

South Sound USBC
Board Meeting
October 20, 2025
7:00 PM

Call to Order: Meeting called to order 7:01 pm by President Karen Jost.

Roll Call: Those attending: Karen Jost, Scottie Fulp, Melissa Richards, Barb Pettinger, Andy Darr, Duke Ellington, Dorie Hahn, Jason Struna, and Michael Tobin. Those excused: Bob Hanson, Mark Galdo, Chloe Stumpf, Karen Stumpf, Payden Stumpf.

Minutes: Motion by Duke Ellington to accept the minutes. Motion second and approved.

Correspondence: Barb reported we have received an email from WSUSBC with applications for the State Youth Scholarship, Outstanding Youth of the Year, La Donna Moore Volunteer of the year, State Hall of Fame. We have also collected \$1660.01 in donations for BVL in Memory of Carolee Tighe. We have also certified over 63 leagues in WinLabs with the help of Karen Jost, Paul Pettinger, and Melissa Richards. The office has also mailed 10 Thank you notes, 8 for the donations to BVL in Memory of Carolee, 1 to Secoma Lanes for hosting the Masters, Senior Masters, and Super Senior Masters, 1 to Tower Lanes for hosting the King of the Hill.

Officers Reports: Karen J. thanked everyone for responding to the shuffling of officers (Karen Lanning resigned) Bob Hanson is 1st Vice President and Scottie Fulp is 2nd Vice President. Thank you Bob and Scottie for stepping up to new Board positions.

Karen J also reported she attended the King of the Hill (KOH) at Tower Lanes, it was great to see Alaina Degenstein home from college and helping with the tournament. It was also great to see all of the youth bowlers and their families attending to support the youth.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting: Jason will be looking for a room or space for about 50 people to meet for the Annual Meeting. He will be checking with U.P.S. Tower Lanes, and Bowlero in Lakewood, possible date May 4, 2026.

Audit: Duke reported, he and Richard Black did the Audit today, they had 3 questions that Barb was able to answer, and everything is fine. His only suggestion, is we get a new hole punch, to help punch holes more in line with the binder.

Budget Finance: Melissa reported there was not a Budget Finance meeting this month; however we will be looking at raising dues to help with expenses.

BVL: Karen J. asked if the Board would like to donate to BVL in Memory of Carolee. It was suggested the Board could donate later. Karen J. suggested wrapping up the September donations to BVL in Memory of Carolee and sending the donation of \$1660.01 to BVL.

November BVL Event: Karen S. was unable to attend the meeting, but text Karen J. a report. Her committee is collecting donations for the BVL tournament, held at Tower Lanes on November 9th. Martie Brown was trying to get the WOLF 100.7 radio station to come to the BVL tournament; unfortunately, they are unable to attend. Scottie Fulp has donations for the tournament. Karen J. emailed Storm bowling balls and they are willing to make a donation to the BVL.

Sunshine: Barb reported, we have mailed 7 Sympathy cards this past month, including the families of Richard Barnard, Sandi Walker, Kelly Murphy, and Robin Gordon (General Manager of Skyway Park bowl). Also to Andy Darr, Bernie Smith, and Randy Macomber who have lost loved ones. A Thinking of You card to Bernie Smith, and a Get Well card to Bob Hanson.

Senior Masters, & Super Senior Masters Tournaments: Scottie reported, the Senior and Super Senior want things separated, to have Seniors bowl Seniors, Super Seniors bowl Super Seniors and to separate the brackets. The Super Seniors were not happy there were more donations for the Senior Masters than the Super Senior Masters. There were also complaints the Super Seniors had to bowl too many games. One of the Super Seniors was unable to finish the 8 games on the second day after qualifying on Saturday. We will be reviewing this for next year.

Ladies Classic: Will be held at Bowlero Lanes in Lakewood on October 26th, Karen J., tournament director, will be at the bowl at 7:30 am, check in starts at 8:00 am, bowling starts at 9:00 am. We will be using tournamentbowl.com for the tournament and TBrac for the brackets. We have 34 bowlers signed up at this time. Dorie will have Ways n Means available at the event to sell snacks and shirts.

Youth: October King of the Hill at Tower Lanes had 126 kids bowling between two squad times. The morning squad had more kids bowling than the afternoon squad, with more spectators. It was little crazy changing between the two squad times. We have decided to move the noon squad time to 1:00 pm to allow the bowlers and families, from the first squad to clear the center before the second squad checks in and needs sitting. Karen J suggested creating a flyer to help explain KOH to the parents. Michael suggested posting the flyer on our website.

We used tournamentbowl.com for scoring at this KOH and will continue to use it this year. There was some discussion on offering Brackets at the KOH's. It has been decided not to have Brackets at the monthly KOH and to allow the bowlers and the parents to experience and learn about tournaments. We will have Brackets at the other Youth tournaments.

Melissa suggested raffling one of the shirts we are selling. We would sell raffle tickets and once we collect \$50.00 from the raffle to give one shirt. We would still be collecting money for the shirts and selling them at the same time. This would be between Ways n Means and the Youth Committee.

Ways N Means: Dorie reported, Ways n Means brought in \$322.00 at KOH on Sunday and sold 4 shirts. She will be at the Ladies Classic on Sunday at Bowlero.

Old Business:

Board Shirts: Scottie reported, that Mark has our logo and is working on designs to present to the Board.

Association Visibility: What can we do to improve the Associations visibility at our Centers?

Suggestions: Have our entries on the counters at the centers

Let your league know you are on the Board

Post a flyer with the Board members pictures

Post tournament entries on League FaceBook pages

Put an ad on the sweeps at bowling centers (Kent Bowl offers 2 sweeps,\$100 per year)

Have Kristine introduce the Board on our FaceBook page

Put pictures of Board members on our website

Create a committee to "brainstorm" ideas

Board Member recruitment: We have 4 vacancies on our Board, to fill out the remainder of 2026. If you know anyone who would like to help on the Board please let us know. Karen is also creating a flyer for the league officers and Hall of Fame members to encourage them to help on the Board or on one of the Committees.

New Business:

USBC: USBC award applications are on www.bowl.com and are due by January 1st.

Virtual Meetings: Do we want to have zoom meetings? Michael suggested having "sticks" that connect to a TV by HDMI cable or connector that would allow us to "zoom" our monthly meeting for those who are not able to attend the meetings in person. Michael is willing to set up the TV we have at the office to try at no expense. There will be a nominal fee if we decide to use "zoom sticks" on a regular basis. There was no objection from the Board for Michael and Barb to work on sitting up the zoom project.

Communication Website: Michael reported our new website has been updated and is mobile friendly. He is working on updating the Board member list and office hours. We have also updated the credit card for billing purposes and we should not have an increase in website hosting. Unless there is an increase in customer usage. We may go over our allowed usage, sometime after January 2026.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2025 – 7:00 pm at the South Sound USBC office.

Adjourned: 8:12 pm