

**NATIONAL BOWLING LEAGUE**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**August 13, 2024**

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Due to the absence of President McKellen the meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Gary Hartney.

Captains & Officers in attendance: D. Arner, R. Bellafatto, G. Hartney, J. Hartney, R. Kovacs, G. Seibel, E. Walck, Dave Giessubel, and Kyle Elliott

Elders in attendance: M. Heimbach, M. Froehlich

League Members in attendance: K. Eisenhart, R. Seifert, and Zach Balga

Secretary D. Arner informed 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President G. Hartney that a quorum of the Board (Captains, Officers and Elders) has been met (11 of 12 board members present – 91%).

**Annual Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from the August 14, 2023, annual meeting were circulated, read, and approved as written. (Motion- R. Seifert, 2<sup>nd</sup> – E. Walck). Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The 2023-2024 Treasurer's report, along with the proposed 2024-2025 budget for six (6) 4-man teams, were circulated, read, and approved as written. Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Treasurer's Report (motion by D. Arner, 2<sup>nd</sup> – R. Kovacs) Motion passed.

Motion on 2024 – 2025 Budget. Discussed potential revisions the proposed budget due to changes in lineage, social nights and fielding 5-man teams. Treasurer to revise budget based upon information from BarDon. (Motion by G Seibel, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Giessubel). Motion passed.

**Election of 2024-2025 Officers:**

President-elect G. Hartney relinquished his position. J. Hartney volunteered to assume the role as President for the season.

Dave Giessubel ascends to the role of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

E. Walck volunteered to fill the role of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

The following full slate of officers was approved by motion of R. Seifert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Hartney

**2024-2025 Officers**

President – Jeff Hartney

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Dave Giessubel

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Erik Walck

Secretary/Treasurer – Dave Arner

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Schedule & Dues**

1. 30-week schedule for 2024-2025
2. Practice – Tuesday, August 27, 2024
3. Season Start – Tuesday, September 3, 2024
4. Season End – 30 weeks – Tuesday, April 8, 2025
  - a. Christmas Day eve and New Years Day eve are Tuesdays.
5. Roll-offs – April 15<sup>th</sup> and Championship – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
6. Banquet May 6, 2025 (Location to be determined)

Motion to accept 2024-2025 schedule by J. Hartney, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Froehlich. Motion carried.

- Dues
  1. Lineage will be \$12.50 per bowler per week.
  2. Weekly Dues for 2024-2025 will be \$20.00 per bowler per night, Sub weekly fee - \$15.
  3. Annual Dues are \$20 (USBC & EA-USBC)

Motion made by R. Kovacs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Hartney to approve the dues for the 2024-2025 season. Motion carried.

### **League Roster**

The league will be fielding 6 5-man teams. The league acquired 7 new bowlers. The league is currently short 2 bowlers (Vacancy). Approved new bowler entry averages (Motion by D. Giessubel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Hartney) Motion carried.:

- Frank Renaldi – 169
- Andy Spatig – 154
- Dean Paulus – 160
- Eric Szabo – 170
- Ben Hugo – 150
- Rod Stehly - 148

League Vacancy Average established at 151. (Rule 7 – League Averages).

Motion made by R. Kovacs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Elliott to accept the new bowler's entry averages and the Vacancy bowler average for 2024-2025. Motion carried.

### **Annual By-Law Review:**

Several Bylaws with changes to BarDon bowling lanes, Easton Area-USBC, 5-man teams, number of bowlers from 24 to 30, moving to Tuesday night, hard start at 6:30PM, season of 2024-2025, Annual Dues, were approved by acclamation.

### **Rule 7: League Averages**

**Entry Average** - The Entry Average for a bowler returning from the previous season will be their previous season's final Current Average. The Entry Average for all other bowlers will be established at the discretion of the Board prior to or during the annual membership meeting using all reasonably available information.

**Vacancy Average** - If, after all reasonable efforts have been made, the Secretary determines at the time of the annual membership meeting that there will be less than 30 players available for the current season, the Secretary shall determine the Vacancy Average for any vacancy in the league for the purpose of team drafting. This Vacancy Average shall be equal to the bowling average of the bottom six (6) returning bowler averages from the previous season.

If, for any reason, a bowler's position on a team becomes vacant during the season, his Vacancy Average shall be his Current Average at the time his position becomes vacant.

**Current Average** - Until nine (9) games have been completed, the bowler's Current Average is his Entry Average. After nine (9) games are bowled in the current season and for the rest of the season, the Secretary will compute the bowler's Current Average on a weekly basis.

**Blind Average of Quitting Bowler** – If an established (returning) bowler quits the league with twenty-one (21) or more games completed their blind average will be their current average. If the returning bowler has not completed twenty-one (21) games or more then the blind average will revert to their entry average.

### **Rule 12: Legal Line-up**

- If only two (2) bowlers are present on one or both teams, both teams will put their line-up down in ascending average (low to high) with no exceptions. The point for an absent bowler against

another absent bowler will be awarded to the absent bowler with the higher average. The point for a vacant bowler against another vacant bowler will be split.

- If three (3) or more bowlers are present on one team, absent bowlers cannot compete against each other. The Captain setting his team's lineup second (home team) must make lineup adjustments to avoid this situation. A vacant bowler may be opposite an absent bowler in a legal lineup at any time. A vacant bowler should not be opposite another vacant bowler.

#### **Rule 14: Position Standings**

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- A total of twenty-five (25) points shall be awarded per match.
- Each match allows for twenty (20) individual points. One (1) point is awarded per game to each team member whose total pin-fall outscored the bowler in the same lineup position on the opposing team. One (1) point is awarded to the bowler who wins the 3-game series against the opposing bowler. Ties award a half point (0.5) per man.

Motion made by G. Hartney and 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Seifert that the By-Laws of the league be revised as indicated above. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by E. Walck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Geissubel, was moved at 8:42PM. Motion carried unanimously.