Virginia State USBC Meeting – October 5-6, 2019 in Lynchburg

Delegates in attendance: Andrea Dale and David DeBat.

The Saturday meeting featured Adam Mitchell, USBC National Board Member, filling in for Director David Fields, our USBC Southern Regional Representative. He discussed the Lane Dressing Inspection Report. There will be new requirements effective August 1, 2020 (pushed back 1 year) based on research by the USBC Equipment and Specifications team. He briefly discussed the Dry Towel rule, which went into effect August 1, 2019, and the elimination of balance holes effective August 1, 2020.

He also discussed the Young Delegates Grant Program, which funds delegates under the age of 45 to allow them to attend the Annual Convention. Adam also discussed the Association Resource Center (ARC) on bowl.com that contains guidelines needed to run a successful association as well as all the handouts and presentations from the recent USBC annual meeting.

Mary Harrar, Executive Director of the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL), made a presentation about BVL and highlighted the efforts made by the State of Virginia to contribute to BVL. Mary also discussed a number of fund-raising ideas and suggestions to help associations raise funds for BVL.

A fun bowling tournament was held Saturday afternoon at AMF Lynchburg.

Saturday evening featured the Hall of Fame dinner and induction of 4 new members: Brian Scott Wright of Roanoke and Fred Massie of Lynchburg for Bowling Achievement and William "Bill" Enochs of Madison Heights (Lynchburg USBC) and Ellen Cobler of Collinsville (Southern Piedmont USBC) for Meritorious Service.

The Sunday meeting was the business meeting. All financial reports were presented as well as committee reports from BVL, Southeast (SBA), and Hall of Fame.

The 2021 tournaments were awarded as follows:

Mixed – Staunton and Harrisonburg Women – Roanoke (Lee-Hi Lanes) and Christiansburg Open – Staunton and Harrisonburg Youth – Staunton and Harrisonburg Senior – Roanoke (Lee-Hi Lanes) and Christiansburg

The 2020 tournaments will be held as follows:

Mixed – Greater Richmond (Bowl America Midlothian and Southwest) Women – Bowl America (Bull Run and Chantilly) Open – NCAUSBCA (Bowl America Bull Run and Chantilly) Youth – Greater Richmond (Bowl America Eastern and AMF Hanover) Senior – Bowl America (Bull Run and Chantilly)

Next year's annual meeting will be held the weekend of May 9-10 at Bowl America Short Pump (Richmond). Next season, the annual meeting and jamboree will be combined and will be hosted by Harrisonburg the weekend of October 3-4.