

**Bowlers Association of Connecticut  
Board Meeting Agenda  
March 12, 2019 at 7:30pm  
Via Conference Call**

Board Members: Brian, Jack, Tom  
Others Present: Jim

**1. Committee Updates**

**1. Budget & Finance**

- 1. Hartford Wolfpack Review (Brian)** 4 tickets sold (due to weather? Time of year? Is 2 too many Wolf Pack fundraisers?)
- 2. Prize Raffles (Brian)** Yard Goats tickets and Frank Pepe gift card bundle raffle is going well... winner will be pulled during Sunday shift of our March event
- 3. Golf Tournament (Pete)** Date set for September 21

**2. Tournament Series**

- 1. Event #7 Preview (MaryAnn)** 25 entries registered so far. Shifts with low sign-ups as of Thursday morning will be cancelled.
- 2. Pace of Play-** communicate ball-for-ball during Finals or table until next season? Waiting until next season.
- 3. Handicap Cuts** John T. Zikis 33% reduction for Event #7

**3. Hall of Fame (Tom)-** no updates at this time

**4. Audit (Tom)-** current balance \$3434.82. Awaiting sponsorship checks from AKP Trucking & Sports Communications for last event & Finals. \$100 was returned from NDBC (originally fined \$200 for "lack of attendance" at required meetings).

**2. Old Business**

**1. CT Duckpin Bowling Summit (Brian)**

1. Sunday March, 9am-noon at Ducks on the Ave
2. Format of summit:
  1. Opening remarks (15 min.)
  2. Small group discussions of 2-3 well-crafted questions (45 min.)
    1. What initiative would you like to see the BAC Board and the proprietors collaborate on?
    2. How can proprietors help get their bowlers involved in the BAC community?
    3. How can the BAC better promote your center?
  3. Small group sharing to large group (30 min.)
  4. Whole group discussion (90 min.)

**2. Annual Meeting-** Tentatively afternoon of May 18, cookout at Brian's house?

### **3.National**

**Future** – draft letter stating our position/feelings as member of their organization?

- Level of respect (on organizational & personal level) needs to be established between BAC/NDBC. Members are passionate about duckpins but maybe don't show it in the way NDBC (“stuck in the past, heels dug in, unwilling to change”)
- Little progress made to ensure local associations are successful (thereby making NDBC successful)
- Board of Directors have much more interaction & influence with Executive Director, seems that their agendas are favored
- No representation from CT on Board
- Lack of embracing change (gathering member emails for better communication, Social Media presence (more recognition of high scores, tournament results), phone-in conference calls, provide way for league secretaries to more easily submit scores to NDBC database, Social Divisions in tournaments, etc.)
- Make NDBC meeting times convenient/accessible so more members can attend & participate
- Diversity of opinions are not welcomed
- BAC members volunteer their time without asking for anything in return. NDBC dismissive of BAC thoughts/ideas/opinions
- Changes need to be made, willing to try new things. If no change, game will be left behind
- Important to strike balance between holding our ground on these topics while also not coming across as adversarial. Groups need to work together.

**National Meeting** April 25 & 26 in Rhode Island- Should Proprietors Association be given voting rights on NDBC Board? Proprietors have asked for 3 votes on Board in exchange for voting membership on their Board.

**4.New Business-** none at this time