

Minutes of the Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association Annual Meeting

May 20, 2017 @ Liberty Center, Massaponax, Fredericksburg, VA
With due notice, having been given in accordance with USBC Bylaws, Vice President Dawn Brown called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Dawn welcomed the attendees and introduced the GFUSBC Board of Directors.

Credentials

DJ Johnson, GFUSBC Sergeant-at-Arms, gave the credentials report. In attendance were 4 GFUSBC Officers, 3 GFUSBC Directors, 21 GFUSBC Adult Members and 2 youth members, for a total of 28 eligible to vote on all issues, and 2 eligible to vote on Youth issues, with a total in attendance of 30. There was 0 guests in attendance.

Rules Governing the 2017 Annual Meeting

Rules governing the Annual Meeting were read by DJ Johnson, who moved that they be accepted. Seconded and approved.

Actions on the 11th Annual Meeting Minutes

After a few minutes for review, the minutes were accepted as written. Bobby Phillips moved to approve and Deborah Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report

Vice President Dawn Brown read the submitted report included in the booklet to those in attendance in place of George as he was absent. Highlights of the report are included in each of the committees.

Association Manager's Report

Association Manger Courtney Tripp provided the following:

Membership Report:

As of May 17th the membership total was 1730 (1,570 adult and 160 youth memberships) – an overall 6 percent decrease in memberships from this time last year.

Leagues:

There were 37 winter leagues for the 2016-2017 season – an increase of only 1 leagues over last year.

Workshop:

The next workshop will be held August 6th at Liberty Lanes Massaponax.

GFUSBC TOURNAMENTS

Five Tournaments were held this year. Details of tournament participation can be found in the Tournament Committee Report.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

GFUSBCA has collected \$2261.32 for BVL and \$1392.74 for Bowl for the Cure at this time. The Youth Enrichment Fund has a balance of \$1542.00. There was also a straight donation to the Youth Tournament Fund of \$285.20 from the Merchant Mixed.

Financial Reports

The bank balance as of May 17, 2017, is \$28097.04 with outstanding items at approximately \$11,068.00. An audit was completed in December 2016 by Patricia Jaco.

Courtney also reported that she had contacted SMART to find out the amount of expired funds due back to the association. She had the report with her but had not had a chance to read through it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Each committee reported on their activities for the past year. The written reports were submitted in the handout given to the membership.

The awards committee reported that they had purchased and delivered trophies to all 5 Championship tournaments, 14 new 11 in a row trophies, and provided plaques honoring the GFUSBCA Hall of Famers to each of the bowling centers in the association.

The budget committee reported budget was approved December 16, 2016. The budget was presented to the membership.

Lane Certification committee reported that AMF Fredericksburg, Cannon Ball Lanes, AMF Dale City Lanes and Liberty Center Massaponax were all inspected and minor discrepancies were reported and corrected. They also reported that USBC has modified the rules regarding Sport leagues and that the special inspection is no longer required.

The communications committee reported that the Strike Force Gazette is being published online bi-monthly. All newsletters can be found on the website. The Facebook page has 369 friends, at this time. Mailchimp currently has 1701 valid email addresses.

The community services committee reported that they had gone to all centers to collect for the charities supported by GFUSBCA. Those amounts were reported by the Association Manager. There was also a fundraiser conducted which raised \$834. It gave away a framed Redskins jersey donated by Kim Metzger. There were several suggestions from the members present, on ways to make the committee more productive. All suggestions were written down for the committee.

Constitution and Bylaws committee reported the bylaws are current and changes to or additional bylaws can be submitted to the Association Board for review and voted on by the members attending the annual meeting. The Association Operations Manual was reviewed and updated this year.

The Hall of Fame committee reported that there were several nominees evaluated. The 2016 inductees were Bryan Gallahan for Bowling Achievement and Bobby Phillips Jr. for Meritorious service. Induction was held in November. Candidates for the 2017 Hall of Fame were presented to the Board of Directors in December and Lottie Gorham was elected for Bowling Achievement and Larry Roath for Meritorious service. It was also announced that Jim Wolfe was selected by the 2017 Virginia State Hall of Fame. The committee was going to look into the HOF documentation to ensure that the verbiage best substantiates the kind of candidates that should be considered for the HOF.

Scholarship committee reported that the entire application process was reviewed and updated. Selections were announced. Nicole Anderson and Shelby Sullivan each received \$500 in scholarship money. There were 2 youth applications and no adult applications. There was a question on how did the adults received their scholarship and Dawn answered with the process.

Tournament committee reported on participation at the tournaments. Five tournaments were held this year. The Senior Tournament had 41 entries this year and 39 last year. The Women's Championship had 18 entries this year and 24 last year. Youth Championships had 17 entries this year and 16 last year. Mixed Championship had 29 entries this year and 28 last year. The Open Championship had 35 entries and 28 last year.

The Ways and Means committee was only able to report from February 4th to March 19th as this is when the new chair had taken over. No other reports were provided at the time of the annual meeting. Question from the floor, was the budget amount correct? Association manager responded with yes. Inventory reports were submitted at the close of the Open (last) tournament.

The website committee reported that it is up to date with tournaments, averages, tournament results and prize lists, newsletters, association board of directors, forms, photos taken of award presentations, honor scores, and a youth page for all their events. There is a lot of information stored on the website.

Youth committee reported that Vangie Williams was nominated and elected as Youth Director #5 upon resignation of Tammy Southhall. Vangie was appointed as the committee chair. The youth committee was happy to report that over half of the association youth participated in the youth tournament this year. The committee also asked that if anyone was interested in or know of anyone wanting to be a coach to please contact them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the floor by several members included topics on the following:

1. Appreciation membership dinner or cookout.
2. Raffle off bowling balls to gain more prize fund money for tournaments, which would attract more bowlers.
3. Research the demographics of the bowlers in the association
4. Finding corporate sponsors
5. Fundraising to promote tournaments.

Nominating Committee Report

Courtney Tripp, Association Manager, presented the slate of candidates for consideration.

Election Results

President	George French, by acclamation.
2nd Vice President	Dawn Brown, by majority vote.
Sgt at Arms	Donnell J. Johnson, by acclamation.
Director #2	Jeff Crouch, by majority vote.
Director #4	Sharon Dupree by majority vote.
Director #6	Nicole Anderson, by majority vote.

The above were elected for a term of two years

2017-2018 Virginia State USBC	Jamboree: (September/October 2017)
	Annual Meeting: (April 2018)

GFUSBC Delegates Jamboree (2) – Bobby Phillips and Courtney Tripp.
 Alternates Dawn Brown, Eric Brown, and Debbie Henningsen.
 GFUSBC Delegates Annual Meeting (3)- George French, Courtney Tripp and
 Debbie Henningsen. Alternates Bobby Phillips, Dawn Brown, and Sher’ry Kelly

2017 USBC Annual Meeting: Las Vegas, NV (April 23-26, 2018)

GFUSBC Delegates (3) – Debbie Henningsen, Dawn Brown, and Kurt Wattier
 USBC Alternates (3) - Courtney Tripp, Sher’ry Kelly, and David Johnson

The above serve a term of one year.

A motion from Eric Brown and seconded by Tom Brady was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.