GULF COAST USBC BOARD & LEAGUE OFFICER MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 8, 2026
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Allen Beverages, 13300 Dedeaux Road, Gulfport, MS

I. Meeting called to order by President Denny Portier

II. Roll Call of the Board: Present- Denny Portier, Ken Parent, Terry King, Terry Portier, Steve Harwell, Max Titus, Shawn Million, Ron Childers, Matt Lake, Debbie Smith and Ellen McEwen. Absent: Jack Johnston, Miles Schwander

III. Introduction: President Denny Portier
   a. Association Life Members – Present-Ruby Koenig, Terry King and Ken Parent
   b. Hall of Fame-Present- Ruby Koenig, Terry King, Ken Parent, Michael Witt, James Smith, Don Murrell, Max Titus, Ron Childers and Frank Lowe
   c. Guests – Steve Huggins, Manager of Gaude Lanes

IV. Reports
   a. President: Denny Portier
      i. Welcomed everyone and thanked them for electing him as the new President
      ii. Reported that there would be no dues increases at National or state level for the 26/27 season
   b. Association Manager: Ellen McEwen
      i. Financials
         1. Reported as of June 30,2026 the checking account had an ending balance of $12,255.05 and our savings account (which was setup to fund our youth scholarships) had an ending balance of $4,838.86,
         2. New awards have been paid for
   c. Vice Presidents
      i. Cypress: Jack Johnston (absent)
         1. Frank Lowe reported on behalf of Cypress that all leagues will be starting in September. They plan on having 7 leagues which includes a youth league
      ii. Guade': Terry King
         1. Turned update over to Steve Huggins (manager of Gaude Lanes)
         2. Interior renovations are almost finished, invited everyone to come see Neoverse (a system used at the Nationals to display scores and a variety of scenes.
         3. Parking lot improvements may begin this year
         4. Hosting 6 leagues including a Youth League
         5. Asked that the association be careful when conducting 50/50 raffles at Gaude
      iii. Park Ten: Terry Portier
         1. Hosting 5 leagues which includes a Youth league and introduced Andy Fiala as the new league manager. Also mentioned that Park Ten hosted a thank-you party for all league bowlers at the end of July.

d. Committee
   i. Hall of Fame: Ken Parent
      1. Reintroduced our latest Hall of Fame inductees, Frank Lowe and Debbie Smith
      2. Reminded everyone the submission for a Hall of Fame nominees is December 1st and for Life Members the nominees must be submitted to the committee before the Annual meeting takes place in April.
   ii. Legislative: Jack Johnston (absent)
      1. Ellen McEwen reported no significant rule changes other than for anyone planning to bowl in National Tournaments. Effective January 1, 2027 only bowls with original serial numbers will be eligible for use,
   iii. SMART Program: Michael Witt
      1. Reported that there where no scholarship applications received.
   iv. Ways and Means: Terry Portier (TBD)
      1. Reported that the committee had agreed that upon the passing of a Life Member, the association will send flowers (or some type of tribute) up to a maximum of $100.
   v. Youth Program: Debbie Smith
      1. Reported that at Park Ten's Youth League will be starting September 12th and run for 22 weeks in hopes of keeping their bowlers involved.

V. Old Business: Denny Portier
   a. Bylaws revision
      i. Reviewed the following Bylaws Revisions that were proposed at last year's annual meeting
         1. Article V Board of Directors Management, Section B. Eligibility
            a. Current wording: ***C.*** *Any member of the board authorized to sign contracts or acting as a signatory on association accounts must be a minimum of* ***age of 18.***
            b. Revise the following ***"age of 21"***
            c. Additionally, it was proposed to add the following provision.
               i. *D. A maximum of one (1) bowling center proprietor (owner, manager, corporate officer, partner (26% share or more) may serve on the Board at one time.*
         2. Article VII Meetings, Section A. Annual Meeting
            a. Quorum current wording; "*One person greater than the current number of board members"*
            b. *Proposed revision; "Members in good standing who attend the meeting constitute a quorum."*

VI. New Business: Denny Portier
   a. Moment of silence for association members who have passed. We know of the following: Scott Allen: John P. Bolian III; Royce Conine (Life & Hall of Fame Member); Louis E. Green; Rick Mattingly; Charles Rogers and C.J. Wagner. If there are any others, please come forward. No additional names were brought forward\

b. New awards – Ellen McEwen reported that the new award schedule was in the league packets. New local awards will be given for a 300 game and an 800 series. An award for 60 pins over game/avg will be replacing the 75 pins over game/avg.

c. New application for Members: Ellen McEwen
   i. National office would like to encourage all bowlers to use bowl.com to pay their sanction fees, however it is important to remember that local dues (i.e. Senior Dues, Short League) are not recognized on bowl.com

d. New league audit requirements: Ellen McEwen
   i. Every league president must be conducting a monthly audit of the league finances. New this year is that an audit committee assigned by the president must conduct a year end audit 30 days before the season ends. A worksheet with procedures were included in the league packet.

e. New league season Kit: Ellen McEwen
   i. 2026-2027 USBC Bylaws
   ii. 2025-2026 Yearly Average Book
      1. Correct the Veteran tournament date to November 7th and 8th
   iii. Rule Changes – Nothing new other than what was previously reported
   iv. Membership Dues -No dues increase
   v. Awards – Already covered

f. 2026-2027 Gulf Coast Tournament Dates – in the Average Book, posted on website and at each house

g. 2026-2027 State Tournament Dates – in the Average Book, posted on website and at each house.

h. Other new business
   i. Mike Witt proposed that we extend the deadline for scholarship submissions to December 15th. This motion was seconded and approved by those in attendance.
      1. Also looking for assistance on how to promote this program.
   ii. Max Titus requested that more assistance is needed in each house to conduct our 50/50 collections for our charities. Tabled for discussion by the Ways and Means Committee.
   iii. Terry King proposed that a tournament committee be formed to include the President, 3 Vice Presidents, Association Manager and representatives from each house. Tabled for further discussion

VII. Motion to pay bills – Motion was seconded and approved

VIII. Motion to adjourn – Motion was seconded and approved