mary Lam, widow of Hall of Fame Member Charles Lam, was not feeling well enough for the drive to Savannah and that Hall of Fame Member Chuck Silvey had heart surgery the day before Thanksgiving and is recovering at home. Gary said FL Director Jim Hall - who is scheduled to replace FL Director Ellard Pritchard in June 2010 – could not attend due to a heart problem. Gary noted that he had received a letter from AI Delegate Ray Weinberg requesting that his name be removed from the mailing list. Gary introduced two new Directors; AL Director Herbert "Sonny" Writesman and NC Director Gary Breazeale.

Gary commented about increasingly tougher IRS regulations regarding 501c3 charitable organizations. He said the SBA may be forced to re-organize to comply with the regulations. He said associations can no longer operate just as associations. All must comply and submit annual IRS tax returns and must make documented contributions to officially recognized charities. He said the tax forms for 501c3's include the 990N for online filing, 990 EZ – a 4-page report, the full blown 990 and IRS Form 8868 for requesting an extension from the IRS. December 15 of each year is the deadline for submission. Paul noted that this is an outstanding service the SBA could provide Local Associations in our area. A motion was made, seconded and approved to send a letter to all Local Associations explaining the requirements for maintaining non-profit status and the December 15 deadline for submission.

Following a brief discussion regarding the \$100 travel support to Officers and Directors who come to the meeting and stay for at least 1 night in the headquarters hotel, a motion was made, seconded and passed that the Executive Director would NOT remit

payment for travel support to any Officer or Director whose application is received later than 30 days after the meeting.

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the 1-day meeting format effective November 2010, about how it may reduce the room night numbers, impact meeting room costs and luncheon costs etc., President Paul referred the matter back to Committee for further study.

Lloyd, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported the committee met at 4:00 pm to review bank statements and financial records received from the Executive Director. After reviewing checks, bank statements, income deposits, payment withdrawals and other documents, all attendees agreed that income deposits, payments and bank statements were balanced and that SBA banking procedures meet all requirements. The audit was completed with no problems/errors noted.

SC VP Steve O'Brien, Chair of the Budget Committee, noted that the committee met and reviewed the proposed budget which appears on the reverse side of Fall Meeting agenda that was presented to everyone at check-in. He said the income based on 500 teams in the Tournament is \$18,000 while expenses total \$19,100 leaving a \$1,100 deficit. He stated the committee considers 550 teams in the Tournament as the break even point.

AL VP Neal Campbell, Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, said the committee 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 later today during the Hall of Fame Luncheon. {Editor's note: SBA Past President Clayton Bailey of Florida was the winner.}

GA VP Virgil Halte, Chair of the Tournament Structure Committee, reported that the committee met with 7 members and 4 guests in attendance and 3 members absent. Discussions involved both the Montgomery tournament in 2010 and the Clearwater tournament in 2011. John Spicer will be the Clearwater Tournament Director. He will conduct the tournament during weekends of June 10-12, 18-19, 25-26, July 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30 with the first weekend – June 10-12, 2011 - as meeting weekend. There will be NO bowling during the weekend of July 2-3 to avoid conflict with the USBC Convention. The Committee requested and John agreed to highlight on the front page of the tournament entry form: "Team Captains sending in 5 or more teams will be awarded \$50 and Team Captains sending in 10 or more teams will be awarded \$100." Virgil reminded us that the 10-pin rule will be based on April 1 of each year and that May 1 of each year is now the permanent closing entry date. He also noted other changes in tournament format: the tournament will be conducted in the months of June and July for at least 5 weekends and team entry is unlimited. Following a discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to delete from the Appendix III, Annual Tournament Policies and Procedures, Article III, Section I - General Rules, Paragraph L2: "The SBA will pay, out of its general fund, the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for each 300 game or 800 series rolled during the SBA Annual Tournament. All

scores must be scratch and are limited to once per Annual Tournament.”

VA VP Tom Dale reported for the Legislative Committee. He said action by the committee is on hold until the Executive Director and the Assistant Executive Director reviews, consolidates and publishes the SBA Constitution and By-Laws, the Standing Rules, the Hall of Fame By-Laws and Regulations and the Annual Tournament Policies and Procedures.

Past President Norm Hamilton reported for the Host City – Annual Committee. He described plans for the Early Bird Party which will be a 2 hour, SilverBoat dinner cruise on the Alabama River complete with live entertainment and a cash bar. He said the cost for the Early Bird Party will be about \$35 per person. Golf will be offered on Friday morning at Arrowhead Country Club for \$55 - \$60 per golfer {Editor’s note to golfers: you may preview the course at www.arrowheadcountryclub.net} Norm said Bingo will be available on Saturday morning while the Council of Delegates meeting is in progress. He remarked that Montgomery was listed as one of the top 10 destination cities in the December 2008 issue of Southern Living. The Riverwalk Embassy Suites Montgomery – Hotel & Conference, 300 Tallapoosa St, Montgomery, AL 36104 Phone, (334) 269-5055 at \$109++ will serve as Tournament headquarters; it offers complimentary full breakfast and the manager’s happy hour in the early evening.

NC VP Don Rice, Chair of the Host City – Fall gave the committee report. He noted that only one bid was received for the 2010 Fall meeting, Greenville SC. 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.

TN VP Terry Cordell, Long Range Planning Committee Chair, presented its report. Terry encouraged Directors to leave the Montgomery flyers in their respective bowling centers until the end of December and then replace with Montgomery entry forms. Terry said changes in the Fall meeting format will feature the Tournament Association hospitality on Friday evening, committee meetings will begin on Saturday morning, Executive Committee meeting just before lunch, Delegates meeting after lunch followed by bowling and golf tournaments. A Local Association hospitality room will conclude the activities.

GA Director Curley Winter presented the Tournament report on behalf of Augusta. Curley said copies of the final prize list have been mailed and copies are available here, he stressed the importance of USBC member ID accuracy and legibility on tournament entry forms and challenged officers, directors and delegates to submit their tournament entry by January. Curley received a round of applause. A motion to change the reserved entry deadline from April 1 to March 1 gave way, during discussion, to a motion that was approved to recommend officers, directors and delegates have their entries in by March 1.

FL Director John Spicer gave the 2011 SBA Tournament report. He noted the 24-lane Dunedin Lanes, 405 Patricia Ave, Dunedin, FL 34698 Phone: (727) 736-1282 will host team event; the 50-lane AMF Clearwater Lanes, 1850 N. Hercules Ave, Clearwater, FL 33765 Phone: (727) 461-2511 will host double/singles events – both centers will oil lanes after each squad - and the St Petersburg Marriott Pinellas Park, 12500 Roosevelt Blvd, St Petersburg, FL 33716 Phone: (727) 572-7800 will be the host hotel with rates of \$99+-. He said the beach is about 15 minutes from the hotel. Meetings will be held the first weekend.

Under unfinished business, Gary mentioned the USBC Hall of Fame, the Bowlers to Veterans Link – “BVL” - and the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign are all USBC supported 501c3 charitable groups. He suggested the SBA make a \$2,500 contribution to the USBC Hall of Fame through its “Brick Campaign.” The brick is an 8” X 16” black epoxy lifetime warranty brick engraved with the Association name and logo. The brick will be installed near the USBC Hall of Fame. A motion to approve this contribution was approved.

FL VP Greg Smith described certain tools used by the Florida State BA to promote the Florida State Tournament including business-style cards, magnetic reminders, promo calendars, etc. Paul asked the Long Range Planning Committee investigate the cost effectiveness and make a recommendation.

Lloyd asked anyone who had a preference for Committee assignment for 2010-2011 contact him with the information as he would be working on this in early 2010.

VA Director Hugh Thompson distributed flyers, maps and tourist brochures of the Johnson City area, site of the 2012 tournament.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Howard

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