

MINUTES
MHSIBCA GENERAL MEETING
COLONIAL LANES
APRIL 2, 2005

MEETING was called to order by President Ron Tomassoni at 10 am followed by the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE: Ron Tomassoni (President), Harry Burkey (2nd Vice President), Carl Doornbos (Secretary), Tracy Long (Treasurer) - ABSENT - Brian Bannasch (1st Vice President).

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Bauer, Scott Beagle, Scott Bennett, Shelley Carver, Todd Christopher, Ron Combs, Robin Combs, John Epple, John Essenmacher, Roberta Featherstone, Dianna Frankfurth, Sam Greaves, Keith Guertin, Kathy Hager, Sue Hutchings, Mark Kovach, David Kowalski, Ted Kress, Keith Kreuger, Ken Kurdziel, Pat Litteral, Bob Longrey, Ken Marzka, Jim Pellerito, Steve Pierson, Paul Post, Mike Sarandrea, Tom Stockton, Gordon Williams, Kyle Woodcock.

GUESTS: Randy Allen and wife.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Jim Brown, David Frankfurth. Bob Heubel, Roger Wrathell.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A written financial report was distributed to the Membership.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's report. Moved by Ted Kress, 2nd by Jim Pellerito. No discussion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

RANDY ALLEN from the MHSAA was introduced and commented on the following: MHSAA sees the Coaches Association as a great step in unifying our sport especially when many coaches are not teachers. The MHSAA Bowling Committee meets in early March soon after the season ends. This Committee makes recommendations to the MHSAA executive committee that meets in May. The Coaches Association should be a sounding board for positions it would like to take and those recommendations in turn can be given to the standing Bowling Committee in March.

BOWLING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS that were made for the new year by the standing Bowling Committee at the meeting in March were as follows: (The minutes of that meeting will be in the MHSAA bulletin.)

The tournament final will remain at Sunnybrook. (To alleviate a site move in 2006 and then, depending on our growth, to have to go to multiple sites in 2007, it was recommended we stay at Sunnybrook one more year.)

The Tournament Committee will look at resolving spectator, parking and seating problems. (One suggestion that will be implemented is the use of a shuttle.)

Lane condition was discussed and attempting to make it fair for all will be a priority.

Team Event First Rounds will be a qualifier (all 16 teams). (Total pins for 2 regular and 2 baker for the qualifier.)

The Round of 8 and subsequent Rounds will be 1 Regular Game and 6 Baker Games. The Baker Games will be an alternating lane format for the Regionals and State Finals. Bowling will be divided into equal divisions (app 70 each). (By laws of the MHSAA require that classification changes go to the schools first, then survey each, and go to the committee and make the change for 2005. This will help out the regional sizes.)

The Tournament Roster will be limited to 8 bowlers.

24 dates of competition is recommended. (This is up 4 from 20. This will help to alleviate the problems with YABA and non school bowling. The non school dates must have eligible members from the school during the high school bowling season.)

U. P. schools may start a week early.

The Committee also recommended the 5 date Rule for two weeks be dropped.

RANDY ALLEN STATED THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE BOWLING COMMITTEE MUST BE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING IN MAY.

OTHER COMMENTS FROM RANDY ALLEN:

A CRITICAL ISSUE is the communication you have with the Athletic Directors and schools. As coaches, this communication is essential to prevent violations of policies and rules. A buffer zone is needed between players, parents and coaches. “The proverbial walking into a gas station with a match seems to be possible here.” This needs to be worked on so that unnecessary negative encounters do not occur.

Some schools do not want to recognize tournament teams – the MHSAA will help in this endeavor.

A handbook – bowling specific – will be ready by the end of the summer.

Conference Tournaments can be held for conferences that have schools that are not recognized to bowl in the post season.

Parents can have a big effect on the school boards, but do not leave school administrators out of the communication loop.

Some schools have policies about tournament status.

Standing committee in March also recommended to drop the 5 date limit rule in 2 weeks.

Some non complying schools were put in the rankings for recognition anyway.

SCOTT BENNETT Scott (Executive Director of the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan) noted the growth of Michigan high school bowling was leading the way in the United States. Our association was the only known Coaches Association in existence. Scott stated that Matt Fiorito could not be present due to illness in his family. The PBA has suggested we hold this meeting during the US OPEN in Taylor next year. Our executive board Directors were recognized by the PBA as leading the way for the Associations being formed. The BCAM is willing to help in any way to promote this sport. Other avenues the BCAM is taking is the In-school bowling program into the elementary and junior high schools with carpet lanes and equipment. Centers are great hosts, but when high school meets or practices are being held, the public can be told by signage that the facility is being used by the high schools and alcohol and tobacco is not allowed. Brochures were available to order medals and/or bag tags at a reduced price. Scott announced that Ron Tomassoni is the Proprietor of the Year and will be

recognized at the National BPAA Meeting in Orlando this summer. (Tickets - donated by the BCAM - were drawn in a raffle for the Taylor finals on April 3.)

AWARDS Awards were made available for the Golden Pin and All State and distributed to those in attendance. Lists of winners were distributed. The baker 300 games are now being honored by the YABA, and Tom Stockton displayed the Award won by Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Tom Stockton thanked all those who filled out all state forms. He also stated, "We will strictly enforce that the forms be filled out correctly and completely. Verifications were hard to obtain. Forms will be in coaches hands before Regionals and are to be turned in at Regional sites. Next year we will take over the awarding of the Mr and Miss bowlers and Coach of the Year (this is currently done by Matt Fiorito and his Committee). An All Academic Team award will also be added next year, and the Hall of Fame awards will also be reinstated.

Harry Burkey thanked David Kowalski for obtaining and printing special Certificates to be given with the Golden Pin. He also added a special thanks to Pat Litterall for helping with the golden pin database (over 2300 Student Athletes) and helping the Swami in his picks.

MHSAA BOWLING COMMITTEE The Committee met on March 16th and the many items that were discussed was addressed by Randy Allen. Mike Sarandrea commented that rules have been made but are there no penalties when one is broken. This includes items such as dress code by participants and coaches as well as sportsmanship. David Kowalski commented that - food at the bowling tables, and a win-loss for all conferences were also items discussed. It was note that these issues should be addressed by the MHSAA handbook to come out before next season.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE Chairman Jim Pellerito presented several changes recommended by the Committee:

MOTION: Dues to be increased to \$50. Moved by Sue Hutchings, 2nd by Sam Greaves. (Vicky Kowalski and Ken Marzka objected in kind that the raise was not warranted. Bringing in speakers and funding conferences for our coaches was a reason for the suggested increase. Tom Stockton stated we have other avenues for raising funds – advertisement and links on our website could be an option. We do not want to drive members away – perhaps a late fee if a deadline for membership is not met. Ron Tomassoni said the clinics were needed to educate our coaches.) **The motion was defeated unanimously.**

MOTION: The fee for Dues be \$35 with a 60 day grace period after which time the fee would be \$50. Moved by Tom Stockton, 2nd by Bob Soloman. (DISCUSSION: The deadlines would create less work. Sue Hutchings asked if a membership was transferable from a coach that might be incapacitated. A new school and member would not be under penalty. Statements for dues must be sent out 30 days in advance. Ted Kress stated that the late fee should not be allowed to get bowlers into awards programs. All new members (never a member) would be \$35. Jim Pellerito made a point that these are future issues.) **The motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION: Dates of membership should coincide with the school year and bowling season from August 1st – July 31st with notices going out in July for membership renewal. September 30th would be the deadline for penalty. Moved by Vicky Kowalski 2nd by Tom Stockton. (DISCUSSION: Harry Burkey pointed out that your current membership would not

run out until July of 2006. Bob Heubel called the question. **Motion passed (one opposed).**

MOTION: Dues be sent to the Secretary beginning August 1 with September 30 the late date. Moved by Tracy Long, 2nd by Bob Soloman. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION: Add the position of Sergeant of Arms to the Executive Board. Moved by Bob Soloman 2nd by Keith Kreuger. No discussion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION: Change wording in the By Laws to include a Sergeant of Arms. Moved by John Essenmacher 2nd by Gordon Williams. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION: Vote on all Secretary Item Changes at one time. Moved by Tom 2nd by Carl Doornbos. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION: Accept the following changes: Secretary should mail minutes and agenda 30 days before a General Meeting. The President will issue an Agenda and it will be mailed to the Membership by the Secretary. Moved by Sue Hutchings 2nd by Robin Combs. (DISCUSSION: The secretary should handle all membership forms and forward dues to the treasurer and coaches information to the webmaster. The committee felt the US mail is the way to handle all correspondence rather than email or the postings on the website. **Motion passed (one opposed).**

MOTION: Sergeant of arms duties be included in the by laws. Motion by Shelley Carver 2nd by Robin Combs. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION: To discuss having the Annual General Meeting in June, July, August as suggested by the Constitutional Committee. Moved by Sue Hutchings 2nd by Tom Stockton. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Discussion:

Jim Pellerito: Stated the Committee felt one general meeting is enough in June, July, August. The Committee felt many coaches affiliated with other junior programs would find it difficult to meet after August.

Tom Stockton stated: A date for awards close to the end of the year allows us to get these awards out and avoid a mailing bill and maybe creates the possibility of having the bowlers come to accept their awards.

Jim Pellerito stated: Many rules meeting were held around the state to satisfy that requirement.

Ron Tomassoni stated: We need more meetings in which the membership can vote on new items.

Jim Pellerito stated: The AGM should be at the beginning of the new season (August).

Harry Burkey stated: Members meetings can be anytime. The AGM was for educational training, clinics and presentations. Other meetings could still be held. A training venue needs to be set up in the summer months when more members are available.

Vicki Kowlaski stated: This meeting was a typical one for an AGM and clinics were for presentations and education.

Motion: There be one Annual General Meeting that will be held in June, July, August. Moved by Scott Bennett 2nd by Keith Kreuger. (DISCUSSION: The executive board needs to discuss when these meeting are appropriate and take into consideration a meeting right after the state finals for more of the membership. Tracy Long clarified that some members thought this was the meeting to discuss past season, however those recommendations have already been made at the March 16th standing committee meeting. The question was called to

vote.) **Motion passed (three opposed).**

MOTION: The definition of a Quorum will be 2/3 of the members present at a meeting. Moved by Gordon Williams 2nd by Carl Doornbos. (DISCUSSION: Scott Bennett suggested we use 2/3 of the membership present TO pass Constitutional Amendments.) **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION: To amend the Code of Ethics to include: “An effective association requires the services of persons of integrity, high ideals and human understanding. To maintain and promote these essentials at all times, all members of this association are expected to maintain high standards in their relationship with their school, children they come in contact with and this association. Membership will be revoked or refused to anyone or program if found guilty, and suspended, of any infraction by the governing bodies of bowling (i.e. the United States Bowling Congress). Reinstatement / Membership will be granted only if all conditions of suspension handed down are rescinded. If a suspended individual remains affiliated with a program, that program’s other personnel will not be accepted as members of this association.” Moved by Dave Kowalski 2nd by Tracy Long. (DISCUSSION: Dave Kowalski stated: An instance exists where a suspended individual is still involved in one of our programs. The school is responsible for this coach, but if our by-laws has a clause in it that includes situations such as this, our association can encourage this to stop happening. We have no way of denying membership to an individual. If this is added to our code of ethics, it will give our association and schools some recourse in a situation such as this. Mike Sarandrea stated: To penalize the others involved with the program was not where we wanted to go. Scott Bennett stated: The inference here was to help the athletic directors and school officials place before the kids a coach who has no integrity issues. The meaning is not to hurt the program or the kids. David Kowalski stated: Bowling headquarters agrees that we can deny any person membership as long as our by laws has a clause stating reasons for doing so. **Motion passed (three opposed).**

MOTION: To amend the Constitution and By Laws to make them grammatically correct. Moved by Jim Pellerito 2nd Carl Doornbos. (NO DISCUSSION) **Motion passed unanimously.**

PROCEDURE MANUAL: Ron Tomassino felt the need for a policy manual be in place. The secretary felt that by redoing the by laws and amendments that those policies would be in writing.

MOTION: The Executive Board take care of those duties. Moved by Scott Bennett 2nd Applause. (NO DISCUSSION) **Motion passed unanimously.**

IMPLEMENTING CHANGE: Ron Tommasoni opened discussion on changes to by laws and said amendments can be suggested by any member in writing (with rationale) 60 days before the AGM. Harry Burkey stated that the Constitution Committee will take care of details in this area as long as the members know they are able to suggest proposals.

AWARDS: Ken Marzka stated: All state awards should be awarded from the results of the State Finals for those competing on that weekend. Academic awards should be considered.

The hours spent would be saved and those competing that day at state should constitute our all state teams. Whether a coach is a member of our association should have no bearing on whether a player is nominated.

Harry Burkey stated that an awards committee was put in place and all comments should be forwarded to that committee for discussion.

Vicky Kowalski made the example of golf nominations for all state – every score, place is all considered for every match. The stats are presented anonymously when the players are picked – it is strictly done by a players results.

Ron Tomassoni stated: We have set up the committee which set up the guidelines and the membership should present changes to the committee.

Tom Stockton stated: The form and point system determined the honorees by their accomplishments. It has to be a given that any individuals who wish to be on that should be committed to being at the meetings to accomplish that goal.

TOURNAMENTS:

MOTION: Establish a Tournament Committee. Moved by Harry Burkey 2nd Tom Stockton. (DISCUSSION: Ron Tomassoni discussed whether we should be involved in tournaments and whether this association should endorse tournaments and how involved should we be. Should scores be reported to the association via the webmaster. Harry Burkey stated that on the website all tournaments were asked to be approved our association and MHSAA guidelines. Scott Bennett stated that when a school is involved the guidelines usually will be in place. The tournament committee should be able to determine guidelines for each tournament.) **Motion passed unanimously.**

Dave Kowalski volunteered to be chairman. Harry Burkey and Tom Stockton also volunteered to serve on the Committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Harry Burkey stated: Each Officer should submit a report in writing (2nd Vice President's Report covers Public Relations).

MOTION: To accept the 2nd Vice President's Report and the Secretary's minutes. Moved by Tracy Long 2nd by **Motion passed unanimously.**

CLINIC/SEMINAR COMMITTEE:

MOTION: Establish a Clinic and Seminar Committee. Moved by Jim Pellerito 2nd by John Essenmacher. (DISCUSSION: Ron Tomassino stated that these meetings may be held at the MHSAA office. The executive board will look into this possibility.) **Motion passed unanimously.**

NON STATUS PROFIT: Report from Ron Tomassino – a \$500 fee and CPA charge of \$500 would be charged. Yearly income of \$25,000 was necessary for this 501C3. Only if tax exempt donations were solicited then we would need tax exempt numbers. We are only solicitating donations and advertisements.

MOTION: Table a Non Profit Status until a later date. Moved by Jim Pellerito 2nd by Ted Kress. (DISCUSSION: Bob Solomon asked if we were under the 501C could club teams use the exempt number since it is not available through the schools. Ron Tomassoni said this is not the case.) **Motion passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS: Thanks was given to Scott Bennett for providing tickets to the US OPEN PBA finals on Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS: Election of Officers – the present terms will be until the 2006 AGM.

The Sergeant of Arms nominations were opened with Jim Pellerito nominated by Bob Solomon, 2nd Vicky Kowalski, Ted Kress nominated by Robin Combs, 2nd Shellie Carver and Mark Kovach nominated by Tom Stockton, 2nd Shellie Carver.

MOTION: To close nominations. Moved by Sam Greaves 2nd by Tracy Long. (DISCUSSION: Harry Burkey stated that all nominees should accept their nominations.) **Motion passed unanimously.** Each nominee accepted and gave their background of experience in bowling. Once the nominees left the room, an election was held. **Jim Pellerito was elected.**

HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: A written proposal for a Graduating Senior National Championship was distributed. Harry Burkey stated that a graduating high school national tournament is being formed and members are asked for their participation.

MOTION: The MHSIBCA form a Committee to assist in creating a National Championship as outlined in the proposal. Moved by Scott Beagle 2nd by John Essenmacher. (DISCUSSION: It has been discussed with the national council and states of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Entry fees will be handled by the host state. Our association will not be responsible for funds. A time frame in July was determined with practice on a Friday, singles on Friday and team on Sunday. Harry Burkey stated: No financial responsibilities will fall on our association.) **Motion passed unanimously.**

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE: Appointed to the Committee: Harry Burkey, Chairperson, Vicki Kowalski, Tom Stockton, Shellie Carver, Robin Combs and advisor Scott Bennett.

COST OF AWARDS: Ron Tomassino discussed the golden pin awards cost. Should we reimburse for these awards.

MOTION: The MHSIBCA will reimburse Harry Burkey for the cost of the Golden Pin Awards. Moved by Tom Stockton 2nd Bob Longrey. **Motion passed (two opposed).**

MOTION: The MHSIBCA will reimburse Harry Burkey for the cost of a new computer for maintaining the MHSIBCA web site. Moved by Tom Stockton 2nd by Keith Kreuger. (DISCUSSION: Shellie Carver asked what the computer cost – Harry stated an amount and Shellie Carver exhibited her knowledge in computers – the motion was amended to an amount up to \$1200.) **Motion passed unanimously.**

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Vicki Kowalski stated: Oak Lanes has no junior program on Saturdays and is willing to run a league at the beginning of the season for high school bowlers. Also, have your female bowlers start checking into NCAA scholarships, as bowling is now a varsity sport for women. Many scholarships are available.

Tom Stockton stated: Coaches are looking for bowlers.

Harry Burkey stated: I will be meeting with these national people in Florida and Illinois at collegiate championships and links will be offered on our website.

Dave Kowalski proposed our association recognize a program of the year. Two criteria are necessary:

- 1.) both boys and girls have to make the state finals – a point system would be used.
- 2.) points would be awarded for advancement in the state tournament.

Vicki Kowalski asked about her program which is girls only. The points are awarded for advancement and the possibility of junior varsity teams being involved in the award was discussed.

MOTION: Table a program of the year Award until next year. Moved by Ted Kress 2nd by Mark Kovach. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Ted Kress stated: There is difficulty with the jewelry issue. At the MHSAA meeting in March, the MHSAA did not make a ruling on jewelry.

Tom Stockton stated: Playing rules – mid frame substitutions, mid game substitutions etc. A handbook is being put together by the MHSAA to put every one on the same page. If this does not occur, we need to address it at our next meeting.

Bob Longrey stated: The state singles participants were wearing their own shirts – not uniforms from their schools necessarily.

Someone stated: The MHSAA stand is that we do not rule over this unless advertisement and sponsors are inappropriate.

Harry Burkey stated: If the golden pins have mistakes, please contact me. The Michigan Junior Varsity Championship will be held at Sunnybrook Lanes in 2006. Contact me if you need help with junior varsity programs.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. (at 3:24 pm) Moved by Jim Pellerito 2nd by the Bowl Swami. (NO DISCUSSION) **Motion passed unanimously.**