

## Report of Virginia State USBC May 2019 Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held at Bowl America Short Pump, in Glen Allen, Va., on May 11, 2019. There were 54 delegates in attendance, including NCAUSBCA delegates Sondra Blakey, Andrea Dale, Agnes Hopps, Ronald McGregor, and Michael Tinsley.

David Fields, our Field Representative, was unable to attend, as bad weather stranded him in Houston. Adam Mitchell, USBC Director, made presentations discussing the recently concluded USBC Convention, including legislation and seminars. There was a lengthy discussion on the defeated amendment to allow delegates to attend the convention and vote remotely.

There were several committee reports given, and Virginia State was recognized at the USBC Convention for being in the Top 5 in state BVL donations. Tournament reports were given by the respective tournament managers, and the financial reports were reviewed and approved by the delegates.

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).

The Hall of Fame chair reported that there were four individuals elected to the Virginia State Hall of Fame – 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. They will be inducted at the fall meeting.

Elections were held and the following individuals were elected to the Virginia State USBC Board of Directors:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – James Washington, Greater Richmond USBC was re-elected.
- Director #10 – Tom Dale, Nation’s Capital Area USBC, was re-elected.
- Director #11 – Wanda Bland, Appomattox River USBC, was re-elected.
- Director #12 – Vickie Rengers, Greater Richmond USBC, was re-elected.
- Director #13 – David Anderson, South Boston++ USBC, was re-elected.
- Director #14 (youth) – Robbie Thomas, Alleghany-Bath USBC was re-elected.
- Johnny Harris, Association Manager, and Anne Ray, President, were elected as State delegates to the 2020 USBC Convention in Las Vegas.

The state is exploring the option of only holding one meeting per year. In addition, due to hotel policy changes on blocking rooms, future tournaments will just provide a list of hotels in the area.

For this year, the fall meeting will be held in Lynchburg at the Kirkley Hotel on the weekend of October 4-6, 2019.

Andrea Dale, Delegate

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The Virginia State USBC held its Spring Meeting in Richmond at Bowl America Short Pump on May 11, 2019.

The president, Anne Ray, called the meeting to order. The officers and directors were introduced. There were 54 delegates in attendance. Our association had five delegates present (Sondra Blakey, Michael Tinsley, Agnes Hopps, Ronald McGregor, and Andrea Dale).

USBC Field Representative David Fields was unable to attend because of inclement weather in Texas. Adam Mitchell represented Fields by providing the group with updated information from USBC Annual Meeting held in Las Vegas. Mitchell highlighted the following presentation:

- Generational Difference – My take is the generational impact on bowling. For example, technology and social experiences has had an impact on bowling and will affect the future of bowling.
- ARC (Association Resource Center) provides information on forms, manuals, day to day operations, and development growth. Information is available online.
- Tournament Registration – In the future, registration would be available online.
- Duties of the secretary – 15 days to turn in league averages at the end of the season. Not sure what the penalty is if this isn't adhered to.
- RVP should be completed by August 1, 2019.
- Mentioned a number of amendments
  - Rule 319a -- Tournament rules (rejected).
  - Annual Meeting bylaws (rejected).
  - Rules 108b & 122 (rejected).

Committee representatives provided reports on:

- The rules of the meetings and newly revised *Robert's Rules of Order*.
- BVL / Bowl for the Cure.
- Four inductees to state Hall of Fame
  - Brian Scott Wright and Fred Massey (Achievement).
  - Enoch Williams and Ellen Cobbler (Meritorious).

- Tournament for 2020

This year, the tournaments will not have a host hotel because of cost; the exception is the Senior Tournament. In the future, tournament managers will provide a list of hotels. There will be no guaranteed rates available in some cases, especially if the host is unable to meet its quota. Also, individuals booking their own hotel rooms may be eligible for discounts cheaper than the host hotel.

It was discussed that future meetings could be limited to once a year in lieu of twice a year.

#### Elected to the Board

- James Washington – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.
- David Anderson, Wanda Bland, Tom Dale, Vickie Rengers – Directors.
- Robbie Thomas – Youth Director.

The Fall Meeting is scheduled for October 4-6 in Lynchburg.

Sondra Blakey, Delegate

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First, I would like to say I did not know so much was involved in setting up for tournaments.

What I found interesting was learning about the lane inspectors that go out and inspect the lanes to see if a bowling center's lanes are up to USBC specifications. The centers have to meet these standards to be a USBC-certified center that can host USBC-certified leagues and tournaments.

What I also got out of attending this meeting was all of the information provided, along with so many guidelines and rules.

You have delegates that to go to this meeting.

Our association was permitted to have as many as six delegates at this meeting. From what I understand, the information is given to the delegates so they can bring it back to the league bowlers. By having multiple delegates, everyone can give their perspective on what has been said at the meeting, and they might hear something that someone else might have missed.

This was my first Virginia State USBC Meeting, and it was a very informative meeting for me.

Agnes Hopps, Delegate

# Virginia State USBC Annual Meeting

**Bowl America Short Pump, Glen Allen, Va.**

**Saturday, May 11, 2019**

Officers and tournament managers were introduced, and those that wanted to present any information to the attendees were asked to do so.

Currently, there are two meetings (one in May and another in the fall) per year. However, there will be a proposal put forth at the Fall Meeting in Lynchburg to reduce the number to only one meeting, mostly due to a lack of attendance. The attendance issue was discussed because some associations could not afford to send their delegates to both meetings and also to the USBC Convention. The 2020 tournament sites are as follows:

1. Mixed (Sheila Hicks, manager) – hosted by Greater Richmond USBC (Bowl America Midlothian and Southwest).
2. Women (Anne Ray) – hosted by VA State USBC at Bowl America (Bull Run and Chantilly).
3. Open (Johnny Harris) – hosted by NCAUSBCA (Bowl America Bull Run and Chantilly).
4. Youth (Rick Ketchie) – hosted by Greater Richmond (Bowl America Eastern and AMF Hanover).
5. Senior Open & Ladies Handicap (Sheila Hicks) – hosted by VA State USBC at Bowl America (Bull Run and Chantilly).

The USBC Convention update was conducted by NCAUSBCA & USBC Director Adam Mitchell because Southern Regional Manager David Fields was unable to attend due to a weather flight cancellation in Houston. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the proposal (defeated at convention in Las Vegas) to allow teleconferencing. Delegates felt it was worthy of discussion given the concerns over sending delegates to meetings given the increased cost and location of the USBC Convention venues. Some even wondered when we might have a convention or tournament for that matter on the east coast or somewhere close. ... RVP compliance was discussed as well so that all associations realize that all board members must be compliant on August 1, 2019 to continue serving. New members must be compliant within 45 days or resign. It was explained where the legislation came from and why it was needed. Much more information can be found on *BOWL.com* regarding RVP. ... Lane inspections can begin April 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 league season. Lanes are inspected annually to ensure that bowlers are playing on an acceptable condition, whether in league or in tournaments. This also has a bearing on awards earned by bowlers.

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The meeting adjourned after a wonderful lunch.

Ronald McGregor, Delegate

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The convention was called to order by President Anne Ray. There was a memorial service honoring the fallen bowlers of the State Association, each Association bowler's name was read. The service this year was dedicated to Teena Eckles of Roanoke, who had served as a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of numerous leagues during her bowling career. She had also spent many weekends helping at local and state tournaments, keeping score for bowlers as well as helping run tournaments, checking in bowlers, running tournaments and brackets and helping out at the snack bar. She was the wife of Mike Eckles, the State Senior Tournament Manager. Ms. Vicki Rengers closed the memorial ceremony with a poem called "Heaven's Golden Lane."

As this was my first convention, I was surprised to note that our local association NCAUSBCA was not represented in the memorial ceremony. However, we were apprised as to how we could be incorporated into the event.

David Fields, our USBC Field Representative, was unable to attend as he was stranded in Houston, Texas due to the weather conditions. State Director Adam Mitchell provided a report from the USBC Convention held in Las Vegas. Mr. Mitchell updated the group on the requirement to be RVP compliant and said

August 1 date was the “drop-dead” date. Several associations stated that they had already dismissed members who had not complied with an earlier deadline.

There were several committee reports as well as tournament manager reports provided to the delegates.

Up for discussion at the next meeting in the fall is a policy change to hold only one meeting a year.

There were four people elected to the Hall of Fame –Brian Scott Wright of Roanoke and Fred Massie of Lynchburg for Bowling Achievement, and William “Bill” Enochs of Madison Heights and Ellen Cobler of Collinsville for Meritorious Service. They will be inducted during the fall session.

James Washington of Greater Richmond USBC was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. The following were elected as Directors: Tom Dale, Nation’s Capital; Wanda Bland, Appomattox River USBC; Vicki Rengers, Greater Richmond USBC; David Anderson, South Boston USBC; and Robbie Thomas Alleghany – Bath USBC. President Anne Ray and Association Manager Johnny Harris were elected delegates to the 2020 Convention in Las Vegas.

This year’s fall convention will be held at the Kirkley Hotel in Lynchburg the weekend of Oct 4 – 6.

Michael Tinsley, Delegate