

South Sound USBC
Board Meeting via Zoom
December 15, 2025 7:00 PM

Call to Order: Meeting called to order 7:06 pm by President Karen Jost.

Roll Call: Those attending: Karen Jost, Scottie Fulp, Melissa Richards, Barb Pettinger, Joe Cannon, Duke Ellington, Mark Galdo, Dorie Hahn, Reginald Reid, Jason Struna, Chloe Stumpf, Karen Stumpf, Payden Stumpf, and Michael Tobin. Those not excused: Bob Hanson and Andy Darr.

Minutes: Motion by Karen S. to accept the minutes with the correction. Under Youth, line 5 should read "Holiday Fun tournament at WSB, due to the format" not "to to the format". Motion second and approved.

Introduction of new members: Karen J. introduced our newest board members Joe Cannon and Reginald Reid. Our board members then introduced themselves and shared a little about themselves.

Correspondence: We have received numerous inquiries into the verbiage of our South Sound USBC Hall of Fame Scholarship application. Due to a question arising in a neighboring association, regarding youth bowlers needing to be active youth bowlers to apply for the scholarship. Would a bowler who turned 18 before August 1st, and is bowling in an adult league, but still being in high school, would they be eligible to apply for the scholarship? After talking with the Rules and Youth Department, the verbiage for the requirements would need to be updated to allow the bowler to apply for the scholarship. This situation was also brought up by Kevin Hong. He suggested to all associations to review the verbiage in their association scholarship applications and consider updating the information.

We have also paid for our reserve spot for Dean Richards to bowl the USBC Masters.

At this time, we have 5214 adult and youth membership cards processed. We still have 3 leagues that have not turned in their league information. As of Friday, last week all awards have been processed. However, this morning, the award basket is starting to fill up again.

Officers Reports: Karen J. reported she has been helping in the office on Mondays. If anyone has time, you can stop by the office and help process awards or membership. Karen also sent a survey to the top 20 USBC local associations (by size) to gather information about their associations, dues, membership services, and awards. The Budget Committee will use the information, and the information will be shared with the board as well.

Bob – none

Scottie – no report

Committee Reports:

All Stars: Chloe reported the meeting needed to be rescheduled to January 6th.

Annual Meeting: Jason reported, he is waiting for a return call from Brenda, Tower Lanes, to see if we can have our meeting there on May 4th.

Awards Banquet: Dorie suggested we need to encourage better attendance for the banquet which is scheduled for May 16th. She will check with the church about the venue and also Bob and Brenda to see if Tower Lanes wants to cater the event again this year. Jason, Reginald, and Scottie volunteered to help with the banquet.

Budget Finance: Melissa reported the Budget committee, Karen J, Payden, Melissa and Barb met to review information to justify raising membership dues. Information will need to be brought to the board by mid-February to get board approval to bring to the Annual meeting to raise membership dues.

Communication/Website: Michael reported, our website now has a document section. Please remember to send updated information to be posted.

Charitable Fundraising: Karen S. reported the committee is waiting to get the oversized BVL checks for the donations in memory of Carolee Tighe to present to the American Lake VA Medical Center and Washington State Soldier's Home.

The Bowl for the Cure tournament will be held on February 22nd at Chalet Bowl, with 2 squad times, 10 am and 2 pm. Karen S will run the 10 am and Karen J will run the 2 pm squad. Scottie will be able to get door prizes for the event and be able to help with the 10 am squad, but will not be available in the afternoon. Andrew Scalf and Martie will be able to help all day, with Jason being able to help in the afternoon.

Karen S will get the committee together in advance to decide how to distribute the work, and how to do the raffles, silent auctions, etc. since there are two squads instead of one.

The board discussed and distributed tournament support duties to ensure that we could effectively conduct both the Bowl for the Cure tournament and the Senior & Mixed tournaments on the same weekend.

Hall of Fame: Bob not available for report. Barb reported there were 2 HOF nomination turned into the office that will be passed on to Bob. The nominations deadline is February 1.

Rental/Building Maintenance: Barb reported everything has been going well with the building and apartments. Tenants are fully notified about rent increase that begins March 1.

Sunshine: We mailed 1 Thinking of You card to Bob Hanson, this past month. Karen S. reported an individual who will be having surgery next week. We will follow up and send her a card.

Mixed & Senior: Melissa will be the tournament director, she reported we will be putting the tournaments on www.tournamentbowl.com. Dorie will have the Ways N Means table available and will also be raffling jerseys. Duke will be running the brackets and Joe will be available to help and do announcements. Karen J will also support on Saturday.

Open & Women: The tournament will be held at Paradise Lanes. Melissa and Duke will run brackets. Karen J. and Jason will also be available to help when they are not bowling. Scottie is available to help the first weekend. Karen S and Joe will check their calendars and help if available. Barb is the tournament director.

Youth: Melissa reported we had the Holiday Fun tournament at West Seattle Bowl, everyone had a great time. We do not have a King of the Hill tournament this month. However, we will have KOH at Chalet Bowl next month with 2 squad times a 9 am and a 1 pm time. The second squad will not be allowed to check in until the first squad and their families are out of the building. Our last KOH in a smaller center created a major problem with the first squad trying to leave as the second squad were trying to check in to bowl. It created a safety issue and we are trying to resolve that problem in the future. We will be notifying the league secretaries to help us notify the parents that they will need to wait outside of the building until the first squad of bowlers and their families are out of the building. Jason suggested having a covered area outside for parents and bowlers to wait.

Melissa also mentioned the SSUSBC will be hosting the WSUSBC Youth tournament at Paradise in March. Jason offered to see if he could get a couple of bowling balls to raffle at the tournament. Joe offered a coaching lesson to raffle.

Melissa noted that the Youth Committee would review scholarship application requirements in light of the recent questions from other associations, and the input from Kevin Hong.

Ways N Means: Dorie reported, she has been very successful raffling jerseys. She also has plenty of snacks to have at the Ways N Means table.

Old Business:

Board Shirts: Tabled until January

Association Visibility: Tabled until January

Board Member recruitment: Tabled until January

New Business: Payden asked about the Collegiate Class we held last year, do we have any leftover materials that could be distributed to the high school girls bowling teams. Melissa reported we will be holding another Collegiate Workshop and also a Sport shot class, to give youth bowlers an opportunity to bowl on other patterns besides house shots. We will work on getting information out as soon as possible so interested youth can make plans to attend.

Next Meeting: January 12th, 2026 – 6:00 pm at Tower Lanes, joint meeting with Youth Committee

Adjourned: 8:15 pm