

President's Report

Highlights for 2015-16

1. USBC mandated Performance Standards for 2015-16, for which we are graded as an association, to assist national in determining whether local associations need their assistance. For 2015-16, we were graded on the following:
 - Transmittals of league sanctions, memberships, etc. from the Association Manager within specific timeframes. (Don is totally dependent on league secretaries to fulfill this standard.)
 - Board test of 20 questions to determine the knowledge of board members – required of each board member.
 - Conduct two coaching clinics – this year we hosted one coaching clinic in December 2015, which was a Youth Combine, conducted by the University of Central Missouri bowling coach and members of the Lady Mules bowling team. It was attended by seven of our youth.
2. Donations from you, the bowlers:
 - BVL collections the week of Veteran's Day totaled **\$693.44**, which is sent to the local Truman VA Hospital for the veteran's recreation fund.
 - Narci Trass Bowl for the Cure tournament proceeds totaled **\$420** which was donated to the local chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.
3. Future state tournaments to be hosted by Columbia USBC and AMF Town & Country:
 - Pepsi Tournament (Youth) – 2017
 - MSUSBC Women's Championship Tournament – 2018We send in letters of interest to host, and the Missouri State USBC chooses the site.
4. Changed and redefined the annual duties of two Board Committees. Members are appointed at the beginning of each new USBC year in August:
 - Finance Committee – Current year committee now monitors expenses throughout the year as compared to approved budget, and prepares a proposed budget for the following year for Board approval at the May meeting so we have an approved budget when our new year begins each August. Also receives requests and/or recommends one-time, special project expenditures that will benefit our association members.
 - Tournament Committee – Current year committee runs all tournaments during the year as well as reviewing what worked, what didn't, and makes recommendations for changes in format and/or rules for the following year for approval by the Board. This will enable

5. We implemented Board commitment forms signed by each board member, as recommended by USBC, which reinforces that this is a working board, not an honorary position:
- Code of Ethics
 - Commitment to Serve
 - Confidentiality Polity & Agreement
 - Conflict of Interest
6. We purchased new equipment to support the work of our association:
- New laptop computer, printer, updated software, and related accessories for use by our Association Manager (after two near fatal system crashes). - **\$1,277.92**
 - PA system to be used for association and league meetings. This system has two lavalier mics for the head table as well as a hand mic for audience participation. We all know how hard it is to hear speakers at the head table or from the audience when large groups meet in the bar, and we hope everyone will appreciate this improvement. - **\$186.16**
7. To keep up with technology and social media communications, we've created:
- A Twitter account for our association, identified as @COMOUSBC. We're depending on our "young" board members to get (and keep) this going as we older folks learn how to use it.
 - A Mail Chimp account, which enables us to send email blasts to all Columbia USBC members, and/or League officers who have provided an email address on their USBC membership card. This will be used to help us keep our membership informed of meetings, tournaments dates, and other relevant association news.
 - Our www.columbiausbc.com website is maintained by Sandy Ashlock and she needs to be made aware of any news that can be shared.
 - Our Columbia USBC Facebook page is an open group and any member of the group can post to our page. If you're not current a member, please join; and I encourage everyone to post bowling news there (high games, bowler news (good/bad), or anything else that would be of interest to our local bowlers).

Respectfully submitted,



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President