

Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association

General Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2024

Meeting Attendees:

Grace Yamasaki, Stan Yamasaki, Carolyn Horikawa, Lanny Matsuda, Helen Fong, Chuck King, Bill Kitagawa, Doug Najima, Robert Takemori, Kenny Lee, Mitch Kojima, Jody Tao, Joy Mokthephathai, Darren Tsumura, Mike Tanaka, Michelle Wong, May Sease, Karen Nakao

Meeting Highlights:

- Darren Tsumura called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** –
 - Carolyn Horikawa made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Chuck King
- **Approval of Treasurer Reports** –
 - Carolyn Horikawa made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report, seconded by Grace Yamasaki
- **Old Business:**
 - JANBA2026
 - Contract has been signed with Country Club
 - Looking for Committee Chairpersons.
 - Hotel Accommodations – one of the most challenging
 - Not sure if having a regular raffle during the tournament.
 - Storm raffle – Portland decided not to do the Storm raffle. We will get 2 Storm certificates for \$100.00 (\$50.00 each).
 - Portland was offered 8 certificates.
 - Complaints – last squad of Mens' Singles was still scheduled for Saturday morning. Just the Mens' Singles event. We're going to try to schedule the last Singles Division by Friday night.
 - Participation for Denver was 290+ bowlers. For Portland was 375 bowlers. In the past, we have always had over 500 bowlers.
 - Darren was nominated and accepted the Vice President position. Congratulations Darren!!!
 - This opens up a JANBA Representative position. The JANBA Rep has to attend the meeting held the Sunday before the tournament starts. Please let the Executive Board know if you are interested in this position.
 - JANBA2024 – we had 2 champions! Lane Ochikubo took the Mens' 6 Game Classic and Rick Goishi took the Sr. Mens' All Events and the Veteran's All Events titles. Congratulations Lane and Rick!!!
 - JANBA2025 will be in Las Vegas
 - We are in charge of the Mens' and Womens' Team Events (scheduled on Wednesday).
 - 2024 SNBA Invitational Tournament
 - Mike Tanaka, our Mens' Vice President, feels the tournament ran well. No breakdowns.
 - There was an increase of 142 entries from last year:
 - 30 Mixed Doubles entries in 2023
 - 64 Mixed Doubles entries in 2024
 - We made a profit of approximately \$3,800.00.

- Mike Tanaka and Michelle Wong, our Womens' Vice President thanked Karen Nakao for doing the side pots. And also thanked Mitch Kojima for running the Money Tree. They would also like to thank all of the volunteers who came out to help at the tournament.
- Mike has tentatively scheduled the tournament for next year, February 1, 2025 and February 2, 2025, at Country Club. The dates have not yet been confirmed.
- **New Business:**
 - 2024 SNBA Banquet Planning
 - Due to the fire at Land Park Lanes, six (6) out of eight (8) of our Nisei leagues have had to shut down.
 - With leagues having to shut down, may be harder to plan. Secretaries are not able to pass out flyers and collect the money for the Banquet.
 - To have the SNBA Banquet at Lucky Jade, we have to guarantee a certain number of tables.
 - Will be asking our League Secretaries to find out if any bowlers from their leagues are interested in going to the banquet. And to collect the money and give to someone on the Executive Board.
 - Only thing that has been done so far is that the Budget for the Banquet has been approved (approved at our January 2024 meeting).
 - The date that Mel Muranaka had reserved with Lucky Jade is Sunday, June 9th.
 - Would like to make a final decision by April. Depends on how many people would be interested and committed to go.
 - Chuck King mentioned that there were a lot more younger people who went last year. Don't want to stop the momentum. Need the younger people to get more involved.
 - Carolyn Horikawa feels that we should still have the Banquet. People want to reunite.
 - Secretary End-of-Season Packet
 - Karen Nakao explained what was in the packet.
 - 2024-2025 Season
 - Darren wanted to find out what the different leagues are planning to do.
 - Nisei Ladies Handicap is moving from Monday night to Tuesday night at The Alley. Start Date: September 9th, 2024. Shadow: 6:30 p.m. Start Time: 6:45 p.m. Carolyn said September 9th, but I'm assuming that it should be September 10th. She tried Country Club at 7:00 p.m., but her league would prefer Tuesdays at The Alley. She was quoted \$16.00 a person for lineage.
 - Carolyn is also taking over as Secretary for the summer league that Miki Ohta used to run. Summer league will be at The Alley, starting Wednesday, May 8, 2024 and ending Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Start time: 7:00 p.m.
 - Carolyn reported that during the day on Tuesdays, there is a Senior league, but that there is only one employee working.
 - South Sac Nisei Mixed – Karen reported that she is trying to work with Country Club. Only day that they have open is Sunday.
 - Nisei Valley – Bill Kitagawa reported that most likely Nisei Valley will move to The Alley on Thursday nights.
 - Nisei American – may be able to move to Country Club on Friday nights.

- Karen contemplating creating a new league on Sundays, combining the Nisei Mixed Fours and Sunday Nisei Mixed (ex-Mardi Gras Nisei Mixed). Need to set new or adjust criteria.
- 2024 Sr. No-Tap Tournament
 - Tentative schedule November 9th and 10th, 2024
 - Mike reached out to Fireside. They have Jr. bowlers same weekend. Sunday may be a problem. There's a tournament, River City Queens.
 - Fireside has tournaments on weekends. Could change the dates for the Sr. No-Tap Tournament (due to the closure of Land Park Lanes).
 - Mike has talked to Travis Powers about having the Sr. No-Tap Tournament at Country Club. Mike said that Travis could possibly match the \$10.50 lineage.
 - There will not be a SNBA Invitational Tournament in 2026 due to Sacramento hosting the JANBA2026 Tournament.
 - It was suggested that maybe we should have a test run for scheduling a JANBA Tournament at Country Club.
 - A question about Nisei eligibility for JANBA came up. What if a Non-Nisei bowler has committed a number of years and their league moves to another night and they cannot bowl that night. Darren said that the SNBA will be lenient.
- **Open Discussion:**
 - Robert Takemori would like the contact information for the Executive Board and the other league secretaries. Darren suggested sending out an email with the contact information to all of the league secretaries. Karen will follow-up and send out the email..
 - Caroly asked who we might lose. At this point, it is unsure what leagues we might lose..
 - Next meeting – maybe in April.
- **Adjournment**
 - Carolyn Horikawa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kenny Lee