

NMHSBA COACHES MEETING MINUTES

18 Sep 2010

(Minutes recorded by Association Manager)

1. Call meeting to order by President.
2. Roll call
 - a. Board members present (by Association Manager)
 - i. President (Don Thompson)
 - ii. Vice-President (Floyd Belden)
 - iii. Directors (Mike Miller (ab), Ruben Aguilar, Gary Gill, Sharon Thompson, Kristin Montes (ab), Geg Hensel, Perry Hampel)
 - iv. Association Manager (Adrienne Smith)
 - b. High Schools Sponsor and Coaches
 - i. Confirm all signed in on appropriate sheet (Association Manager)
3. Ask for any additions to Business areas (President)
 - a. President asked coaches to look over agenda to see if addition to the list is needed. Nothing was added.
4. President's Report
 - a. Annual meeting minutes are on line.
 - b. By-laws increased directorship 5 to 7. Board members elected then. Greg Hensel was added. Perry was recommended and the board approved.
 - c. Financial and budget review was done. \$4000.00 in scholarship was given last year.
 - d. 20 Aug. board met. - Hired Association Manager – Adrienne Smith.
 - e. Reviewed document policy and center letter requesting dates
 - f. Schedule reduced length of season and redressing, re-oiling problem was discussed.
 - g. NMAA annual meeting – Don attended in August. Next one is in January. Don will probably attend. If attended, our trophies and awards are provided free of charge to us (approx. \$1000.00).
 - h. If you have anything you want the board to address please notify one of the members. Voice your opinion. Website: www.nmhsba.org.
5. Association Manager Report
 - a. Center info letter and forms were sent out to centers. We received feedback from all but two local centers. Tentative schedule was set by Don and is located on the back of the agenda. School participation: 26 schools have responded. Rio Grande – doesn't know if they will be able to get back in to the program with new administration. We will see if Santa Fe can become involved. Margaret Rael will not be sponsoring Alb. High School. We do not know if Jim Avery will be coaching there. Don will be contacting Jim. Don sent letters to 40 additional schools to check on their desire to participate in the program.
6. Business

- a. Season Schedule: Practice begins 10/4/10. The first tournament is 11/7/10 and the season has been shortened. (See schedule on back of agenda provided.) Each center has one tournament at this time. There is a question mark next to center names because Don has not heard back from that center. All but one center got first or second choice. Requirement to go to an out of town tournament is a school requirement, not NMAA, to letter. You must attend a minimum of four tournaments to attend State. Perry recommended that coaches/sponsors let association (association manager or president) know as soon as you know for out of town tournaments.
- b. Tournament Format (addressing re-oil): Details pertinent to this subject were provided on back of agenda. Re-oiling between squads has been an issue. Restriction is based on what time the center has to offer our tournament. Most centers need us out by 5 to 5:30pm. Some will let us in the center at 7am. It will take between an hour or 1 ½ hours to oil. Options: 3 games with 5 bakers. 2 games 7 bakers. Board recommended 2 games with 7 bakers adding approximately 45 minutes between squads to oil. Suggestion from Sandia for next year: Advanced bowlers get the three games because they bowl faster, average higher, and will probably have more scholarship offers. Three game series will provide them with more info based on three game series average to give to colleges. Communication with colleges has begun to see how we can better prepare our bowlers for them, and to see if they will set up booths at our tournaments to give bowlers information on different colleges with bowling programs. Girls have a definite advantage because there are so many schools offering this. There are also new schools starting programs. Suggestion from the floor: bakers format, match point or Peterson point system. Draft your thoughts up (Chris) to submit to tournament committee. There was a question from the floor as to how the 7 bakers game format was decided on. It was based on time. After the first few tournaments, the format will be revisited to see if the 3 game with 5 bakers will be an option at some time.
- c. Coach Guideline Handout Review: Don provided the current draft of the guidelines to members. It is the result of board review on 20 Aug. All areas will be reviewed by the group and discussed, and/or changed if necessary.

General:

Eligibility:

- A. Board updated this paragraph for further clarification. Discussion on eighth grader participation was held. APS athletic program says no 8th graders may participate. Email from NMAA representative (Kristin Derr) says only a couple exceptions exist in activities. Don has an email out to APS to clarify. So at this time APS 8th graders are not allowed. The association needs to see documentation of approval if you have an 8th grade bowler. Sonia will try to help us get an answer. Email from Rio Rancho identifies that 8th graders may participate in athletics/activities for the high school they feed in to. The problem is not NMAA. It is district and school. Schools will provide Association Manager a letter signed by school identifying that they may use eighth graders.
- B. Board changed from last year's guidelines due to better understanding of grade eligibility requirement by NMAA. There was a comment from floor that they had heard the eligibility was changing from GPA 2.0 to 2.5 after December. President

stated we will go by what NMAA section as documented. Currently it shows 2.0. We will monitor this for change. State Education Board controls this not NMAA.

C. No change/questions.

D. No change/questions.

Tournament Participation:

- A. No change. A statement made from the floor that both boys and girls wear slacks. Response was yes. There could be a possible grace period for violation depending on situation. The committee is working on infractions and penalties document for consistency.
- B. The board made a change from last year's coaches' guidelines to clarify difference between student and coach use of phones. No change recommended today. Question was brought up about the use of cell phones during practice because sometimes not all of the students are there yet and the coaches have them trying to contact their friends. Don recommended the coach notify the tournament director of situation before doing so. Can bowlers use MP3 players during practice time? St. Michaels put motion on floor to keep section B the same. Jeannie seconded. Voted: 23 to keep it the same, 1 against keeping it the same. In an emergency and someone has to be on the phone, let a director know.
- C. Board modified words to clarify where students are expected be. No further changes/questions.
- D. Don noted to the board that this was added since board meeting on 20 August. No further change.
- E. Don noted to the board that this was added since board meeting on 20 August. No further change.
- F. No changes/questions.
- G. No change. Question from the floor was what does "Reported" mean. Reported means the coach/sponsor who has been added on the website. Rosters will be done on line. Question on passwords being the same. Answer is yes. Anyone needing one will be provided by Association Manager or President as needed.
- H. Board change from last year's was the word spots for lanes. No further change.
- I. No change.
- J. Board corrected from last year's edition was swap wording from Co-op to Bowling for average. Question about entry cost from the floor. Answer was that prices went up and is addressed later in the addendum. Discussion on entry process. Mon thru Wed submit number of teams and division. Add and take out names. Wed. night after 8pm you can't add more teams. Send an e-mail if something happens after that time. Adrienne can change this. Friday night 8pm is the cut off for adding names to teams that have been set up. What if I have extra bowlers – submit it as a team and pay full fee or bowling for averages (2 or 3 games but no bakers). They can then be worked in to the bakers set. Fees due the day of the tournament.
- K. Board change was removing practice average option. No further changes, but there was discussion. Question: Can we just set an average after one game? What happens if some of the bowlers only have one game? NO
- L. Board made clerical change to clarify numbers authorized. Discussion of Official school roster? Coach's responsibility. Anyone associated with the

team. There are names on their roster that should not be there. These names are being researched. Names have to be on this official roster to be able to coach at the tournament. School/district decided on the procedure to say that volunteers and workers are approved. How can we guarantee that the volunteers working with bowlers are cleared? The school person should be responsible for this list that has principal approved people to work with the bowlers. As new people are added, they need to be added to the roster and provided to Don before they will be allowed on the lanes with the students. USBC background checks may not be accepted by schools.

- M. Based on previous discussion today President identified a change is needed here to include substitutes may come from bowlers bowling for averages from that school. Everyone agreed.
- N. No change. It stays as recommended but not required. Coaches are responsible for submitting the scores. Bowlers who are involved with this (\$5.00 membership) may bowl in USBC sanctioned tournaments and may have their honor scores recognized. Los Lunas says that the \$5.00 fee may have been waived this year. Email received later that evening that the statement of waiving fee was incorrect.
- O. No changes/questions
- P. Board added this paragraph. Discussion on who can do the 50/50. Anyone, not only roster people, may participate in this (50/50, admissions, etc.). There is a plan to use Youth Committee and coaches as lane monitors, etc.

Addendum:

- A. Can we add in a second place travel trophy? Sean made motion, Charlie seconded to have this. Discussion - plaques to keep would be too expensive. Unanimously yes. Discussion on Out of town bowlers not getting trophy the first week last year. It was noted that the association purchased a second set of trophies last season to fix this. There will also be two sets of second place trophies. Question: Can there be certificates for first and second place winners/bowlers that they can each have? Laminated? Yes. It was identified that the certificates could be half-sheet.
- B. Board changed the Cut off between Novice and Intermediate because our bowlers have gotten better and believe we need to do justice to them. 650 instead of 600 as the cap for novice. No further change. Question: Novice teams bowling over 800 last season. What can be done to combat that? New way of reporting averages may rectify this.
- C. Board put in change for entry fee cost. No further change. Question was asked "Why cost increase?". Answer provided by board was that Centers did not ask for more, but we (the association) cut out four weeks of bowling, resulting in a loss of approximately \$1850. This increase will subsidize the lost funds to enable the program to have the same things we had for the program this year (scholarship money, etc.). Comment was made that some of the schools budgeted last year for their funds so this may have an impact. So, in the future, we need consider when cost increase needs to be decided.
- D. No change. Discussion occurred in reference to out-of-town coaches finding out at bus departure time that someone will not be there and what should they do. Answer was to contact Adrienne as soon as possible. You may also contact Don.
- E. No change/questions

F. No change/questions

G. No change/questions

Don will document all changes and re-post coaches guidelines on line.

Questions/comments from floor:

Question about Bronze level training....We are looking into this program. How many people will be interested? Level one on line is \$60.00. Keith Parker (Isleta) is working with Don on this.

Will the association be issuing stickers for high school bowlers so they may get reduced bowling fees? Yes. Question was asked what the centers were charging. Answer was that according to the center information sheet that center's were charging \$1.25 per game outside of normal practice time. Some center's are charging \$1.00 for normal school practice times.

Is bowling sport or activity? In accordance with NMAA, Bowling is an activity.

Have we done something to ensure non-member schools are identified? They need to pay a fee to NMAA (association dues).

Website/E-mails:

New e-mail addresses for board members so it is not their personal accounts. Privacy is an issue. It doesn't cost more. Coaches' website user name and passwords are the same. You can put students in who should have graduated but did not and were deleted. Can website be marked as to when it was last updated? Don will look in to this.

Fundraisers – raffle off a ball done by several schools. Number of schools plus one (association) divides the money. Association portion goes to scholarship money.

Donated equipment is in Floyd's truck now for schools needing equipment. Coaches and sponsors are asked to sign a letter of appreciation to USBC for donated equipment.

Motion to adjourn (Sharon).

d.

7. Next meeting scheduled (6 Nov 2010, first tournament)

8. Adjournment

SCHEDULE PLAN (still to be finalized and board approved).

DATE	Center	Week	Holidays/Events
10/4/10	School practice may begin		
11/6/10	Lucky 66	1	NMUSBC SR (Isleta)
11/13/10	Ten Pins and More	2	NMUSBC Pepsi (Leisure)
11/20/10	Holiday	3	
11/27/10	NO BOWL		Thanksgiving
12/4/10	Leisure	4	
12/11/10	Las Cruces	5	
12/18/10	? Isleta	6	
12/25/10	NO BOWL		Xmas
1/1/10	NO BOWL		New Years
1/8/2010	??????	7	
1/15/2010	Starlight	8	
1/22/2010	Artesia	9	
1/29/2010	? Silva Lanes	10	
2/5/2010	SR TOUR.	11	
2/12/2010	STATE (Ten Pins and More)	12	

TOURNAMENT FORMATS:

Considerations are Center times (entry & exit), the need to re-oil, consistency of event times, and team event.

Center time info provided this year:

Majority of centers want us out between 5 and 5:30 pm.

Majority of centers will let us in by 7 am.

Re-oil info:

Believed 1 and 1.5 hours needed to re-oil (depending on sq 2 size).

Last year schedule times noted:

Tournament staff arrived at 7:30 am

Tournament start was 8:30 am.

Squad 1 finished around 12:15 to 12:30

Squad 2 started at 1:00 pm.

The tournament staff was right at 5 pm each week.

Options:

1 -> Same tournament times as last year.

2 games with 7 bakers

2 -> Start squad 1 earlier (7:45 or 8:00 am).

3 games with 5 bakers

Board Plan:

Option 1