

South Sound USBC  
Joint Board/ Youth Committee Potluck & Meeting  
January 12, 2026 6:00 PM

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order 6:41 pm by President Karen Jost.

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

**Youth Committee Roll Call:** Melissa Richards, Delilah Csejka, Reginald Reid, Jason Struna, Andy Darr, Barb Pettinger, Karen Stumpf, Shannon McMillen, and Teagyn McMillen.

**Minutes:** Motion by Melissa to accept the minutes. Motion second and approved.

**Correspondence:** Barb reported, USBC announced BVL raised a record \$1,824,639.00 during the fiscal year ending July 31, 2025. SSUSBC received a donation from the Glein Family Foundation of \$500.00 for the youth program. We also received notice from SMART of an added \$5,633.78 to be added to our unassigned funds, this is unused scholarship money. It will need to be used by July 31, 2028.

We have 4923 adult members and 385 youth members as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. With 114 leagues processed, 8 leagues folded or merged with other leagues and we have 3 new leagues. All of our leagues are in at this time.

**Officers Reports:** Karen J. reported she is still working in the office to process awards and help input league membership. We are working on a Master calendar to keep things on track. We had a Budget meeting last week, Melissa will be making the Budget report. Lara Hacker will be working with the Nominating committee and will be sharing her knowledge with others on how the Nominating process works. We are looking at creating an Awards committee to review our awards program and possibly make changes to the awards.

Bob – none

Scottie – Reported he would like to have the committees send him information regarding the meetings as he would like to attend.

**Committee Reports:**

**All Stars:** Chloe was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but will be bringing information to the Board at the February meeting.

**Annual Meeting:** Jason announced the Annual meeting will be held at Tower Lanes, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

**Awards Banquet:** Dorie was not able to attend the meeting tonight. She did recommend we use the Church again for the banquet as the cost will stay the same as last year. She has talked to Towers and they are willing to cater the dinner, this year it will be Italian food. Her total estimated cost for the event is \$4000.00. She recommends \$40.00 for the dinner tickets. Melissa second the motion and it was approved. Dorie would like to have the tickets available soon along with the money raffle tickets to sell at the tournaments.

**Budget/Finance:** Melissa reported, "In the last 12 months we have spent \$70,000.00 in repairs on our building and have depleted our reserves." Due to the improvements we had to work at balancing our Budget this year, we no longer have the reserves and need to look at raising our membership dues. We have an estimated 5000 adults and 450 youth, working with last year's numbers. The Budget committee recommends a \$3.00 dues increase to not only balance our budget but to help revamp our awards program. That would be a \$3.00 increase for the adults, making membership cards \$30.00. The youth membership cards would get an increase of \$2.00 for processing and \$1.00 for the awards, making youth membership \$13.00. There is no vote on this at this time, we will be bringing a bylaws proposal to the board soon. Karen provided an overview of the bylaw proposal procedures and requirements to notify members at least 30 days in advance when a dues increase is proposed.

**Communication/Website:** Michael was unable to attend the meeting. Karen J reminded the board to provide bios and photos to Kristine for the Facebook and Website.

**Charitable Fundraising:** Bowl for the Cure tournament will be held Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Chalet Bowl, there will be a 10:00 am, and a 2:00 pm squad time. Do you know anyone who would like to make a donation or volunteer to help with the tournaments? We are limited to 48 bowlers per squad and we want to fill the center on both squad times. We will be having raffles and a silent auction.

**Hall of Fame:** Bob, the chairperson, we have a couple of applications in the office. We need to ask Kristine about posting the HOF application on Facebook. Also, contact Kevin Hong about the HOF and the deadline which is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Karen J. - asked the committee to consider recommending Lara Hacker for Member Emerita, for her service on the Nominating committee and her service to the association. Member Emerita recognition is voted on by the membership at the Annual meeting.

**Rental/Building Maintenance:** We have received an excessively high water/sewer bill. We did have a plumber out to check for a water leak or broken pipe; however, there were no leaks found. We did receive a few bids on repairs if there were problems found. After speaking with a leak locator and having the water company come out to access the meter. We were advised to contact Tacoma Public Utilities and ask to have our water/sewer usage reevaluated and possibly adjust our bill. It could take a couple of billing cycles before we see an adjustment.

**Sunshine:** We sent a Thank You note to the Glein Family Foundation for their donation to our youth program, a Get Well card to Barb Rosengren, a Sympathy card to Gayle Rosario. Bob asked we send a card to family of Orren Retzlaff, who passed away recently.

**Mixed & Senior:** The tournament will be held Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at Secoma Lanes. Melissa asked the Board for \$500.00 from the Tournament account for added prize money for the Mixed tournament, Motion was second and approved. Tournament results will be on Tournamentbowl.com. Since Tournamentbowl.com runs on donations we are looking at having a donations can to collect donations. We would like to collect about a \$100.00 to donate to Tournamentbowl.com as we are using the service for most of our tournaments. Following discussion, we agreed to add a donation to our budget next year in lieu of collecting donations.

**Open & Women:** Will be held at Paradise Lanes in Parkland on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>. Barb asked for \$500.00 added money from the tournament account for each the Open and Women's tournaments. Jason made a motion to approve \$500.00 added prize money for each the Open and Women's tournaments. Scottie suggested \$750.00 for each tournament. Jason amended his motion to approve \$750.00 added prize money for each the Open and Women's tournament. Motion second and approved.

Suggestion- for a financial report how much expense money goes into the Tournament account. Karen and Barb will work on a report to track tournament balances more transparently.

**Ways and Means:** Dorie not available for report.

**Youth:** Melissa reported, we did not have a committee meeting in December. We will be having the King of the Hill tournament, Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at Chalet Bowl. We are limited to 48 bowlers per squad and we have a 9:00 am and a 1:00 pm squad time. We will not be allowing the 1:00 pm bowlers into the center for check in until the first squad bowlers vacate the building for safety reasons. There is donated bowling equipment available for youth bowling programs. Please select anything you think your kids will use.

Also, SSUSBC Youth Scholarship applications are on the table, applications are due in the office by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

WSUSBC Scholarship applications are due, into the State Association, by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

We, SSUSBC, will be hosting the WSUSBC Youth Championship tournament at Paradise Lanes March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to keep scores. We can have brackets and raffles. It was suggested to ask the WSBPAA for a donation of added money for the Youth Tournament. Melissa will be writing a letter to Bob and Greg.

**Old Business:**

**Board Shirts:** Regarding approval for Board shirts, will they be available for future Board members? Yes, and the general cost will be \$35.00 per shirt. You can have your name on the back of the shirt. Karen S. motion to accept both designs, then she withdrew her motion following discussion about whether having the State of Washington seal as a design on one of the shirts might be confused with the State Association. We will revisit this next month

**Virtual Meeting:** Thank you for supporting our Zoom meeting last month. We do have a Zoom account now, which is available for the Youth Committee and other Committees.

**Collegiate Class:** Melissa reported we will be having a Collegiate workshop later on this year.

**New Business:** As Melissa reported, we have put a lot of money into repairs for the building and it needs more work. Do we want to consider the sale of the building? We can have a Committee to meet and bring a proposal to the Board to sell the building. Pro's and Con's? What are the taxes? Where are we going to move? How much to rent/lease a place?

It was suggested, maybe it is time to ask our bowlers for help, example for repairs. We need to pull information together on what is best for our building and us. Any questions?

**Next Meeting:** February 16th, 2026 – 7:00 pm at South Sound USBC office.

**Adjourned:** 8:09 pm