

**MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
IOWA STATE USBC WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**April 10 - 11, 2010**

**Starlite Best Western Village Inn & Suites – Fort Dodge, Iowa**

**Saturday Afternoon Session, April 10, 2010**

The 4th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association, Inc. was called to order on Saturday, April 10, 2010, at 1:05 p.m. by President Kristi Reidy in Fort Dodge, Iowa, at the Starlite Best Western Village Inn & Suites.

Sergeant-at-Arms Carma Bouska, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Connie Rommel, and Fort Dodge USBC WBA Sergeant-at-Arms Rosemary Possehn presented the colors. The delegation recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

DirectorCarolynn Lee gave the invocation.

President Reidy asked that all cell phones be silenced.

A quilt made of bowling towels from past years was displayed. It was noted the quilt was made by Virg Van Dierendonck for Norma Rose and it is not being raffled.

Tammy Sheker, President of the Fort Dodge USBC WBA, gave the official welcome.

Sharon Parks, President of the Ottumwa USBC WBA, gave the response to the welcome.

Greetings were then given by Elwin Clark, President of the Iowa State USBC BA, Charles Kutsch, Association Manager of the Iowa State USBC BA, and Bruce Strom, spoke to the delegation as President of the Iowa Bowling Council and the Iowa Bowling Proprietors. Bruce's comments included the 409 scholarships presented in the past 25 years, colleges that are adding bowling as a sport, high school bowling, high school coaches, and the Iowa Games.

1st Vice President Shirley Bloodsworth reported that the Rules Report is in printed form in the delegate packets. Shirley cited rule #12 regarding cell phone use. Shirley moved to dispense with the reading of the rules; the motion was seconded by Linda Ehlinger, Dubuqueland. The motion carried.

**Credential Committee Report**

Credential Committee chair Rosemary Possehn, Fort Dodge, gave the report of the committee: 4 officers, 7 directors, 130 delegates, 141 eligible to vote, 41 local associations were represented.

The first time delegates were then asked to stand and be recognized.

### **10-Year Service Award**

Charla Green, Association Manager, assisted by President Reidy, presented a 10-Year Service Award to Kathy Mayer, President of Osage USBC WBA.

### **300 Game Awards**

300 Game awards were then presented to: Mariah Early, Cedar Rapids, Brooke Flannagan, Cedar Rapids, Jennifer Lienen, Davenport Metro, Terri Grimes, Ottumwa, Julie Arnold, Davenport Metro, and Lisa Madsen, Muscatine.

### **800 Series Awards**

800 Series awards were presented to Sheila Chapman of Manchester, Tabitha Bieri of Muscatine, Lisa Madsen, Muscatine, and Brooke Flannagan, Cedar Rapids. None of the award winners were present.

President Reidy then told of our member, Karmen Munson of Williamsburg, who rolled back-to-back 300 games in Marengo on March 26, 2010.

### **Outstanding Local Association Manager Award**

Director Sue Strasburger, chair of the Special Awards Committee, came forward. Sue gave the requirements of the Outstanding Local Association Manager award, and asked all present who had received this award to stand. Sue then asked Carma Bouska to escort the 2010 Outstanding Local Association Manager to the podium, Shannon McHugh, Greene County USBC. Sue said: "Shannon is from Jefferson, Iowa, and has served her local association, Greene County USBC and its predecessor, Greene County Women's Bowling Assn. for over 20 years. John Woodford, President of Greene County USBC, and their Board of Directors nominated Shannon for the prestigious award. Her dedication to our sport and to her local and state associations has always been a priority to Shannon. Her knowledge and dedication on and off the lanes has helped her association become what it is today. She stays well informed with the constant changes and challenges we face in our sport. She could probably recite the rule book if asked. Shannon also stays involved by assisting and being a member of the youth registered volunteer program. Shannon has a passion for bowling, it is evident as she always is the first to volunteer and take on a new task. Not only does she serve her local association, she has been a director for the ISUSBCWBA, formerly the IWBA, for 8 years. Shannon is the true meaning of multi-tasking. She is tournament director for the annual statewide sponsored ISUSBCWBA Bowl for the Cure mail-in tournament for the Susan G. Komen Foundation; she serves many committees in support of the ISUSBCWBA, serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Iowa Women's 600 Club; she acts as tournament director for all of their events. This is all above and beyond her duties to her local association. When Shannon is not busy behind the scenes, she is participating in as many tournaments as possible or volunteering to help others. She has been a huge asset to Charla during this year's state championship tournament. This year's ISUSBCWBA Senior State tournament will be held in May at Carroll Bowl in Carroll, and yes, she has already volunteered to help! Shannon has lived in Jefferson for 35 years with her husband Mark, who also

bowls. They have two children, a son Alex of Fort Dodge, and daughter, Quinn, a student at ISU in Ames. Congratulations Shannon. On behalf of the ISUSBCWBA, we thank you for all you do for your local, state and satellite organizations. Your passion, dedication and willingness to help is appreciated, and now recognized." Shannon expressed her thanks for the honor.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

President Reidy then moved onto the approval of the minutes of the last meeting. Janine Babcock, New Hampton moved to accept the minutes as printed; seconded by Gail Huerter, Pella. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

Charla Green then went to the podium and reported there was no correspondence. Charla reported that there were no associations reported by USBC as becoming inactive.

### **Reports**

Kristi then reported that her report in printed form is included in the delegate packets and encouraged the delegates to read the report. She then reported that the ISUSBCWBA has again put forth our amendment regarding the USBC affiliate associations not having a vote at the annual meetings. Kristi will speak at the USBC convention in Reno on this amendment. She noted 6,800 women in Iowa have no vote or representation. Kristi then cited the sentence in the USBC rejection of our amendment whereas USBC feels the affiliate representation is not in the best interest of USBC. However, this sentence was removed from the proposed amendments on the website. She noted that most affiliates were encouraged by USBC to become affiliates.

Sylvia Broyles, past President of WIBC, has been in contact with delegates regarding legislation proposed by USBC. Sylvia is upset with the direction USBC has taken, particularly with proposed amendment B7 and she intends to speak out against this amendment at the convention in Reno. If the amendment is approved, USBC's Board of Directors will have total control of everything, except dues.

Kristi then asked Charla for her report of the association manager. Charla went to the podium and acknowledged all of Kristi's efforts on the proposed amendment. The association manager report, also printed, is in the packets and will not be read, and Charla asked the delegates to read it.

Charla then reported the interim financial report (treasurer's report), also printed, is also in the packets, along with the auditor's report and asked for any questions. Charla explained the financial report appears differently than in past years as we have combined the three previous accounts (general, tournament, senior) into one account, General Operations, and expenses are tracked using financial software for the various bookkeeping codes.

Kristi announced a 15-minute break during which Council Bluffs will set up and prepare their presentation and invitation for the 2012 tournament and Annual Meeting.

### **Invitation for 2012**

The delegation from Council Bluffs USBC gave their power point presentation, and gave out some door prizes. Pat Scheer-Wrinkle highlighted Council Bluffs' improvements since we last visited there 13 years ago. Pat then introduced Rick Fetters, President of the Council Bluffs USBC. Rick gave us his comments.

Following Council Bluffs' invitation, Kristi announced Council Bluffs will be hosting a hospitality room in room 187 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Ottumwa will be holding an open house in room 164 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### **Acts of the Board**

Kristi then called on Charla for her report of Acts of the Board. Charla said: "Acts of the Board - the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association, Inc. met on Sunday, August 16, 2009, at the Clarion Inn in Cedar Rapids. All members of the Board were present. Minutes of the spring board meeting were approved. Carma Bouska presented the report of the Administrative Policy. Following discussion and amending, the report was approved.Carolynn Lee presented the report of the Legislative Committee which included two proposed amendments. The report was accepted and approved. The Special Awards Committee chair, Sue Strasburger, presented their report which was accepted and approved. Sally Reighard, chair of Finance and Budget gave their report which included combining three checking accounts into one account to be known as the General Operations account. Following discussion, the report was accepted and approved. Other committees gave their reports; action as needed was taken and approved. The site for the 2011 senior tournament was discussed and approved. The charm design for the 2010 tournament was approved. Tournament bids for 2012 state championship tournament were reviewed and discussed. The summer workshop site for 2010 was selected."

President Reidy then called for committee reports.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Administrative Policy**

Carma Bouska, chair of the Administrative Policy Committee, reported that the changes in the policy manual will be reported by the individual reports. Carma thanked her committee.

#### **Finance and Budget**

Director Sally Reighard, chair of Finance and Budget, presented her report. Sally said: "The proposed budgets for General Operations, the 2010 tournament here in Fort Dodge and the upcoming senior tournament in Carroll was reviewed for

possible problems and there were none. In preparing a proposed budget for the 2011 tournament in Ottumwa, the first step was to estimate the membership for the 2010-2011 season. The second step is to then estimate the number of entries that will be received. This is done by calculating what percentage of those members will enter the tournament. That percentage is usually based on the number from the previous tournament with the location - east side of the state, west side, central, etc. - also factored in. This year, there were 3 new factors to consider: (1) The tournament will be in the southeast corner of the state - in a city that has never hosted the tournament before. (2) The tournament will now be handicap - what will be its appeal? (3) Will the state of the economy improve? The decision was to be optimistic about all three. With tournament entries calculated on an estimated 2010-11 member of 17,426, entries for team are estimated at 607, doubles at 1,497, singles at 2,994 and all events at 2,820. Overall these numbers add up to a proposed income of about \$191,000.00. However, with higher lineage fees (\$9.25 vs. \$9.00 for the current tournament) and more travel expenses to Ottumwa, expenses are projected to be over \$197,000.00, leaving a deficit of \$6,000.00+. However, there is a way to wipe out that deficit - exceed the projected number of entries. Another 90 - 100 teams and the accompanying doubles and singles would result in enough additional expense money to cover that deficit, not to mention how much more would be added to the prize fund. So, the ball is now in your alley. It is up to you. It is up to you to help get those extra entries, as many as you can. It is up to you to educate and encourage those newer and /or lower average bowlers to enter the tournament, discover the fun and camaraderie of the tournament experience. It is up to you to help get our tournament drop-outs back into making that annual trek to the tournament city. So, I encourage all of you to return home and start putting teams together now while you are still in regular contact with your teammates and league members. Take the time to explain how handicap helps level the competition to those newer, younger bowlers. And resolve today to be partners in helping the sport of bowling regain its standing as an activity the whole family can enjoy." Sally thanked her committee.

#### Legislative Committee

DirectorCarolynn Lee, chair of the Legislative Committee, came to the podium and gave their report. Carolynn reported there are two proposals.

The tellers then passed out the ballots. Carolynn reported this legislation requires a ballot vote and approval requires a 2/3 vote.

Carolynn did not read the proposals but stated Proposal #1 will add item #4 which reads: Acts or action without a meeting. Actions that are deemed necessary to conduct business/operations of the association may be taken outside of a board meeting by use of mail, email or teleconferencing. This type of action must be permissible by state law and approved by the WBA delegates and the Board. Carolynn then explained that if something arose that needed a board decision, that email could be used rather than the board meeting in a specified location. Carolynn Lee moved for adoption of the Proposal. Paula Hogan, Keokuk, seconded. President Reidy called for discussion on the Proposal. Vickie Wetzel, Davenport Metro, asked about wording in the last sentence. It was explained the association currently does not allow email, mail, or teleconferencing, and the Proposal would

change that to allow email, etc. Carolynn explained a yes vote will allow the amendment to be approved, no will not allow the email, etc. business.

Kristi instructed the delegates to use green ballot #1. The ballots were picked up and the tellers were excused to count the ballots.

Kristi then asked Carolynn to read Proposal #2. She stated we can't vote on it until the results of Proposal #1 are in, but we can keep the meeting moving.

Carolynn then read Proposal #2 which concerns Article 5, Board of Directors, Section d, Terms. The current term of directors is 3 years; the number of terms allowed shall be three. Carolynn explained the Proposal replacing the term limitation with "unlimited." She further explained terms are 3 years with a 3 term limit. She explained currently you could serve 2 terms, go off the Board and then run and be elected again for another 3 terms. Carolynn went on to say that the Bylaws, as they read now, that the wording is open for interpretation because of the way it is worded. She reminded the delegation they are voting on the term restriction to unlimited number of terms.

Discussion followed regarding the length of times a person could serve under the present Bylaw, going from director to officer. After more discussion, Carolynn again then stated that a person could serve, for example for 2 terms, go off the board, and then re-run and start another 3 terms or 9 years.

Carolynn moved for the adoption of Proposal #2. Vickie Wetzel, Davenport Metro, seconded. Carolynn called for discussion.

The vote on Proposal #2 will not be taken until the vote on Proposal #1 is in. By the motion to adopt and the second on Proposal #2, we will now discuss Proposal #2.

Carolynn asked for further discussion on Proposal #2. Brenda Bayers, Davenport Metro, asked about the current Bylaw as written, 3 year terms, 3 term limit.

Kim Grady, Cedar Rapids, then spoke against the Proposal. While the work of those serving is appreciated, she cited it is very difficult to run against an incumbent and gain a seat on the Board.

Debbie Roederer, Mt. Pleasant, spoke regarding the length of service and that those individuals not on the current Board can still serve in other capacities.

Chris Supino, Jasper County, spoke about the inability of gaining new blood on the board because the delegation is comfortable with the present Board and vote for the incumbents. Chris also asked about going off the Board, and then being able to run again.

The question was asked by a delegate as to how many years each of the present board members have been serving. The ISUSBCWBA Board of Directors then each stated the number of years they have served as either IWBA, ISUSBCWBA or both.

Carolynn explained terms and the stagger system, and while she is finishing her 2nd term, her first term was for one year.

Kathy Mayer, Osage, spoke on local service and a lack of interest by many, and in coming years there isn't people to run. She mentioned that she was President in Osage for 10 years, but no one else would run.

President Reidy then mentioned the lack of nominations in recent years. When appointments are needed, the past nominations are used for appointments. She further commented on the importance of nomination papers.

Director Jean Mumm commented on the 2010 slate, that all offices are unopposed for election.

A Jasper County USBC WBA delegate spoke regarding being a new delegate and the feeling of intimidation with unlimited terms.

Dusty Edwards, Marshall County, also spoke of being a new delegate and her desire to run for the Board, but is feeling the intimidation. She asked about the nomination papers.

Carolynn explained the nomination papers are mailed to each local association manager and that they are on the website.

1st Vice President Shirley Bloodsworth told the delegates about her history with the convention, being a delegate starting in 1969 and her path from then until today. She explained the need for service on the local level, and the more knowledge attained at the local level will help you take the next step.

Norma Rose explained that she ran 4 or 5 times before finally being elected.

Kim Grady, Cedar Rapids, returned to the microphone, and asked about the 6:00 p.m. nomination from the floor clause. Kim also asked about clarifying the rule about one board representative from each local association, and that prevents others from running because that local already has a member in the board. Kim's final comment was regarding committee appointments and that there are many members who would be willing to serve if allowed.

Shannon McHugh then told the delegation that she submitted her nomination papers for 10 years, and the closest she came to election was the year that Norma was elected.

Carolynn then asked for further discussion.

A Fairfield delegate asked about the time spent on board business and meetings.

Carolynn explained it depends on the committee. The largest time spent is on the fall board meeting, Saturday and Sunday, Annual Meeting, Thursday noon through Sunday afternoon, the summer workshop, a one-day event for attendance, but Shirley, as Workshop chair spends hours in preparation. The Legislative

Committee, some years is nothing, and this year, a great deal of time was invested with the two proposals.

Carma then spoke on the Administrative Policy Committee and the time and others involved.

Connie Rommel spoke on Tournament Study and the large amount of time spent in comparing past tournaments to make recommendations for the 2011 tournament. Connie also mentioned the BVL and the Bowl for the Cure tournaments which are many, many hours.

Carolynn then mentioned Sally and the Finance and Budget Committee. Sally explained the system of checks and balances between the state office and Sally's office and the verification process she performs. She does comparisons and estimates 20 to 25 hours per month on ISUSBCWBA finances. In July, Sally prepares the final budget comparisons for the Board review at the fall meeting.

Carolynn then told the delegation not to be discouraged by the time spent. It varies from committee to committee.

Judy Henry, Greater Cedar Valley, told the delegation of her service to the IWBA for 15 years, and that she ran several times before being elected. The first year was a total learning experience. The 2nd year, you find a bit more comfort in the position. Judy encouraged the delegation to do their service and to run, to keep your name in front of the delegates.

Sue Strasburger then told of her time of service. She then went on to explain that anyone can run, but those members with someone already on the Board can run against that same board member.

Tammy Sheker spoke regarding watching and learning over her years as a delegate. She further commented on the situation of only one person from each local. She encouraged the delegates to run. It's the delegates who vote and elect, you need the new with the old for experience and guidance.

Charla then spoke about the rule about one board member from each local and her personal experience; she also reminded all that we represent our entire state. She encouraged all to continue to serve their locals, and to file those nomination papers and to change the one only from each association rule.

Kristi returned to the podium with the result of the vote on Proposal #1. A total of 144 votes were cast, 96 needed for election. The result was 135 yes, 3 no. The motion was approved.

Kristi then asked if the delegation was ready to vote on Proposal #2. She announced the use of pink ballot #2 for the vote. For unlimited terms, vote yes, to leave the Bylaw as it currently reads, vote no. The tellers picked up the ballots, and were excused to the counting room.

Council Bluffs then gave out more door prizes.

The delegation was reminded if they need to leave the meeting room, ballot packs must be given to either Carma or Connie at the rear door of the room.

The tellers returned with the result of balloting for Proposal #2. President Reidy announce 96 needed to pass; the vote was 72 yes, 65 no. Proposal #2 is defeated.

Carolynn thanked the delegates for their input.

Connie Rommel stated that a new delegate asked about the procedure for submitting a proposed amendment. Carolynn explained it must be submitted to the state office by November 1st. For the procedure of writing the proposed amendment, she referred the delegates to page 60 in the annual report book.

Carolynn then thanked her committee, Norma Rose, Teri Jennings, Jackie Jacobs, Sharon Parrish and Shirley Etter.

President Reidy called on Director Norma Rose for the report of Newsletter and Promotion.

#### Newsletter and Promotion

While Norma was preparing for her report, Kristi announced that she would like to have names submitted, along with addresses and email addresses for future committees.

Norma reported on the newsletter and the costs. March 2010, 1,250 copies were mailed at a cost of \$1,833.82 or \$1.47 each. For December 2009, again there were 1,250 copies mailed at a cost of \$1,807.40 or \$1.45 each. The September issue, 1,114 copies were mailed at a cost of \$1,660.73 or \$1.49 each. Johnny Carr will continue to write his articles for each issue. Norma then told of the website hits which total 2,997 from August 1, 2009, to March 23, 2010.

Norma then commented about the bowling center, 12 lanes, USBC certified, which is part of the Bass Pro Shop in Altoona. It's something to see and she encouraged all to stop in just to see it. Norma thanked her committee.

#### Special Tournaments Committee

Jean Mumm reported on the Special Tournament Committee. Bids for the 2012 senior tournament are being accepted; the deadline is July 1st. Jean advised that Shannon McHugh and Connie Rommel will give their reports for this committee. Jean thanked her committee.

#### Bowl for the Cure

Shannon McHugh gave her report for the Bowl for the Cure tournament. Shannon said: "Good afternoon! How many of you participated this year in the Bowl for the Cure mail-in tournament? Great! In February we sponsored the 7th annual mail-ographic tournament for the benefit of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The first year we held the tournament, we had 1,034 entries. In 7 years that number has more than doubled. This year we had a record number of 2,112 entries (almost 300

more than last year) and a third of those entries belonged to BA members. I want to thank all of you who went to the lanes and the leagues and gathered up entries. I know a lot of you said give me \$5 and I'll do the rest. That works! Either that or I tell them I'm not leaving until they give me \$5. That seems to work a tad better and I try not to take it personally. The entry fee is \$5, with \$2 of each entry going to Bowl for the Cure. There are 5 divisions, 3 divisions for WBA members and 2 divisions for BA members. This year, certified league or tournament scores for the week of February 7th were used as the tournament scores, or if the bowler was unable to bowl that week, scores from the following week were allowed. Each winner has already been presented with their prize check and a pink Beanie Baby bear. Courtney Juran of the Manchester USBC WBA was the winner in WBA Division 1 with a handicap score of 850. Courtney's average is 102 and she had games of 118, 185 and 133 for a 436 series, and she bowled 130 pins over her average. Winner of WBA Division 2 was Iona Hoyle of Greene County USBC. Iona's handicap score was 863 and her average is 139. She had games of 204, 176 and 180 for a 560 series, and was 143 pins over her average. Sheila Schwebach of the Sheldon USBC was the winner of WBA Division 3, with a handicap score of 879. Her average is 168 and she had games of 166, 287 and 210 for a 663 series, and was 159 pins over her average. Nick Howe of the Ames Area USBC was the winner of the Division 1 BA Division with a handicap score of 873. His average is 170 and he had games of 237, 226, and 200 for a series of 663 and he was 153 pins over his average. There was a tie in the Division 2 BA division. Ben Kirby of the Mt. Pleasant USBC and Randy Slawson of the Fort Dodge Area USBC BA with a handicap score of 863. Ben's average is 195 and he had games of 221, 252 and 255 for a 728 series, and was 143 pins over his average. Randy's average is 176 and he had games of 213, 267 and 191 for a 671 series and was 143 pins over his average. The 2,112 tournament entries raised a total of \$4,224.00 for the Komen foundation and outside donations of another \$2,894.00 have raised our total so far to \$7,118.00. This does not include the money currently being collected for the pink bowling ball that will be given away at the end of the tournament and other raffle prizes. We have requested that these funds be returned to 4 Komen affiliates in Iowa - Southeast Iowa in Ottumwa, Des Moines affiliate, the Siouxland affiliate in Sioux City, and the affiliate in the Quad Cities. Last year's total donation from the combined efforts of all of you was \$10,153.56. I would also like to present a few certificates. From Davenport, the Friday Nightmares mixed league raised \$1,150.00, the Hull USBC raised \$1,151.00 and the Clarinda USBC Raised \$471.00. Each of these leagues received a Top Fundraiser certificate. Two associations are being awarded Above and Beyond certificates. From the efforts of a few individuals from these two associations, they gathered 20% of the total entries. The Fort Dodge women went out and approached each league and each bowler and rounded up 248 entries, as well as the Burlington USBC and they collected 228 entries. Last night we received a check from the Clinton USBC WBA from a tournament they held last October - \$11,000.00! Congratulations! They have requested that the entire amount raised be returned to the Quad Cities affiliate of the Komen Foundation. For those that might be interested, the entire standing sheet and prize list can be viewed on the Iowa State USBC WBA website, iowawba.com. If you have problems with the website or just want a copy mailed to you, please let me know and I'll get it to you. If you would like to hold your own Bowl for the Cure tournament, you may contact bowling headquarters for an event kit. You can hold whatever kind of tournament you want or simply pass the

bucket, and you can send your donation to me or directly to USBC. Thank you to everybody who participated. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we'll be looking forward to your entries next year and hope for another record breaking year."

#### Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL)

Connie Rommel came forward and gave her report of the BVL Mail-in tournament. Connie said: "Our 3rd BVL Mail-In tournament was conducted during the week of Veteran's Day in November 2009. We had a total of 1358 entries this year down 5 entries from last year. With donations and entry fees, we will be sending a check to BVL in an amount over \$3,000.00. What a great thing we are doing for our veterans. We have 716 WBA bowlers and 642 BA bowlers this year. The following association had the top number of bowlers entered: Fort Dodge 243, Greater Cedar Valley (Waterloo) 242, Ames 195, Burlington 120, Mt. Pleasant 105. Some of the smaller associations did a great job of getting entries also. Thanks to all of you who entered or took care of getting entries and scores sent in. Without you, we wouldn't get to help our veterans like we have. Winners this year are WBA Division 1 Lora George from Burlington WBA with a handicap score of 866. WBA Division 2 Lisa Waddell from Stuart WBA with a handicap score of 866. WBA Division 3 Shirley Johnson from Dubuqueland with a handicap score of 845. BA Division 1, a tie, Roger Overby (who won in a tie last year) from Greene County and Robert Albertson from the Greater Cedar Valley with a handicap score of 881. BA Division 2 Greg Caya from the Greater Cedar Valley with a handicap score of 856. If you haven't bowled the state tournament yet, there is a bowling ball at the team center that we are selling raffle tickets for to raise more funds for BVL. We also have a Jim Shore statue at the registration desk we are raffling here at the convention. Don't forget to buy your tickets. When I sent in last year's donations to the BVL, I asked that our funds be donated to the four VA facilities here in Iowa. In January I received checks in the amount of \$855.00 from BVL for each of those VA centers. It took a while to coordinate but Charla Green and I were able to personally present the checks to the centers on behalf of all of the great bowlers in Iowa. We started in Iowa City, off to Des Moines-Knoxville; these two are combined now and then off to Marshalltown. I think we were most impressed with the Marshalltown facility. They are building new group homes for our veterans. They will be state of the art homes for well deserving people. All three were very happy for our generous checks. Ray Mathes, the Commandant of the home in Marshalltown asked us to come back next year with another check. He won't be there, but we plan on taking another bigger check his way next year. The remainder of our funds which were sent to BVL was used to help with the touring group "Re-Creation", their annual bowling tournament and other recreational tools for our veterans. The dates for the 2010 BVL tournament will be November 7 through November 13, during Veterans Day week. Cost will be \$5.00 as in the past. I am asking each of you again to take it upon yourselves to help solicit entries for our next year's tournament. Our veterans need our help."

#### Special Awards Committee

Sue Strasburger returned to the podium for her report from Special Awards committee. She explained there are three parts to this award category.

### Above and Beyond Award

The Above and Beyond Award, formerly known as the Friendship Award and the Spirit Award, is awarded to those who go above and beyond. Sue asked past winners to stand and be recognized. Sue said: "This award will be presented to those individuals who best describe the sport of bowling through their dedication and service to USBC members and the game of American tenpins. The recipient may or may not be a member of the Iowa State USBC WBA. He or she should embrace the same goals and ideals as the Iowa State USBC WBA Board of Directors. A person who receives this honor is someone who provides leadership, knowledge and cooperation in assisting the Iowa State USBC WBA with its mission of serving the women bowlers of Iowa. The Above and Beyond Award must be submitted each year for consideration. We currently do not have any nominees for this award. If you know someone who is deserving of this honor, please complete and submit their nomination to the ISUSBCWBA office, postmarked no later than June 1st."

### Hall of Fame

Sue then asked all members of the ISUSBCWBA Hall of Fame to stand and be recognized. Sue then said: "The purpose of the Iowa State USBC WBA Hall of Fame is to recognize the names of those who have displayed outstanding ability in the game of American Tenpins and/or have contributed through meritorious service to the general welfare of our sport in the state of Iowa. Any local association, 500 Club, 600 Club, 700 Club, 20-Year Club, IWBW or Iowa member may submit the name of a candidate for consideration. The completed Hall of Fame nomination form must be submitted to the ISUSBCWBA office no later than June 1st. At the discretion of the ISUSBCWBA, we do not have any Hall of Fame inductees this year. It was decided that we needed to have clarification in some areas for a nominee's consideration. With this now accomplished we look forward to receiving updated information for current nominees on file and new nominations to be considered for induction to the Iowa State USBC WBA Hall of Fame."

Sue thanked her committee.

### Tournament Study

President Reidy called on Connie Rommel for her report from the Tournament Study Committee. Connie said: "Guess what? We are done doing surveys. Thanks to everyone who responded. Ladies, the changes are here. The 2011 state tournament in Ottumwa will be handicapped as you have already heard. The handicap will be 100% of 240. We are staying with five-person teams, doubles, singles and optional all events. Since we are going handicap with the tournament, we will offer those participating in the regular handicap singles and all events an optional scratch singles and optional scratch all events each at an additional cost of \$5.00. How many of you know you can bowl the team event three times this year? In Ottumwa, you will be able to bowl an unlimited number of times in the team event; however, 3 members of the team must be different. The cost of each event will be \$20.00 with the handicap all events \$3.00. Refunds for overpayments will not be issued for less than \$5.00. Each bowler must have their own ball whether their own personal ball or house ball. There will be no bowling Easter

weekend or the weekend of the Annual Meeting. We will have four divisions: Team Division 1 786 and above, Division 2 721-785, Division 3 676-720, and Division 4 675 and below. Doubles Division 1 315 and above, Division 2 289-314, Division 3 261-288, Division 4 260 and below. Singles Division 1 158 and above, Division 2 145-157, Division 3 131-144, and Division 4 130 and below. We have put many hours into these changes. Hopefully we can generate some excitement with these changes and get more bowlers entering our tournament. We are also looking into possibly having a Queen's tournament and a joint BA/WBA Iowa State Mixed tournament in the near future." Connie then explained how the divisions were decided, using entry figures from past tournaments.

Connie thanked her committee.

#### Workshop Advisory

Shirley Bloodsworth gave her report from the Workshop Advisory Committee. Shirley thanked the Annual Meeting workshop attendees. She then asked the delegation for any ideas for future workshops. The annual workshop was attended by 138 people and the donation for the IBC totaled \$347.95. Additional funds were collected to total \$350.00.

Shirley then told the delegates of the two flyers in the packets regarding the summer workshop and the reason for two flyers. Rich Eighme, a pro shop owner from Waterloo, will do a presentation regarding ball reaction and why. Jasper County USBC WBA will be hosting the summer workshop, lunch will be available for \$5.00; reservations are required. Shirley asked for other centrally located associations to invite the summer workshop to their town. Shirley thanked her committee and the entire Board as they all took part in the workshop.

#### Memorial Committee

The report of the Memorial Committee was given by Marilyn Mittan. Marilyn then asked for volunteers for those associations without representation in the Memorial Service.

Marilyn asked for those assisting with the Memorial Service to meet following recess for instructions.

President Reidy then called on Charla to give some clarification. Charla reported on the nominations from the floor, refer to page 57 in the green Annual Report. Regarding nominations from the floor, qualifications must be submitted 24 hours prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting.

Charla clarified the rule about only one board member from each local association. Charla stated this is not a Bylaw, and changes to this procedure must go through the Nominating Committee. Therefore, a recommendation should be forwarded to the Nominating Committee for their review. The Nominating Committee can then forward the recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval, and then it goes before the delegates for final approval.

A delegate brought up the 24 hours for nomination in the book. Kristi reported the book has conflicting pages and that a Bylaw always supersedes a rule.

Kristi announced that all ballot packs will be turned in to either Connie or Carma at the doors.

Announcements were then made by President Reidy. The Memorial Service will start at 8:30; the doors will be closed and will remain closed until the service is concluded. No flash pictures are allowed during the ceremony. There will be a short break before the Annual Meeting re-convenes for picture taking. Hospitality rooms tonight open at 6:30, Ottumwa in room 164, and Council Bluffs in room 187. The 600 Club will meet in the back of the room; the Writer's Club will meet following the 600 Club in this room. The Memorial Committee will meet in the front of the room. The Iowa Bowling Council will meet in 15 minutes in room 140.

The meeting was recessed at 4:40 p.m.

### **Sunday morning session, April 11, 2010**

President Reidy called the meeting back to order on Sunday, April 10, 2009, at 9:15 a.m.

### **Credential Committee Final Report**

Rosemary Possehn, Fort Dodge USBC WBA Sergeant-at-Arms, gave the final report of the Credential Committee as of 9:00 a.m. on April 11, 2010. Officers 4, directors 7, delegates 134, total 145 eligible to vote, 45 local associations represented.

Rosemary thanked her committee: Sharon Steburg, Jackie Jacobs, Karla Detmering, Kimberly Arnold, Virginia Dorweiler and Jodi Peterson.

Kristi then thanked Fort Dodge and the surrounding communities for helping with the tournament and Annual Meeting. She asked them to stand and be recognized.

Marilyn Mittan came to the podium and thanked the Memorial Service participants and her committee.

A note from the Davenport Metro USBC WBA was read to the delegation by President Reidy regarding former IWBA director Virginia Hebbeln. Ginny is now residing at the Montclair Nursing & Rehab Center, Room 610, 2525 135th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68144.

Kristi then reported that the Iowa Bowling Council met on Saturday, April 10, 2010. There were 41 applications for the scholarships. All 41 will receive a \$300 scholarship from the IBC.

## New Business

### Nominating Committee Report

Kristi called on Linda Ehlinger for the report of the Nominating Committee. Linda gave the report in the absence of chairperson, Loretta Wander. Linda said: To the officers, directors and delegates assembled at the 4th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association, Inc. The Nominating Committee places the following names on the ballot: 2nd Vice President, Marilyn Mittan, Belle Plaine, Director #1,Carolynn Lee, Burlington, Director #2, Norma Rose, Des Moines. Delegate to USBC Convention 2011, Kristi Reidy, President, Independence. Alternate to USBC Convention 2011, Charla Green, Association Manager, Fort Dodge. Respectfully submitted, Loretta Wander, chair, Marlys Fear, Mt. Pleasant, Linda Ehlinger, Dubuqueland, Pat Hutchins, Stuart and Elodie Sellers, Fairfield."

### Election of Officers and Directors

Kristi then asked 2nd Vice President Marilyn Mittan to stand. There were no nominations from the floor. Rose Palumbo, Cedar Rapids, moved to elect Marilyn by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Jackie Mundorf, Cedar Rapids. Motion carried. Marilyn accepted and thanked the delegates for allowing her to serve again.

Moving on to Director #1, Kristi asked Carolynn Lee to stand. There were no nominations from the floor. Kristi declared the polls closed and asked that Carolynn be elected by acclamation. Gail Huerter, Pella, seconded the motion. Carolynn accepted and thanked the delegates and promised to work hard in the next three years.

For Director #2, Kristi asked Norma Rose to stand. There were no nominations from the floor. Janice Cooper, Council Bluffs, moved to elect Norma by acclamation; the motion was seconded by Dusty Edwards, Marshall County. The motion carried. Norma accepted and extended her appreciation to the delegates.

For our delegate to the 2011 USBC convention, 1st Vice President Shirley Bloodsworth went to the podium and announced that Kristi Reidy is on the ballot as our delegate. Shirley moved to send Kristi to the 2011 USBC meeting in Texas as our delegate by acclamation. Motion carried.

For the alternate to 2011 USBC convention, Charla Green is on the ballot. Kristi asked for all those in favor to say aye. Charla was elected as alternate.

Council Bluffs then presented their door prizes. They announced the proceeds of their raffle amounted to a \$216.00 donation to the Susan G. Komen foundation.

### 2012 Site Selection

The selection of the site for our 2012 State Championship tournament and Annual Meeting followed. Debbie Roederer, Mt. Pleasant, moved to accept Council Bluff's invitation for 2012. The motion was seconded by Diana Appel, Clinton. Motion carried.

Rick Fetter, President of the Council Bluffs USBC, thanked the delegation.

### **Reports from satellite clubs**

#### 20-Year Club

President Reidy called on Lynne Riordan, Secretary-Treasurer for the report of the 20 Year Club. Lynne said: "Good morning ladies! The Iowa 20 Year Club held its Annual meeting on April 10, 2010. The invocation was given by Marilyn Mittan. President Irene Cassens called the meeting to order. Roll call of officers was taken with President Irene Cassens, Vice President Wyn Ann Allen, Secretary-Treasurer, Lynne Riordan all present. Greetings were given to the members by President Irene Cassens, and Secretary-Treasurer Lynne Riordan. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given and Norma Rose gave the audit report. Nancy Boltz made a motion to accept, Laronda Boltz seconded the motion. The audit report was approved. The members discussed ways to help raise money for the club. Sharon Parks suggested that we look into a weekend stay at a casino to be raffled off. Charli Pals offered to check into this and get in touch with Irene and Lynne. To date we have 190 members with 90 active members, 9 new members, of which 54 attended this year's luncheon. During the meeting, door prizes were given. Winners were Jean Mumm, Scentsy plug in warmer, Judy Bickle, a medium size warmer, and Eileen Johnson, a medium size warmer. The meeting was adjourned. If anyone is interest in joining the 20 Year Club, you may call or email me at [lknepp@mchsi.com](mailto:lknepp@mchsi.com) or call 641-660-0679. A very special thank you was extended to Linda Davidson for offering to help get all the names on a database."

Linda Ehlinger then thanked the Nominating Committee.

#### 2011 Nominating Committee

Kristi announced the 2011 Nominating Committee. Loretta Wander will again serve as chair. Because of this being the first year of serving this committee, the committee members will also remain, Marlys Fear, Linda Ehlinger, Pat Hutchins and Elodie Sellers. Kristi also announced that nomination forms are available on the front table, along with Hall of Fame and Above and Beyond Award forms. There were also copies of the newspaper articles on Karmen Munson's back to back 300 games.

#### 500 Club

Barbara Tarantino then gave the report of the 500 Club. Barbara said: "The 2009 500 Club tournament was held at Premier Bowling and Entertainment in Pleasant Hill last November. We had 12 teams, 23 set of doubles and 47 singles. There were 14 new members who bowled for the first time. Officers elected for a two-year term were Wyn Ann Allen, Vice President, and Barbara Tarantino, Secretary-Treasurer. As of this date, we have 24 new members this year. The 2010 tournament will be October 16 and 17 at Mustang Lanes in Monroe, there will be two shifts each day. Officers up for re-election will be President and Sergeant-at-Arms and are two-year terms. If your bowling center would like to bid on the 2011

tournament let Connie DeGreef or me know. You do not have to have a local 500 club to bid on the tournament. There will be entry forms at the state workshop in July in Newton or you can contact me and I will send one to you. Entry forms will also be available on the Iowa WBA website. Thank you.”

Kristi asked that all reports be given to Charla in writing.

#### 600 Club

Shannon McHugh then came forward to give her report from the 600 Club. Shannon announced that she had received a check this morning from Webster City for \$1,314.00 for the Bowl for the Cure.

Shannon said: “The Iowa 600 Bowling Club met on Saturday, April 10th in Fort Dodge with 51 members attending. Re-elected as vice president was Sue Strasburger and Shannon McHugh as secretary-treasurer for two-year terms. Dues for club membership remain at \$2.00 each for both new members and renewals. Donations were approved of \$50.00 to each of the three VA facilities in Iowa, and \$350.00 to the Iowa Bowling Council for their scholarship fund. The 2010 Doubles and Singles tournament will be held in October at Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson, with the entry fee to remain at \$12.00 per event, and \$1.00 optional all events handicap fee and \$1.00 optional all events scratch fee. Our winners from last fall were Vickie Woodford and Shannon McHugh of Greene County with a score of 1586 in the doubles event. The singles event winner was Lisa Gregerson of Des Moines with a score of 809. McHugh captured the all events handicap crown with a total score of 1548, and the all events scratch champion was Gregerson with a score of 1285. Plaques were presented for Bowler of the Year award for high game and high series - these are the honor scores that were reported. 5 women bowled games of 300 during the 2008-09 season - Anne Jorgensen, Margo DeBar and Brenda Stevens all from Council Bluffs, and Tabitha Bieri and Triscia Klein from Muscatine. Stephanie Beck of Dubuqueland was awarded the plaque for her high series of 835. In addition to the Doubles & Singles tournament held in October, we will also have our Triple Dip tournament that is held in conjunction with our state tournament and the mail-o-graphic tournament which we use our league score from a specific week of league bowling. Last year’s Triple Dip winners were Amy Decker of Dubuqueland in the singles division with a handicap score of 875, Joyce Miller also of Dubuqueland with a handicap score of 848 in the doubles event, and Kathy Baker of Webster City had a handicap score of 874 in the team event. The winner of the mail-o-graphic tournament was Tina Rollins of Webster City with a handicap score of 822. The mail-o-graphic tournament allows multiple entries but you may cash only once in the prize list. Entry blanks for both tournaments will be mail out next fall with your club memberships. The entry fee will remain the same in both tournaments - \$5.00 for the mail-in with multiple entries, and \$6.00 for each entry in the Triple Dip tournament with \$1.00 of each entry fee going to Bowl for the Cure. This year the club raised \$244.00 from its entries to benefit Bowl for the Cure. Thank you.”

## 700 Club

Kim Grady, President of the Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club, gave their report. Kim said: "The Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club was formed at a meeting in 1997 in Council Bluffs. Today's membership stands at 234 members which includes six new members added in the 2009-2010 season. 41 members paid renewal dues in 2009-10. Our 2009-10 annual singles tournament was held on September 26, 2009, at Lancer Lanes in Cedar Rapids. We had 25 entries. Nikki Weis, Cedar Rapids, took 1st place with her 998 handicap finished, but remember this tournament is 4 games across 8 lanes. Our annual meeting was held following the tournament. High game and high series awards for 2008-2009, as reported, were presented to Kim Gerst of the Greater Cedar Valley USBC for her 295 game and 756 series. Elections were also held at our meeting. Sue Strasburger, Cedar Rapids, was re-elected 1st Vice President, and Charla Green was returned to the office of Secretary-Treasurer. Other officers are myself as President, 2nd Vice President Bonny Prucha, and Sergeant-at-Arms Robbin Jones, all from Cedar Rapids. The club also sponsors an annual mail-in tournament. The event was held the week of January 10 through 16, and we had 24 entries. 1st place went to Donna McVea of Council Bluffs USBC, she rolled a scratch 665 and finished with a 794. High game and high series during the tournament went to Linda Ehlinger of Dubuqueland USBC WBA with a 243 and 683. Our 2010-11 singles tournament will be held Saturday, September 25, 2010, in Manchester and our annual meeting will immediately follow that tournament. Anyone who is interested in joining the club, contact either Charla or myself. Thank you."

## Iowa Women Bowling Writers Club

Carolynn Lee gave her report from the Iowa Women Bowling Writers. Carolynn said: The Iowa Women Bowling Writer's held their annual meeting last night, April 10th at 5:35 p.m. right here. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Supino, all officers were present. The attendance roster was signed by 14 members. Dues were paid by 22 members during the convention. This includes one new member, Sandy Isch. President Chris Supino was re-elected as was Charlotte Marvin as Sergeant-at-Arms. Chris Supino announced the resignation of Vice President Dee Turnmeyer. Judy Henry was appointed to complete Dee's term with the approval of the membership. Committees were appointed for the coming year. Sally Reighard provided copies of the Washington Spare Notes newsletter for everyone's use and review. The members shared their local news happening. When you think about people you have not seen for awhile and wonder where they are, that is the topic of the new writing assignment. Thank you."

Ottumwa then passed out door prizes.

Connie Rommel announced the winner of the BVL raffle. The bracelets and the statue brought in \$378.00. Connie thanked Chris Supino as her salesperson. The statue was won by Barb Bartholomew of Washington.

Shannon McHugh announced the winner of the Bowl for the Cure raffle. Cindy Walton of Independence won the figurine.

Connie Rommel announced that Greater Cedar Valley USBC will be inviting the ISUSBCWBA 2013 tournament to Waterloo.

Kristi announced that the USBC representative was unable to attend our meeting as he is in Minneapolis at that convention.

President Reidy encourage all to visit [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) and check out all the proposed amendments regarding the handicap, the controversial B7, and to look at the live stream of the meeting, if USBC is able to live stream at the convention site.

### **Gold Pin Ceremony**

Tammy Sheker, President of Fort Dodge USBC WBA, and Sharon Parks, President of the Ottumwa USBC WBA, then came to the podium to conduct the Gold Pin ceremony. Tammy wished much success to the Ottumwa USBC WBA with the 2011 events. Sharon thanked Tammy and invited everyone to come “rollin’ and bowlin’” in Ottumwa.

Kristi announced the Bowl for the Cure proceeds as \$119.00 from the raffle.

### **Resolution**

Sandy Isch, Greater Mason City, then gave the resolution. Sandy said: Madam President, I would like to present the resolution to the delegates. Be it resolved that the acts of the officials and agents of the ISUSBCWBA since the last Annual Meeting be and that they are hereby ratified and approved. I move for the adoption of this resolution.” The motion was seconded; motion carried.

Connie Rommel stated some ladies have asked about BVL and fund raising. Connie advised all to go on [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) and get the information and the kit.

Shirley Bloodsworth received thanks for her presentation of the workshop by the delegates.

After more general conversation, the 4th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Association, Inc. was adjourned.

The colors were retired. All joined hands and sang “May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You.”

Respectfully submitted,

*Charla Green*

Charla Green  
Association Manager