

NATIONAL BOWLING LEAGUE
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2025

The annual meeting was called to order by President Jeff Hartney at 6:37PM.

Captains & Officers in attendance: D. Arner, R. Bellafatto, Kyle Elliott, Dave Giessuebel, J. Hartney, G. Seibel, E. Walck. Captain M. Margle attended the draft via conference call.

Elders in attendance: M. Heimbach, B. McKellin

League Members in attendance: K. Eisenhart, R. Seifert

Secretary D. Arner informed President J. Hartney that a quorum of the Board (Captains, Officers and Elders) has been met (9 of 13 board members present – 69%).

Annual Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the August 13, 2024, annual meeting were circulated, read, and approved as written. (Motion- J. Hartney, 2nd – M. Heimbach). Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The 2024-2025 Treasurer's report, along with the proposed 2025-2026 budget for six (6) 5-man teams, were circulated, read, and approved as written. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Treasurer's Report and the 2025-2026 proposed budget were approved as presented (motion by B. McKellin, 2nd – D. Giessuebel) Motion passed.

Election of 2025-2026 Officers:

President-elect Dave Giessuebel

1st Vice President-elect Erik Walck

2nd Vice President Ethan Arner nominated by J. Hartney, 2nd by B. McKellin

Secretary/Treasurer Dave Arner nominated by R. Bellafatto, 2nd by B. McKellin

The following full slate of officers was approved by motion of M. Heimbach and 2nd by B. McKellin. Motion passed.

2025-2026 Officers

President – Dave Giessuebel

1st Vice President – Erik Walck

2nd Vice President – Ethan Arner

Secretary/Treasurer – Dave Arner

Old Business: None

New Business:

Schedule & Dues

1. 30-week schedule for 2025-2026
2. Practice – Tuesday, August 19th & 26th
3. Season Start – Tuesday, September 2, 2025
4. Season End – 30 weeks – Tuesday, March 31, 2026
 - a. Christmas Day eve eve 12/23/2025 no bowling due to holiday traveling
5. Roll-offs – April 7th and Championship – April 14th
6. Banquet April 28, 2026 (Location to be determined)

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 schedule by G. Seibel, 2nd by J. Hartney. Motion passed.

League & USBC Dues

1. Lineage will be \$12.50 per bowler per week.
2. Weekly Dues for 2025-2026 will be \$20.00 per bowler per night, Sub weekly fee - \$15.
3. Annual Dues are \$20 (USBC & EA-USBC)

Motion made by Dave Giessuebel, 2nd by Erik Walck to approve the dues for the 2025-2026 season. Motion carried.

League Roster

The league will be fielding 6 5-man teams. The league is currently short 4 bowlers (Vacancy). Approved new bowler entry averages.

- Justin Bassett 131 average
- Bill Duffy 100 average

League Vacancy Average established at 146.

Motion made by D. Giessuebel, 2nd by K. Elliott. Motion to accept the new bowler's entry averages and the Vacancy bowler average for 2025-2026. Motion carried.

Annual By-Law Review:

RULE 12 – LEGAL LINEUP

- A legal line-up will require one bowler to be present, excluding any vacant position. Unless the Captains have agreed to postpone the match (See Rule 13 for postponing a match), a team that does not have a legal lineup forfeits all points. If both teams do not have a legal lineup, the points will be split between the two teams.
- Any team with 2 or fewer bowlers present must put their lineup down in ascending order. Points will be split for any resulting blind on blind matchups. Vacancies are to be treated as blind.
- A team with 3 or more bowlers present bowling against a team with 2 or fewer bowlers present may set their lineup in any order they see fit regardless of lane assignment. Points will be split for any resulting blind on blind matchups. Vacancies are to be treated as blind.
- The home team captain, provided at least 3 bowlers are present may set the matchups/order as he sees fit including putting blind on blind.
- A team with 3 or more bowler present bowling against a team with 2 or fewer may put down their order as they see fit whether or not this results in a blind on blind situation, and regardless of whether they are the home team (right lane) or not.
- Points will be split for any resulting blind on blind matchups regardless of whether that occurs as a result of mandated ascending lineup order or by design of the team making the matchups and regardless of comparative blind averages.
- Vacancies are to be treated as blinds for the purposes of this rule.
- If 3 bowlers or more are present on both teams no blind on blind matchups are allowed.

Motion made by G. Hartney and 2nd by R. Seifert that the By-Laws of the league be revised as indicated above. Motion carried. (Note: A Subsequent email vote of the Board carried the motion)

Motion to adjourn by E. Walck, 2nd by J..Hartney was moved at 9:29PM. Motion carried unanimously.