

Southwest Deaf Bowling Association, Inc, General Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 3rd, 2024, at Time to Spare Entertainment Social Room – Conroe, Texas

Opening of the Meeting

In Attendance

Anthony Jones, President
Lori Whitfield, Vice President
Joshua Dalton, Secretary/Treasurer/Tournament Director
Reginald Adams, Board Director
Soila Reyna, Board Director
Thumas Lee, Board Director
Ken Seabolt, Hall of Fame Director

Absent

Jessica Panarra, Board Director

President Anthony Jones called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.

47 bowlers were present.

President Ken Seabolt appointed:

- Megan Long and Calvin Anderson as Sergeant-at-Arms
- Teresa Wiley as Parliamentarian
- John Wuskach, Jr. to lead the prayer

General Meeting Minutes 2023

SWDBA General Meeting Minutes has been read with no corrections

Approved by members.

Effective after the closure of the SWDBA 2024 tournament, General Meeting Minutes copies will be given to bowlers at any individual bowling tournaments or printed out from our SWDBA website.

President's Report

President Anthony Jones has announced that Lori Whitfield (Vice President), Soila Reyna (Board Director) and Jessica Panarra (Board Director) have submitted their resignation letter from their positions effective after SWDBA 2024 tournament due of family/personal reasons.

Mentioned about SWDBA to have Super Bowl square pool for SWDBA Fund Raising.

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43 Asked Joshua Dalton to clarify about the Spin the Wheel issue which few bowlers have
44 complained/disagreed. Calvin Anderson tabled this issue (John Wukasch Jr seconded).
45 Walter Holder (Richard Wiley seconded) needs this issue to be referred to the New
46 Business later tonight.

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48 **Approved by members.**

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50 President Anthony Jones has announced that he will re-run for the SWDBA president
51 position for tonight's election.
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53 **Vice President's Report**

54 Vice President Lori Whitfield has one proposal that needs to be explained/clarified by
55 Joshua Dalton (Tournament Director) in regarding of the Bowlero properties around the
56 USA in case for the near future SWDBA tournaments. Has given 2 options (Plan A and
57 B).

58 **Secretary's Report**

59 Joshua Dalton appreciated Kim (manager with Time of Spare Entertainment) for the
60 arrangements in a perfect timing even the staffs doing their amazing jobs serving
61 foods/drinks to bowlers during bowling tournaments.
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63 Joshua Dalton has given thanks to Ben Zufall for his help to locate a bowling alley and
64 hotel for this year's SWDBA tournament.
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66 Joshua Dalton has given final counts on bowlers in each SWDBA events
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68 Joshua Dalton has given all bowlers reminders about team event starting at 9am
69 Saturday morning instead of 8am.
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71 **Treasurer's Report**

72 Joshua Dalton has explained/clarified with the SWDBA Financial Report of 2022.
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74 **Approved by members.**

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80 Joshua Dalton has clarified about the SWDBA website cost.
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Joshua Dalton has appointed two SWDBA board directors (Soila Reyna and Reginald Adams) and two former SWDBA officers (Arkley Wright and James Cooksey) to be auditors on SWDBA Financial Reports on both 2022 and 2023. Financial Reports on both 2022 and 2023 have been audited and approved.

Hall of Fame Director Report

Ken Seabolt has announced that Gerald Bamburg (Shreveport, LA) and Michael Hummel (Austin, Texas) have been inducted into SWDBA Hall of Fame. Both Gerald and Michael will be inducted Saturday night during the Social Night/Award Night.

Ken Seabolt has discussed with Walter Holder and Arkley Wright and agreed that one person will receive SWDBA Lifetime Achievement Award Saturday night during the Award Night. (Thomas Becker)

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

Proposal #1

Seniors Event will be bowled in both Friday and Saturday including Handicap Classic with the understanding that SWDBA Masters will be removed. Motion has been tabled by Arkley Wright. Arkley Wright (seconded by Darryl Connor) that Team Event will be moved from Saturday to Friday and Singles/Doubles to be moved to Saturday from Friday.

Approved by members.

It will be effective next year (2025) in St. Louis, Missouri.

Proposal #2

Team Lineup must be the same order as Doubles/Singles due of scoring/coding system.

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Proposal #3

Officers/Board Directors positions must be changed/eliminated with the removal of Vice President (VP's duties to be handled by President) and 2 board directors and each person to focus on Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Director. Michael Hummel (seconded by Arkley Wright) amended that President and Vice President must be staying in. Darryl Connor (seconded by Calvin Anderson) made 2nd amend that the entire Board Directors to be removed and keep the positions in order – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director and Hall of Fame.

Approved by members.

It will be effective tonight during the Election Night.

Proposal #4

Zelle payment for the bowler's entry fee to be installed into SWDBA General Fund.

Approved by members.

Proposal #5

Robert Smith (seconded by Dominique Parisi) moved that SWDBA can allow hearing lady bowler to participate into SWDBA tournament (not CODA/SODA) but must be fluent into ASL due of declining number of deaf lady bowlers

Referred to Executive Boards.

Proposal #6

Ken Seabolt has asked bowlers for their approval for the new SWDBA logo.

Approved by members.

The new SWDBA logo will be effective after the closure of the SWDBA 2024 tournament.

Proposal #7

Joshua Dalton (seconded by John Wukasch Jr.) moved that the SWDBA Tournament Director has the final decision on lane assignment/issues.

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Referral in regarding of the Spin the Wheel

It has been deadlocked with the vote of 9-9 but President Anthony Jones has broken the tie with a vote for the Spin the Wheel. Spin the Wheel will be used from now on.

Election Night

President – Anthony Jones has been voted by ACL for the upcoming 3 years

Vice President – John Wukasch Jr. and Calvin Anderson.

Calvin Anderson has been voted as the new Vice President.

Secretary – Joshua Dalton (interim until anyone to take over this position)

Treasurer – John Wukasch Jr. has been voted by ACL for the upcoming 3 years.

Tournament Director – Joshua Dalton

Hall of Fame Director – Ken Seabolt

**** Arkley Wright (seconded by Joshua Dalton) moved to suspend the bylaw rule (at least than 1 woman to be officer) due of no woman bowler not interested into running in any SWDBA officer positions**.**

Approved by members.

Host Bidding

SWDBA 2025 – St. Louis, Missouri (PAID)

SWDBA 2026 – Houston, Texas (PAID)

SWDBA 2027 – Birmingham, Alabama (PAID)

SWDBA 2028 – Tulsa, Oklahoma (will bid in St Louis, MO in 2025)

SWDBA 2029 – Amarillo Texas (TBA)

SWDBA 2030 – TBA

Announcements

Ken Arnold from GSLAD (St Louis, Missouri) give announcement about the upcoming SWDBA 2025 in St Louis, Missouri

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Closing of the Meeting

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Walter Holder (seconded by Arkley Wright) adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

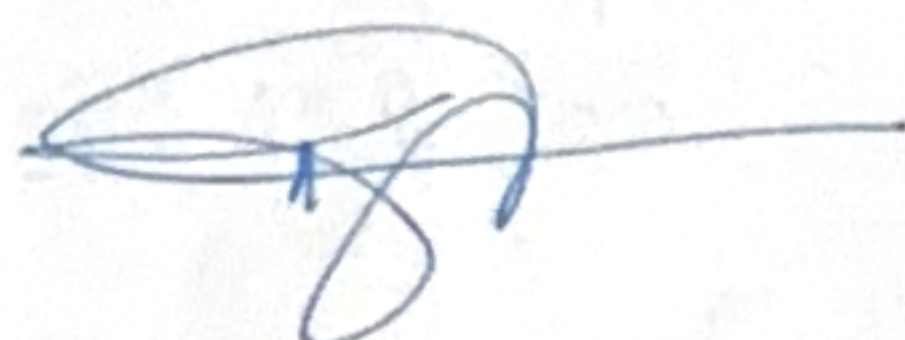
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Ken Seabolt

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Recording Secretary