

Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association General Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2017

Meeting Attendees:

Russ Harkins, Mel Muranaka, Alex Wong, Grace Yamasaki, Stan Yamasaki, Helen Fong, Diane Fujii, Glenn Kobata, Susan Saika, David Saika, Mike Tanaka, Tracy Green, May Sease, Karen Nakao

Meeting Highlights:

- David called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** –
 - Diane Fujii made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Grace Yamasaki
- **Approval of Treasurer Reports** –
 - No Treasurer Reports. No change since last reports were submitted.
- **Old Business:**
 - 2017 SNBA Banquet
 - Arrow Rental sent a refund check for \$160.00 because they did not deliver the tables Mel had rented.
 - David asked if the rectangular tables worked (tables owned by the church), or did people want the round tables. Most people preferred the rectangular tables. Since Arrow Rental did not deliver the round tables, we used the 6 ft. rectangular tables owned by the church. The church also has 8 ft. rectangular tables.
 - The church office automatically reserved June 16, 2018 for next year's banquet. There was a discussion whether to keep that date or to change the date. Early June is not feasible. Some leagues may end in early May, so would not have enough time to get the awards booklets done. Need to find out from Barry Tsugawa when the Mardi Gras Nisei Mixed league will be ending next year. Barry's league had to extend a few weeks due to Mardi Gras hosting tournaments.
 - It was brought to the Executive Board's (EB) attention that some banquet attendees did not receive their free door prize tickets. There was a discussion on how to prevent this next year. There was an announcement before the banquet started, but people may not have heard it.
 - Mel Muranaka wanted to make a motion to give each member of the Executive Board 2 free tickets and wanted 6 tickets for the kitchen crew. He has been using un-used sponsor tickets in the past. David said that the EB does not need 2 tickets each, and if needed, he will pay for the extra tickets for the kitchen crew. Diane Fujii stated that the SNBA has enough money to pay for the tickets for the kitchen crew.
 - May asked if league secretaries could let bowlers know if they are receiving an award so they have the choice of attending the banquet to receive their monetary award.
 - Charitable contributions
 - David stated that ACC has a number of different departments. When he spoke to an ACC representative, he stated that we would like to donate a large item rather than numerous small items.
- **New Business**
 - 2017 Sr. No-Tap Tournament
 - Mike has booked November 11th and 12th, 2017 at Land Park Lanes

- Mike stated that Glenn Kobata, Nori Uyeda, and Karen Nakao are available that week-end
- Mike stated that in the past years, AMF has been charging \$9.00 for lineage. This year, lineage is increasing to \$10.50. He didn't want to raise the entry fee due to seniors being on a fixed income. Karen suggested increasing the entry fee by \$2.00 to \$17.00.
- There may be a problem using the room behind the bar on Sunday. There is a league meeting scheduled on Sunday. Mike did not know what time the league meeting is scheduled for. David suggested working with Land Park and the league on use of the room.
- 2018 SNBA Tournament
 - May checked with Country Club regarding lineage. They quoted \$10.50. But, it was already decided to go to Fireside for the SNBA Tournament.
 - Mike stated that the manager at Land Park approached him about the tournament. She said that she had heard that we were going to move the tournament. He said that he didn't comment.
 - Mike reserved February 10th and 11th, 2018 with Fireside. He stated that Tracy, Glenn, Nori and Karen are available that week-end.
 - He also stated that Fireside has a large room, partitioned off to create 2 smaller rooms. Some perks for volunteers: free non-alcoholic beverages and 50% off at the snack bar. We can bring our own food.
 - Fireside has quoted \$8.25 for lineage. They can provide recaps and print out scores. There will be 2 mechanics on staff during the tournament. We can only have 1 breakdown pair. The manager said that they have their own chef and the chef is willing to make what we would like (shoyu wienies, spam musubi, etc.).
- **Open Discussion:**
 - Tax exempt status. David stated that he tried to research our tax exempt status. Laws have changed since the SNBA originally applied for tax exempt status. He said that we could qualify under Section 501(c)(7) – Social or recreational club. But to qualify under this Section, the recreational club cannot discriminate, so we may not qualify now. He asked if anyone else was interested in taking over the investigation. He was afraid that talking to an IRS representative to pursue our tax exempt status may lead to the fact that we do not qualify and that we may need to file tax returns. Currently, only businesses that donate items for our raffle/door prizes are affected as they cannot claim their donations as tax exempt. No one volunteered, so it was decided to let it go for now.
 - Next meeting – August 24, 2017
- **Adjournment**
 - Diane Fujii made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Grace Yamasaki.