

Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association

General Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2016

Meeting Attendees:

Carolyn Horikawa, Pat Noda, Darren Tsumura, Gary Miyamura, Grace Yamasaki, Stan Yamasaki, Susan Saika, Mel Muranaka, Lanny Matsuda, Mike Tanaka, David Saika, May Sease, Karen Nakao

Meeting Highlights:

- David called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** –
 - Carolyn Horikawa made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; seconded by Pat Noda
- **Approval of Treasurer Reports**
 - Karen needs to find the SNBA dues for the Ruprecht family, Cal Suan and Glen Yoshizawa. They bowled in the SNBA Tournament, but do not currently bowl in a Nisei league.
 - We have 3 Storm certificates to raffle off at the SNBA Banquet.
 - Gary Miyamura made a motion to approve the treasurer reports; seconded by Carolyn Horikawa.
- **Old Business: 2016 SNBA Tournament Update**
 - Mike said that the Mens Team event should have paid for 4 places due to the number of entries submitted, instead of the 3 places as posted at the Tournament. This change was due to late entries submitted. The prize fund for the first 3 places was not changed. The prize fund for the added 4th place came out of SNBA funds.
 - David learned that USBC Rules state that late entries cannot be accepted unless notification is sent out that the entry deadline has been extended.
 - Mike gave the house a schedule of the tournament, including when to oil the lanes. There were open play bowlers on the low end, which delayed the oiling, delaying the start times for the Team events.
 - Darren suggested putting together a contract with the house. David stated that until a couple of years ago, we used to sign a contract.
- **Old Business: 2016 JANBA Update**
 - Darren thought the Orleans venue was better than Sams Town. The ball room is on the same floor (it's upstairs at Sams Town) and the settee area is larger. There were no lane breakdowns. The only complaint was that the food for the Mixer was 2 ½ times more than Sams Town charged. There were approximately 600 participants this year.
 - The JANBA meeting – San Jose submitted a letter to be re-instated into the JANBA rotation. They were voted back in and can host a future JANBA. 4th Street Bowl only has 32 lanes. Portland also only has 32 lanes. Participation is lower, so these houses may be sufficient to host the JANBA Tournament
 - Hall of Fame – there was a request to nominate a bowler who participated 35 years in a row. The request was turned down. JANBA Board may look into a similar award, maybe for Meritorious Service.
 - Using 190 as entering average for bowlers who do not have a USBC average was also brought up. Bowlers in Hilo don't have a house to bowl at. A committee was formed to keep track of JANBA Tournament averages for bowlers who do not have a legitimate average.
 - The SNBA had the best turnout for volunteers to help at the tournament. Jeff Okumura said that the Tournament Committee was able to take a much needed break when the SNBA came in to work during the Doubles event.
 - During the Tournament, USBC sent out notification that 2 Motiv balls were illegal and could not be used. The Carnage and the Jackal. Unfortunately, this announcement was

made during the middle of the Tournament, and it was not announced at the start of every Division. Also unfortunately, 2 bowlers from Hawaii had these 2 balls and they were the only balls that they brought.

- David stated that Jeff Okumura was very thankful for Sacramento helping out. He felt very comfortable leaving Sacramento in charge while the JANBA committee took a much needed break.
- **New Business: End of Season Packets**
 - Karen went over the Secretary End of Season Packets. League stats, there's a list of the Senior bowlers and a list of non-Nisei participants.
 - Inside the packets was also a tracking sheet for the money collected for the upcoming SNBA Banquet.
- **New Business: 2016 SNBA Banquet**
 - Mel got the liquor license, \$248, through his business insurance.
 - The rental fee for the church is \$450, and \$50 for each extra hour, if a church member signs the contract. Otherwise, the rental fee will be \$700, and \$100 for each extra hour. Liquor license and rental fees increased from last year.
 - Mel reserved the church from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Would like to rent for 1 extra hour, to start at 3:00 p.m., for setting up.
 - We don't have to vacuum or take out the trash this year.
 - Rental fee includes 3 security guards.
 - We have to put away any long tables that are used.
 - There's a security system in place, so the side door is not accessible.
 - Mel asked for \$3,520 for the Banquet budget, as compared to \$2,985 last year:
 - 2 more round tables
 - Insurance went up
 - Rental went up
 - Increase in cost of food, drinks, supplies and booklet printing
 - Cost is still \$15.00 per person.
 - Susan Saika made a motion to accept the Banquet budget; seconded by Pat Noda
- **Open Discussion/Announcements**
 - David brought up our eligibility for Non-profit status – we no longer have non-profit status. Upon further research, it appears that a tax return should be filed. We don't have to pay taxes though. As a non-profit organization, we should not be carrying such a large balance.
 - David suggested maybe making a donation to ACC or any other Japanese community organization,
 - San Jose doesn't charge for their banquet, but they pay more for their dues.
 - Seniors say that it's too expensive, too long of a format.
 - 1 strip of tickets (5 tickets) will be given to each person attending the Banquet this year. So everyone has an equal chance of winning the door prizes.
 - Will also be giving 3 Storm certificates (for Storm balls) as door prizes.
- **Adjournment**
 - Pat Noda made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Grace Yamasaki

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by

Karen Nakao