

# **Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association**

## **General Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2024**

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Grace Yamasaki, Stan Yamasaki, Helen Fong, Chuck King, Bill Kitagawa, Gary Fujii, Mitch Kojima, Darren Tsumura, Mike Tanaka, May Sease, Karen Nakao

### ***Meeting Highlights:***

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- Darren Tsumura called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes –**
  - Darren Tsumura (President) asked May Sease (Treasurer) about the collection of the Nisei dues. If all dues had been collected from all of the leagues. Karen Nakao (Secretary) stated that dues are still coming in from various leagues.
  - Grace Yamasaki made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Chuck King
- **Approval of Treasurer Reports –**
  - May Sease gave a summary of the General Account and the Tournament Account, after hosting the Sr. No-Tap Tournament last November.
  - Chuck King made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report, seconded by Bill Kitagawa
- **Old Business:**
  - JANBA2026
    - Darren Tsumura gave a quick update. We are going to go with Country Club Lanes to host JANBA2026. Darren put together a rough draft contract (used the contract with Mardi Gras, where we hosted JANBA2014), as an example. Darren's only concern is with the room/area we will be using for ball storage and the committee room. There is only one (1) door to go in and out of the room and will get congested with bowlers getting/storing their equipment and our volunteers bringing in scores to be posted.
    - Darren also requested that no birthday parties be held during the tournament. Travis Powers (Manager, Country Club Lanes) stated that having birthday parties is where they make their money. If they cannot have the parties, they may have to raise the cost of lineage. Darren will request that Travis help to keep the noise level and activity down during the tournament.
    - Darren wants the contract in place before going to JANBA2024 in Portland, so that he can let the JANBA Board of Directors know where the tournament will be held.
    - We need to start looking for committee chairpersons for each event. Both bowling and non-bowling (registration, sell merchandise, banquet tickets, etc.). We don't have to worry about merchandise purchasing merchandise, as JANBA has a source.
    - We have the following volunteers:
      - Dedicated entry people: Miya Tsumura, Heather Kurihara, David Saika
      - Banquet – Stacy Matsunami
    - Mel Muranaka was the chairperson for the Hotel, but since he has passed away, there is a need for someone to take over locating and working with the hotel to lock in room rates.
  - 2023 Nisei Sr. No-Tap
    - Update: Mike Tanaka (Mens Vice President) stated that there was an increase in entries from the 2022 tournament, despite reducing the number of squads for the tournament.

- Mike felt that the tournament ran very smoothly. There was only one (1) problem. There was a problem with the PA system. The high end of the house was not able to hear any announcements. When Mike arrived early Saturday morning, the Manager of Land Park Lanes told him about the problem before the tournament started.
  - Darren and Mike decided to keep the same format for the tournament moving forward. Only having one (1) Mixed Doubles and one (1) Mixed Team event each day (Saturday and Sunday). There were no complaints about discontinuing the second Mixed Doubles squad each day. Mike will be working with the Manager on a contract for the 2024 Sr. No-Tap Tournament. The dates will be November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - There was a question raised if the tournament could be held somewhere else. Mike said that he surveyed the Seniors, and 75% said that they would not bowl elsewhere. Most of the Seniors live in the vicinity of Land Park Lanes.
- 2024 SNBA Invitational Tournament
    - The tournament entry deadline is January 15, 2024.
    - Mike said that so far he has received the following:
      - For Saturday:
        - 17 entries for the Mixed Doubles Squad 1
        - 22 entries for the Mixed Doubles Squad 2
        - 13 entries for the Singles/Doubles Squad 3 (combined Mens squad and Womens squad)
        - 30 entries for the 5:30 p.m. Teams Squad 4 (combined Mens squad and Womens squads). This squad is full. There are 21 Mens Teams and 9 Womens Teams. Mike and Michelle Wong (Womens Vice President) are going to see if one (1) team from each of the Mens and Womens teams will change to the 8:30 p.m. squad. There is a need to have an unused pair of lanes in case of a lane breakdown.
        - 6 entries for the 8:30 p.m. Teams Squad 5 (combined Mens and Womens squads). There are 4 Mens Teams and 2 Womens Teams. But entries are still coming in.
      - For Sunday:
        - 23 entries for the Singles/Doubles Squad 6 (combined Mens squad and Womens squad). No breakdown between the two (2) squads given.
        - 26 entries for the Singles/Doubles Squad 7 (combined Mens and Womens squad). No breakdown between the two (2) squads given.
      - Looking for a volunteer Chairperson responsible for scheduling the runners (volunteers to bring in the scores after each game).
      - Money Tree Chairperson – was Mel Muranaka. Mitch Kojima has stepped up to be the Money Tree Chairperson.
  - 2024 SNBA Banquet
    - Mel Muranaka has been the Banquet Chairperson for many years. With his passing, Darren will be taking over for this year.
    - Darren wants to get a Budget approved earlier this year, than last year.
    - He would like to keep the cost of the dinner tickets at \$15.00. With kids 10 years old and younger, free.

- Estimating the cost of the Banquet dinner to be \$4,340 (\$310 per table of 10, 14 tables)
- Thinking we can use money made at the 2024 SNBA Tournament to supplement the cost of the Banquet, beverages, dessert, supplies, raffle prizes and Bingo prizes.
- Last year we made around \$2,600.00 at the 2023 SNBA Tournament.
- To help supplement raising money for the Banquet, will be raising the cost of sides pots from \$15.00 to \$20.00.
- Banquet will be held at Lucky Jade on Sunday, June 9, 2024. No-host cocktails start at 5:00 p.m. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.
- Would like to reduce the number of Will Call reservations, as some do not show up.
- Gary Fujii made a motion to accept the estimated Budget, seconded by Chuck King. All in attendance approved.

**Open Discussion:**

- Darren stated that at this point we're not going forward with the request to ask the JANBA Board of Directors if non-Nisei bowlers in a Nisei Association could be considered to be able to bowl in their local JANBA tournament. The Executive Board discussed this, and found that it is too hard to come up with standard criteria that would fit every Nisei Association. And would be hard to monitor. Darren asked Rick Goishi, former SNBA President, for clarification on criteria as this was his request. Darren has not received a response. If at some point Rick comes up with the criteria, we will review again. Darren will continue to have discussions with the JANBA Board.
- Darren noted that our non-Nisei percentages in some leagues have gone up drastically. He stated that he understands that some leagues need to look for bowlers to keep leagues running.
- Nisei American – When Mel Muranaka became the League Secretary for the Nisei American League, he opened an account with Chase Bank. Unfortunately, he was the only one on the account. After he passed away on December 26, 2023, Mitch Kojima (President) met with a representative with Chase Bank. He found out that he was not on the account. He was told that Chase Bank would need a letter stating that Mel had passed away and that the Nisei American League would like to remove Mel from the account and replace him with Mitch Kojima (President, acting League Secretary for remainder of the league season) and Gregg Sako (Vice President). Darren Tsumura (Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association [SNBA]) wrote a letter stating this. Mitch met with a representative again and was told that they would require meeting minutes in order to make the change. A proposal was presented to the general meeting attendees to request that Mel Muranaka be removed from the Nisei American league account at Chase Bank and to add both Mitch Kojima and Gregg Sako to the account.
  - Chuck King made a motion to accept the changes, seconded by Gary Fujii
  - The members present at the meeting voted to accept the change.
- Bill Kitagawa, League Secretary for Nisei Valley, asked to have Bill Hanrahan voted into the SNBA to bowl in the Nisei Valley league.
  - Bill Hanrahan's application was accepted
- Next meeting – March 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

- Grace Yamasaki made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Fujii