

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC BOWLING  
COACHES  
MINUTES  
MEETING OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2005  
COLONIAL LANES, FLUSHING 10:00 AM

Members present: Ron Tomassoni, Harry Burkey, Tracy Long, Jim Pellerito, Kyle Woodcock, Robert Tubbs, Pam Summer, Tom Stockton, Robert Solomon, Roger Schildroth, Jim Salzwedel, Ann Roznowski, Mike Roach, Paul Post, Robin Peel, Linda Mitchell, George Mitchell, Mike Martin, Ken Marzka, Wayne Mariet Jr., Kim Mack, Ken Kurdziel, Joe Kubiak, Richard Krupa, Keith Kreuger, Ted Kress, Dave Kowalski, Mark Kovach, George Juszczuk, Nancy Juszczuk, Pam Jones, Judy Yeaqger, Jerome Harris, Scott Hare, Danielle Hare, Deborah Hansen, Keith Guertin, Sam Greaves, Roberta Featherstone, Laura Dembeck, Kevin Crowther, Steve Crabtree, Kayla Coriasso, Shelly Carver, Bethany Brown, Dan Behmlander, Scott Beagle, Tim Bauer, Debbie Alexander

Special Guests: Randy Allen and Scott Bennett

Meeting called to order at 10:00 by President Ron Tomassoni.

Scott Bennett welcomed all present - gave committee members and Randy Allen praise for their work. He stated - tournaments that give medals and awards can purchase those through the BPAA office for a great price. Forms were available to take. The committee agreed that the first half of the meeting was for reports and the second half was for the membership to speak. Ron Tomassoni was introduced.

Ron Tomassoni introduced the committee members Harry Burkey, Tracy Long, Carl Doornbos and Jim Pellerito. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Approval of the minutes of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005. Motion was made by Sam Greaves to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelley Carver. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the financial report. Dues are not due until July 31st so current memberships are good until the end of July. Any questions about membership can be answered at our website. Members without membership cards were noted and taken care of at this time. A question about the \$1200 computer - the computer is the association's computer but the association does not own a printer or a monitor. In the future, the association will have to purchase these items. A question was asked about the price – why was it \$1200. It was original owned by the webmaster and all receipts were noted before moneys were allotted. A donation from Shelley Carver of a printer and monitor was noted. Motion was made by Scott Beagle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith Kreuger to accept the treasures report. Motion passed unanimously.

Second Vice President's Report. Question was asked pertaining to the outgoing senior all-star tournament. The website was updated frequently about the information. It is important for coaches to be aware of the website information. **A motion by Mike Roach and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Salzwedel to accept was made and the motion passed unanimously.**

Volunteers for secretary were asked for by president Ron Tomassoni.

Constitution and Bylaws. Jim Salzwedel noted under duties of officers the following: The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President AND the Sergeant-of-Arms should be present in the tabulating of any votes that are taken. This would become a policy item. The second Vice President may not have the ability to put out newsletters and information on the website. We should think about removing these items from that position. The taking of minutes by the secretary and notification of meeting should move into the policy arena as well. Ron asked for suggestions on moving these items to the policy book. **A motion was made to approve moving these items to a book of policies. The motion was made by -----, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Bottrall. It was passed unanimously.**

Policies discussed:

Jim Salzwedel noted that we needed to make it possible for an audit of the association. Harry Burkey stated that other associations have audit committees with yearly audits. Tom Stockton stated that a committee in our association should take care of this. Our funds are not yet that great for an outside audit. Roberta Featherstone also felt our members could handle this item. A committee should be formed – the duties to make this audit. **A motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelly Carver and passed unanimously was made by Ted Kress,.**

Six at large areas in Michigan were discussed and introduced, with a member needed for each area. Volunteers would be made for this year. These at a large positions would be seated on the executive committee. **A motion was made to make the boundaries by -----, 2<sup>nd</sup> by ----- to accept the boundary map.** Discussion followed. Jim Pellerito stated the regional directors will be part of the board and have duties developed in the future. They would have terms from the by laws. Certain areas would already have designated areas. The vote was called for and the motion carried. One at large will be from each region. Interested parties were willing to sign up for that.

Regional coaches of the year. These nominees should come out of our regions that we are trying to establish. A map was presented with possible areas for these regions. The coaches of the year (boys and girls) then would come out of these choices. **A motion was called by Kevin Crowther, 2<sup>nd</sup> by -----.** **Judy Yeager to accept these regional divisions.** Discussion followed. The number of conferences involved in some regions makes it difficult to know all the coaches and makes voting difficult. Jim Pellerito stated that regional coaches must be members of our association. The ballots would have a description of each nominee and the vote would be made by each region. Tom Stockton stated that this award is to honor someone who has advanced the sport. A motion was called for and it passed with two no votes included in the vote.

A motion by Bob Solomon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Hansen was made for the election of Hall of Fame for coaches. Tom Stockton reiterated that this would be a policy that we have to elect those people who best represent those who have furthered our sport – they do not necessarily have to be limited to coaches. The vote was called for and passed – with seven no votes included in the vote.

The invitational tournament guidelines were presented by Dave Kowalski. Harry Burkey stated that the entries that are received will be approved by the committee when they are received. A tournament can be run without the approval of the association. A fee of \$25 is needed to be cover time and materials to get the tournament posted on the website. Sam Greaves asked if tournament players without USBC sanctioning can participate – to receive an award the participant must be sanctioned. A motion by Scott Bennett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Pellerito to accept the tournament rules for MHSIBCA was made and passed unanimously.

The awards committee led by Tom Stockton presented comments about Hall of Fame nominations. Deserving people should be nominated according to their involvement in their conference, school, academics, and school bowling programs. The present Hall of Fame members are those people who have spearheaded the start of bowling in Michigan, media, proprietors and conference coordinators. A number of years should be set for this nomination – this is the sports 8<sup>th</sup> year in existence. Keith Kreuger discussed the all state nomination form. Verifying the players was difficult. If not verified, certain items would not be used in the process for each nominee. Keith took the members through form and highlighted each section. The same form would be used for senior Mr. and Miss bowlers and all academic individuals and teams. League average sheet are very important. Regional and state results would be considered by the committee. Minimum would be 12 games in conference play. A motion was made by Tim Bauer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Botrall to accept this. It passed unanimously. A discussion was held about split games and pulling players out to save averages. If a conference does not have enough matches, nonconference or singles tournaments in the league are eligible games to be used in the averages. A coach must be a member by December 31<sup>st</sup> for their players to be eligible for these awards. There was a lack of Division 3 players last year – many would be eligible. A contact person will be at each regional to send in. The vote was taken and passed unanimously. The form will be used for all three awards.

Education committee: Harry Burkey discussed that there is an education committee. Website postings for clinics and MHSAA PAC meetings have been available. Debbie Alexander was also a part of this committee and her name should be added.

#### New Business:

Dave Kowalski proposed the language changes for Articles V, VI and VII in the by laws. Define the duties and term limits for the executive officers.

### Changes to Article V:

The name OFFICERS will become EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. Terms of office will be defined for the PRESIDENT: one year, then ascending to the position of PAST PRESIDENT (new position). 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: one year, then ascending to the position PRESIDENT. 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: one year, then ascending to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT. 3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT (new position): one year, then ascending to the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT. A new 3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT would be elected each year at the summer AGM. Secretary: four years. Treasurer: four years. Sergeant-at-arms: two years. Duties will remain the same for the PRESIDENT, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT. The 3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT duties will be determined by the Board. The Sergeant-at-Arms will continue to keep order at all meeting but will not have the power to vote at Board meeting. In this capacity of impartiality, the Board will continue to have a chance at a majority vote and meeting will move forward. The PRESIDENT will continue to appoint nominating committees for the purpose of electing new officers and other committees as directed by the Board.

### Changes to Article VI:

The name will take on the title of Article VII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE however, the positions will remain similar. The Executive committee will be composed of 6 at large individuals called AT LARGE DIRECTORS. These AT LARGE DIRECTORS terms in office will be staggered 2 year terms. Their responsibilities will be to assist in functions of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS and will be the first call of the PRESIDENT when tasks and assignments need to be filled. The seventh member of this committee will be the PAST PRESIDENT. The PAST PRESIDENT will also have the same duties as the AT LARGE DIRECTORS along with assisting the PRESIDENT in matters he deems necessary. The PAST PRESIDENTS term in office is one year.

### Changes to Article VII:

The name of this will change from EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE to the existing name of Article VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The positions of the Board of Directors will remain defined as the members of the EXECUTIVE OFFICERS and the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Together both groups will make up the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

These 14 members 13 voting at Board of Directors meeting will continue to have the same responsibilities as listed in Article VII with the only change being a resignation or vacancy. In the case of the President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, each position will be filled by the VP below that position. The 3<sup>rd</sup> VP will be appointed by the Board to the end of the term. The Secretary, Treasurer S-A and At Large directors also would be appointed by the board to fill the end of each term. If an individual wishes to remain in the office on an interim basis only until the next AGM. Nominations will be taken, and voted upon by the membership at that AGM. These votes taken to fill the vacancies of resignation are only to the end of the existing terms. Any member in good standing, who has given service to this association to the end of any term, is more than welcome to serve in any elected capacity if they so choose to run again.

Jim Pellerito stated that these proposals must be submitted to the by laws committee and a vote can not be taken for these are all changes to the by laws.

They may only be changed at the annual AGM. Ron Tomassoni suggested that Dave Kowalski be a member of that committee as well. Dave wanted it on record to define the term limits was important. Jim Salzwedel heads up this committee and all these items should be presented to him by email which will be posted on the website. Election of officers will be held next Spring so it is important that all members know the limits and positions to be filled.

If this new structure is in place, the current President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP will remain in place until the next AGM which is in the summer of 2006. On that date, with the vote of the membership, the association will elect the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. If any of the other current officers (S-A, Secretary, Treasurer) are not staying on with terms yet to complete, the association membership will also elect at that time candidates to fill those vacancies to the end of each term remaining. The current S-A term does not end until 2007. The current Secretary and Treasurer terms will not end until 2008. To create the staggered term format on the Executive Committee, candidates will have to be selected and voted on for two 1 year positions and two 2 year term positions. In the following years all at large directors' terms will be 2 full years.

#### Ranking Committee:

Dave Kowalski (D1), Paul Bentley (D2) and Carl Doornbos (D3) were the volunteers for ranking our teams. We need a point person in each division to take it upon themselves to keep in touch with the ranking people so that teams can get recognition – maybe even if a .500 team against higher division teams. Ron Tomassoni asked the group if they wanted the MHSIBCA to have their name on the ranking of schools. If yes, then Dave Kowalski should be appointed to head up that committee. **A motion was made by Harry Burkey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Stockton that a committee be formed. The motion was called. The motion passed unanimously and Dave Kowalski appointed the chairperson by President Ron Tomassoni.**

#### Round Table Discussion:

Jim Salzwedel - hoped that good ideas go to committee members.

Harry Burkey, our webmaster, is posting forms used in previous years for coaching duties.

Keith Kreuger – split games are a problem – it should be addressed for all state nominations

Harry Burkey - on the golden pin and every frame should be counted for awards. The Bowl Swami has these ideas in his head

Tom Stockton - stated that for a stat person to have to give averages broken down into frames would be hard to do – nothing is fool proof – he stands by the forms we have.

Tracy Long – we need committee members to volunteer if you have strong ideas.

Keith Krueger – suggested if a bowler who bowls 5 frames gets the total for the game even if he is pulled out.

Sam Greaves – coaches discipline must be addressed

Harry Burkey – the golden pin counts everything, a form will be put together for committees with the explanation of the duties.

George Juszczuk – why was the baker format changed..did not know..Jim Pellerito stated that the MHSAA changed the rule not the MHSIBCA. Colleges do not bowl this way – if we are basing our bowling on that format why have we changed....

Ron Tomassoni - stated MHSAA discussed this and nobody saw anything wrong with it – why change...does the MHSAA know bowling..why don't the coaches vote on it – but the committee is made up of coaches. Discipline has to do with the schools, the MHSIBCA does not enter into the disciplining of coaches and members.

Keith Krueger – easy/tough alleys in bakers – by the switching in the new format the good/bad lane situation is eliminated...

Harry Burkey – these statements will be answered – the executive board will stay – answers later.

Motion to adjourn made by Roger Schildroth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by many. Motion Carried.

PS Some names for motions were hard to hear on the tapes - please excuse the omissions.