

Northern California Nisei Bowling Federation (NCNBF)
Buddhist Church of Oakland – Oakland
June 27, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Ron Nomura at 10:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Ron Nomura	President	Tyler Gee	Past President, San Francisco
Mark Yoshinaka	1 st Vice President	Greg Gong	Past President, Eden
Grace Yamasaki	Treasurer	Vern Kohaya	Past President, Mid-Peninsula
Lori Neishi-Wong	Statistician	Stan Yamasaki	Past President, Sacramento
Jim Mars	Fremont	Darren Tsumura	Sacramento
Dar Masamori	San Francisco	Brandon Hirata	San Jose
Jim Masamori	Eden, San Francisco	Karen Jeung	San Jose
Louise Utsurogi	Past President/Secretary, Eden		

Meeting Minutes – The Future of the NCNBF
Round Table Discussion

Pros/Cons

- Pros
 - USBC Moral Support Sanctioned Tournaments
 - without the Federation, tournaments may run the risk of having to be opened to anyone
 - Maintaining NCNBF Statistician's Database
 - tracking tournament scores
 - average verifications
 - re-adjustments
 - used for an optimal even level playing field, and as an added value, provides centralized services across the board
 - Maintaining NCNBF Website
 - tournament information
 - advertisement
 - centralized membership database for use by all the Associations
 - Good to meet as a sounding board
 - continue to have something to fall back on...e.g., disputes
 - informational consistency
- Cons
 - \$1.50 membership fees/expenses
 - most bowlers do not understand or have knowledge what this fee is used for once collected

OPEN DISCUSSION

- If the Federation did not exist...
 - potential risk of a law suit
 - leagues/tournaments would have to be opened to anyone
 - average re-adjustment list (compiled by Statistician) would not be readily available to tournament chairs

- Can we exist without the Federation?
 - yes, but most everyone agreed the importance of keeping the organization running
 - a comment was made that where we need to improve is in the area of communication and visibility

- Do we need to have a membership card?
 - yes, for the Statistician's record keeping
 - it was stated that no card would be needed if we had a centralized database with bowler's information, e.g., name, address, phone #, etc...to be used by the Statistician

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NIKKEI BOWLING ASSOCIATION (SCNBA)

- 1st Vice President, Mark Yoshinaka spoke to an SCNBA representative and received their information on how their membership works.
 - information distributed and discussed

SAN JOSE NIKKEI BOWLING ASSOCIATION (SJNBA)

- SJNBA feels tournaments should consider a standard shot rather than a house shot. They would post this shot on their website. Also rather than using a book average, a house tournament average with subjectivity should be used.
 - a suggestion was made that a steering committee be formed to work on this and set fields for a database.

PROPOSAL TO MOVE FORWARD AS A FEDERATION

- The following proposal has been suggested for us to move forward as a Federation.
 - Each association will provide membership data to the Federation so that the Federation can offer a “centralized database” for associations to use as needed.
 - Membership from the association is required to be able to easily obtain a “moral sanction”. Definition of moral sanction: set your own rules and we'll give you the awards.
 - Provide a standardized set of eligibility rules.
 - How to re-adjust and let it be up to each tournament to use or not.
 - Association costs – need to be determined. Charge each individual tournament. Can cover expense in the expense fee.
 - Standardize an excel spread sheet to send results to statistician who will update “centralized database”.

- Discontinue average verification form as information can be obtained on www.bowl.com
 - *Motion made by Dar Masamori, seconded by Vern Kohaya and passed by the Board of Directors.*

ACTION ITEMS

- Minutes from today's meeting to be e-mailed to board members as soon as possible.
- SJNBA will have their board meeting on July 20th. They will present the information gathered from today's meeting to their board. They will let Ron Nomura know what the outcome will be.
- Baseline on readjustment/tournament average to be determined by steering committee and brought to the board by the next meeting. The steering committee members are Jim Masamori, Jim Mars and Darren Tsumura.
- Mark Yoshinaka to send Grace Yamasaki list of website expenses.

2009-2010 TOURNAMENT DATES/SITES

- September 19 -20, 2009 – San Jose – 4th Street Bowl
- October 24 – 25, 2009 – Stockton – Pacific Bowl (not confirmed)
- November 21 – 22, 2009 – Sacramento Senior Tournament – Land Park Bowl
- December 5 – 6, 2009 – Fremont – 4th Street Bowl (not confirmed)
- January 16 – 17, 2010 – Sacramento – Land Park Bowl
- March 6 – 7, 2010 – San Francisco – Serra Bowl
- March 28, 2010 – Eden Senior Tournament – Castro Village Bowl
- April 3 – 4, 2010 – Eden Doubles Tournament – Castro Village Bowl
- June 2010 – San Jose 4 game singles/crossover doubles – Moonlight Bowl (not confirmed)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NIKKEI BOWLING ASSOCIATION

- Ron Nomura received an inquiry from the SCNBA to see if we would like to run a joint tournament either on the Sunday directly before or directly after JANBA.
 - need more details
 - when exactly, what format, and only one day?
 - Ron will obtain more information and bring them to the next meeting

2009-2010 NCNBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS LIST AND TOURNAMENT ENTRY MAILING LIST

- Any changes to either document should be directed to Louise Utsurogi.

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND – USE OF MEETING HALL

- Ron Nomura suggested a \$50.00 donation be made to the Buddhist Church of Oakland for the use of the hall for today's meeting.
 - *Motion made by Dar Masamori, seconded by Lori Neishi-Wong and passed by the Board of Directors.*

ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Dar will look for venue and get back to Louise and Ron.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.
 - *Motion made by Darren Tsumura, seconded by Dar Masamori and passed by the Board of Directors.*

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Utsurogi
NCNBF Secretary