

**Annual Meeting Minutes of the Metro Detroit USBC Association  
Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Bowl One Lanes, Troy**

MDUSBC President Ken Clayton called the annual meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC) to order at 2:05 p.m. at Bowl One Lanes in Troy, Michigan.

In attendance were 32 registered members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MDUSBC Vice President, Dwayne Anderson, conducted the memorial service honoring Board Directors and Detroit Bowling Hall of Famers who had passed away in the previous year.

John Vorpapel moved to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes, supported by Libbi Fletcher. Motion carried.

**President's Report**

President Clayton reported activities from August 1, 2024 to present.

Clayton welcomed and thanked all members attending the Annual Meeting. He noted one of his first year goals was to visit every bowling center served by MDUSBC. To date, Clayton has visited 48 bowling centers to see what the bowlers are doing and what they want from the association.

Results of his visits are emphasizing the benefits of membership including, rules/standards, certification of bowlers, equipment and awards.

One key step noted by Clayton was the re-establishment of the Communications Committee. He emphasized the strides made by the Committee Chair, Katie Cavalli and the team in providing information to our members about tournaments, board service, member spotlights, center location/activities, volunteering and more. Clayton also discussed key elements of the new website.

Clayton also noted the importance of awareness and for our center representatives to be present, ask and answer questions as well as presenting awards.

Clayton shared excitement about celebrating this past year but also set focus on increasing membership, tournament participation and more opportunities to enjoy the sport of bowling.

Anderson accepted a motion from Libbi Fletcher to accept the Presidents Report, supported by Pat Klix. Motion carried.

**Association Manager's Report**

Phil Goodman, Association Manager, expressed gratitude for the efforts of the Board of Directors, Members and all others involved with the Association.

Goodman introduced current staff members, Kathy Huffer (who was at the registration table but had to leave early) responsible for Honor Scores, Banquets and more; Ashley Klix who is responsible for Awards and helps with membership, averages and rules, Florence Cracciolo for tournaments, averages, membership and Pam Kidd, for membership and rules.

Similar to last season, a one percent increase in adult membership was noted. Youth membership is down five percent with 1,542 last season compared to 1,472 this season. Current Premium Upgrades were reported at 421 members, slightly down from 426 last year, who paid to receive the crystal awards for 11 in a Row, 300 games and 800 series.

Goodman highlighted a focus for the upcoming season to be placed on technology efficiency, rebuilding communication channels with proprietors, meeting with league officers and building the organizational body.

For Michigan State USBC (MSUSBC) activities, Goodman reported the MSUSBC Annual Meeting is June 21st, with seven delegates attending. In addition, an engraved award plate will be presented to the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame inductee from MDUSBC, Brandie Reamy-Johnson.

Goodman reported an excellent USBC Convention and Annual Meeting with 17 delegates attending from MDUSBC. He noted sessions on technology enhancements, partnerships with the community, member service tools and more. The keynote speaker was Jim Morris, inspiration behind the movie, "The Rookie," who reflected on his story to emphasize the need for organizations to surround themselves and recruit uplifting people (Dream Builders) who persevere.

Tournament results were reported with an increase in entries for the 500 Club, Masters, Super Seniors and the City Championship. Slight decreases were noted for the other tournaments. For this upcoming season the Masters and Senior Master entries will each be reduced by \$20. In addition, MDUSBC will be purchasing an USBC Masters entry to offer as another option to enter to win during the Masters Tournament. Sites for the 2025-26 Tournament schedule were mentioned.

Goodman requested attendees to be active in the association, volunteer and help build a strong association.

Colleen Scott motioned to approve the Association Manager Report, supported by Katie Cavalli. Motion carried.

### **Communications Committee Report**

Katie Cavalli, Communications Committee Chair, reported success with Social Media, including 1,880 followers and 484k views reaching 51k users. The tools used for social media were noted.

She also created additional logos in coordination with Tom McNulty at USBC and they have been approved. The logos will be used for merchandise, social media and other promotional pieces.

Cavalli reported a test with Constant Contact Text messaging that was approved by the MDUSBC Board and sent to 21,820 current adult league bowlers with emails in the member database. Results included 8,327 members opening the email and 2,667 were bounced back. The remainder did not open the email. The end result was 165 members subscribed. Due to the low response, further use will be tabled for now.

Colleen Scott moved to approve the Communications Committee Report, supported by Marti Marshall. Motion carried.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Dwayne Anderson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, made the announcement and procedure for the nomination/voting process. The agenda package included the Board Applications of interested candidates who were reviewed by the Nominating Committee.

For next season, Anderson noted the Board Application has been revised to include skills set information, experience and other factors related to the role. Interviews will be conducted of applicants to evaluate skills as well as the level of dedication and availability. In addition, next year will also include a "Meet the Candidate" format one hour prior to the Annual Meeting next year.

He reported there were eight open positions with 10 nominees. Therefore, a ballot will be passed out.

The election of Directors as well as State and National Delegates will held later in the meeting.

John Vorpapel motioned to approve the Nominating Committee Report, supported by Katie Cavalli. Motion carried.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Mike DeRousie, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was a deficit of \$9,237. The final result was a surplus of \$65,949. Year-end reports are available on the website under Board Information. The approved budget for the current fiscal year ending in July 2025 is a surplus of \$1,864. Due to an increase in membership, lower than expected expenses, and a surplus from tournaments including the USBC Adult/Youth Tournament, the forecasted surplus for the current year is reported to be approximately \$54,000.

The board receives Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, and Statement of Cash Flows reports each month. The Finance Committee receives monthly general ledger reports with all the financial transactions. The officers and Finance Committee chair receive a copy of the bank statement each month.

The Association Manager salary is \$62,000 per year.

The Profit and Loss statement is broken down by tournament. In the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year, there was an aggregate tournament income of \$272,149 with \$241,030 in tournament expenses for a net gain of \$31,119. As noted, other than restricted funds, our intention is that tournaments are self-sustaining.

Marti Marshall moved to accept the Finance Committee Report, supported by Katie Cavalli. Motion carried.

### **Youth Committee Report**

Mark Hurttgam, Chairman of the Youth Committee thanked the Youth Committee members for their time and support.

The MDUSBC Youth Championship was held at Summit Entertainment Center. Participation was slightly less than last year which may have had to do with the distance to the center.

The MDUSBC Junior Masters was held at Plaza Lanes this year. Hurttgam reported an increase in participation from 60 bowlers last year to 84 this season.

The MDUSBC Adult/Youth has averaged approximately 80 bowlers in recent times. However, last season had 141 entries and this season, a record 209.

Due to 22 highly qualified scholarship applicants, the committee recommended and Board approved eight scholarships each worth \$1,500.

Hurttgam reported that Youth All-City Team game requirement revisions were approved and implemented to allow for more High School bowlers who miss the middle of the Youth Program season to qualify for the All City Youth Teams.

A revitalized partnership with Storm was completed this year which includes the establishment of a Celebratory Jr Team Detroit and giveaways at the Youth Tournament. Storm also sponsored Norm Duke to present awards at the Youth Banquet on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Many of the Celebratory Jr. Team Detroit team will be bowling MJMA that day in Monroe. Due to MJMA being sponsored by Brunswick, a special presentation will be done for the Team away from the tournament at a banquet center in Monroe in between squads. During the Youth Tournament next season at Super Bowl, one of the weeks will include a Storm “Matchmaker” session. This session is similar to an equipment “demo” day with representatives from Storm in attendance.

Mike Mishler has been elected as Coach of the Year. He has been coaching for 25 years and is currently at Super Bowl.

Katie Cavalli motioned to accept the Youth Committee Report supported by Martie Boron. Motion carried.

### **Charities Reports**

#### **BVL & Bowl For A Cure**

Libbi Fletcher reported on Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) and Bowl For A Cure.

She gave thanks to all who supported both of the charities.

BVL had another successful year. The total contributions exceeding \$25,000 placed MDUSBC on the BVL Best List with 4<sup>rd</sup> place for large associations. The State of Michigan finished first for money raised and was the only state exceeding \$100,000 in donations. Money this year was used to support Quilts of Valor, the veterans Christmas Bowling Party and to purchase two wheelchairs for local teams from the Dingell VA Medical Center at the Golden Age games.

Fletcher thanked veterans and active-duty soldiers for their service.

The annual Bowl For A Cure event was held again at Bowl One at the end of February. It was a very successful event once again with 160 entries and we were able to raise over \$10,000 for the first time!

Bowl For A Cure through this event, raffle ticket sales, and the donations from all the leagues who passed their envelopes or donated their 50/50 monies, raised over \$27,000. Again, those league envelopes that were passed by our secretaries brought in over \$12,000 to help fight breast cancer!

This year, the board has authorized \$20,000 of our Bowl for the Cure funds to go to Karmanos Cancer Institute to support underserved women with much needed mammograms and support, so your donations will support women locally. The balance will be sent to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

To date, MDUSBC has raised over \$400,000 to help eradicate breast cancer. We are planning to continue our event the last Saturday of February at Bowl One.

Fletcher recognized breast cancer survivors present at the meeting.

Katie Cavalli motioned to accept the BVL and Bowl For A Cure Report, supported by Colleen Scott. Motion carried.

#### Martin Invitational

Mark Martin reported the 34<sup>rd</sup> Invitational tournament originated as the Cruchon Tournament, then the McKay and is now officially the Martin Invitational. The event this year raised slightly under \$8,000 with half going to the International Bowling Museum and the other half to Karmanos.

Martin then requested all attendees to take out their phones and enter December 13, 2025 into their calendars for participation in this event.

John Vorpapel motioned to accept the Martin Invitational Report, supported by Katie Cavalli. Motion carried.

#### Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

#### New Business

It was confirmed that Auxiliary Board Members need to complete Safe-Sport and become a RVP.

Carlee Easton requested information on the status of online registration for tournaments. Goodman noted the website will be able to accept payment but MDUSBC is not using the USBC program (used by Michigan State USBC) due to the number of walk ins at the tournaments.

Perry Crowell requested more consistency with rules enforcement at the Masters Championship noting the unreleased ball rule is strictly enforced but the dress code one hasn't been consistent. Goodman noted this has been brought up by others and will be addressed with the Tournament Committee. Goodman noted with the fillable pdf format, entries are being completed and sent without going to the second (rules) page. Goodman noted if the dress code is not removed, it will be highlighted on the first page for everyone to clearly see it.

#### Election of Adult Directors

Ken Clayton referred to Dwayne Anderson to introduce the candidates as he is being voted on for re-election. There were 10 candidates running for eight openings. A ballot vote was taken and collected in an anonymous manner. The eight elected were:

John Vorpapel (29 votes); Ken Clayton (28 votes), Marti Marshall (28 votes), Pat Klix (25votes), Richard Banks (23 votes), Catrina Lewis (23 votes), Faye Stewart-Jones (23 votes) and Tanya Colvin (12 votes).

Others not voted In: Steve Tank (10 votes) and Christopher Nobles (8 votes)

Marti Marshall motioned to accept the vote and destroy the ballots, supported by Martie Boron. Motion carried.

#### Election of delegates to the Michigan State USBC meeting

Ken Clayton read the requirements for State Delegates.

MDUSBC is entitled to seven delegates to the Michigan State USBC meeting along with three alternates.

Ten nominations were taken from the floor with the following elected as Delegates: Dwayne Anderson (23 votes), Marti Marshall (22 votes), Ken Clayton (21 votes); Phil Goodman (19 votes), Pat Klix (18 votes); Mark Martin (16 votes) and Colleen Scott (16 votes).

The following three nominees will be Alternates: Katie Cavalli (14votes); Mark Hurttgam (12 votes) and Martie Boron (9 votes).

John Vorpapel motioned to accept the vote and destroy the ballots, supported by Martie Boron. Motion carried.

### **Election of delegates to the USBC Convention**

Ken Clayton read the requirements for USBC Delegates.

MDUSBC is entitled to 30 delegates to the USBC Convention. Nominations are taken from the floor.

Sixteen nominations were received including: Dwayne Anderson; Scott Barker; Katie Cavalli, Ken Clayton; Jason Felix, Libbi Fletcher; Phil Goodman; Lavern Hester; Mark Hurttgam; Pat Klix; Catrina Lewis, Mark Martin; Marti Marshall; Hubert Sawyers; Colleen Scott and John Vorpapel.

Mark Martin moved to elect the USBC Delegates by acclamation and to allow the President to appoint additional USBC Delegates, supported by Libbi Fletcher. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

John Vorpapel moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Colleen Scotti. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Goodman".

Phil Goodman  
MDUSBC Association Manager