

Report of the 2022 Virginia State USBC Annual Meeting

October 1 – 2, 2022

Saturday, October 1, 2022

Nation's Capital Association United States Bowling Congress Association (NCAUSBCA) delegates in attendance: Jane Andrews, Andrea Dale, Diane Garrett, Brenda McDowell, Ronald McGregor, and Anthony Simms.

Virginia (VA) State United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Annual Meeting delegates met on October 1, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 4025 Wards Road, Lynchburg, Virginia. In attendance at the business meeting held on October 2, 2022, were 4 VA State USBC Officers, 12 VA State USBC Directors, and 34 VA State USBC Adult Delegates totaling 50 eligible voting members. Also in attendance was one guest for a total attendance of 51.

Before the start of the Annual Meeting, there was a memorial service to remember the bowlers from the local associations under VA State that we lost between 2020-2022.

President Anne Ray called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

Bowlers to Veteran Link (BVL)

Mary Harrar, BVL Executive Director announced it is BVL's 80th year of service to veterans. \$1.2 million was raised in the 2021-2022 season, making this the most funds raised in its 80-year history. Mary shared how the BVL Committee disburses donations:

- Veteran Centers managed by veterans
- Veteran homes
- Immersive technology
- Placing bowling lanes in hospitals across the United States
- Services – get veterans to doctor appointments, bowling, etc.
- Pets for Vets

November is BVL Month in America. Virginia State is in the top 5 in donations to BVL.

USBC Report

David Fields, USBC Regional Manager, reported that the return of bowlers to bowling is returning to life. COVID had a significant impact on the drop of bowler adult memberships. He shared the following.

- The 2023 USBC Convention will be held April 24-27, 2023, in Sout Point Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada
- The bowling balls revoked
- A new Automated Certification Evaluation Tool (ACE) will be used to conduct Center inspections and certifications in January 2023. The ACE tool will reduce the cost and time needed to perform certifications.
- National dues will not increase unless voted by the Board
- Registered Volunteer Program (RVP) background screening and SafeSport training are performed each year
- The meeting adjourned.

Sunday, October 2, 2022

The minutes from the 2021 VA State Annual Meeting were approved with edits.

The Financial Reports

Johnny Harris presented the financials for the 2021-2022 year.

- The General Account ending balance is \$6,021 less than at the start of the year. The decrease was a result of membership decline due to COVID.
 - Before COVID, VA State membership was at 31,500, dropped to 18,000 during COVID, and ended 2021-2022 with 25,500 members
- VA State Tournaments were successful with the return of bowlers

Hall of Fame

There was a dinner ceremony held Saturday, October 1, 2022. Inducted six people, and there were 100 attendees. One person will be inducted into the 2022 VA State Hall of Fame next year in Richmond, VA.

New Business

- NCAUSBCA BVL tournament – Bowl America Shirley – December 2022
- Virtual Youth Singles tournament – November 2022
- VA State 600 Club Annual tournament – Holiday Bowl – October 15-16, 2022

2023 Tournaments

- Mixed – Lynchburg USBC – March
- High School – Bull Run, Manassas – March 25-26
- Women's – Lynchburg USBC – April/May
- Open – VA Peninsula (Hampton) – May/June
- Youth – VA Peninsula (Hampton) – June/July
- Senior – Lynchburg USBC – October

2024 Tournaments Bids

- Nation's Capital USBC– identifying centers
 - Mixed
 - Women's
 - Youth
- Open – cohosted by Richmond USBC & Appomattox River USBC
- Senior – Tidewater USBC

Elections

- Rich Ketchie (1st Vice President) and Directors: Johnnie Harris, Troy Manuel, Rhonda Stefura, and Amos Simmons were elected by acclamation. Johnny Harris and Anne Ray will attend the 2023 USBC Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- The 2022-2023 Virginia State Annual meeting will be in Richmond, Virginia.
- The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane P. Garrett