

West Virginia State USBC Merge Meeting
March 18, 2017
Compton Lanes

Call to Order

The meeting to discuss the West Virginia State USBC Merge was called to order.

Roll Call

Present: Brian Atkinson, Adam Corbitt, Jamie Freeze, Paul Gacek, Heath Pyles, Jerry Reed, Paula Sgro and Rilla Teets

New Business

We discussed the need for a chairperson and recording secretary. Jerry Reed was elected to be the chairperson and Paul Gacek was elected as the recording secretary.

We discussed the timeframe for the merger. The merge will be complete by August 1, 2018. All meetings should be finished up by the end of May 2018. We are shooting for the organizational meeting to be in June 2018. Currently, the dates of the meeting will be June 16 & 17, 2018, location TBD. Everyone that will be a West Virginia State bowler is eligible to attend this meeting. We plan to hold a meet and greet on June 15, 2018, currently looking at the hours of 6 PM - 10 PM.

We discussed the bowling centers. All centers in the state will be part of the new association, with the exception of those in eastern panhandle that are served by either Maryland or Virginia.

The name of the association will be West Virginia State USBC. The Letter of Intent will need to be sent by all 3 current associations. The Youth Board of Directors will be meeting on April 23rd. The Letter of Intent will be sent in April 24th.

An audit must be completed by each current association before the merge. A deadline of June 1, 2018 was set to complete the audit.

Currently, the WV State USBC BA charges \$1 per member. \$4,000 of the money collected from these dues goes to pay for the 4 \$1,000 per year Youth Scholarships, and any remaining money goes into the general fund. It was noted that some Youth programs have gone from Bantam, Prep, Junior and Senior to U12, U15, etc. We may need to look into changing the divisions for the Youth Award in the future.

We discussed the bylaws. There is a template on bowl.com that will allow the current associations to list their bylaws on a spreadsheet and that will make it easier to compare. Each association will fill in their section and send the results to Paul Gacek, who will consolidate all

into one spreadsheet. The form can be found under the 'Forms, manuals and other resources' link on the Associations page. The form is under the Merge section, and is called 'Association Bylaw Comparison Worksheet'.

We discussed the current programs and services provided by each association. Please add all programs that your association does to the bylaws template at the end to be reviewed at upcoming meetings.

Programs that were discussed include: Open Tournaments for each association, scholarships, BVL, Susan G Komen/Bowl for the Cure, Donations to the youth, paying for seniors tournaments and sanctioning high school bowlers.

We held discussion on the EIN until the next meeting.

We discussed the need for a Nominating Committee. A question was asked if the Nominating Committee could run for the new Board of Directors. Rilla shared that they had asked USBC that question, asking if a Committee member could run from the floor. The response from USBC is: "It is not recommended that a Nominating Committee member would be seeking election to the new board, however, if they met eligibility requirements they could be nominated." Anyone that is interested needs to submit their name by August 15, 2017. The Committee will be selected by August 31, 2017. Each association will discuss this at their annual meeting. Please note that the Committee members do not need to be on a current Board of Directors to be eligible.

We discussed the need for a Tournament Committee. The Committee will be in charge of all tournaments run, and will check for conflicts in tournaments and checking on dates.

We will also need to hire a new Association Manager.

Please think of items that will be needed to evaluate the new Board of Directors and Association Manager when they are submitted to run, and bring those ideas to the next meeting.

The West Virginia State WBA USBC association has guidelines for Nominating Committee Chairperson, Association Manager and Board of Directors.

The next meeting will be June 17 at 11:00 AM. Location will be Emerson Lanes in Parkersburg.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Action Items

Each association will fill out the bylaws form and e-mail to Paul. Paul will consolidate all forms into one.

Everyone will think about items for the Board of Directors and Association Manager.