

*Northern California Nisei Bowling Federation (NCNBF)
Mowry Lanes – Fremont
December 7, 2008*

Meeting called to order by President Ron Nomura at 10:08 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Ron Nomura	President
Tyler Gee	Past President, San Francisco
Ron Ishimoto	Past President, Sacramento
Jim Mars	Fremont
Darren Tsumura	Sacramento
Louise Utsurogi	Past President/Secretary, Eden

MEETING MINUTES

- The October 12, 2008 meeting minutes were approved.
 - *Motion made by Louise Utsurogi, seconded by Darren Tsumura and passed by the Board of Directors.*

UPDATE – NCNBF WEBSITE – Submitted by Mark Yoshinaka

- New Pages:
 - New web page created to announce yearly raffle winners.
 - This page is accessible from the home page only.
- Page Updates:
 - Congratulated the raffle winners and added link to raffle page.
 - Added “Latest News” section.
 - Added “Purpose of the NCNBF” section.
- Meeting Minutes:
 - October meeting minutes posted.
- Tournaments:
 - Updated all tournament pages with the dates for the 2008-09 season.
 - Added links for the Fremont and San Francisco tournament entry form.
- Site-wide Changes:
 - Updated banner with new graphics and new font.
 - Question: Do we have a logo for the NCNBF? Should we have one?
- Feedback:
 - No meaningful messages, one SPAM message deleted.
- Total Hits to NCNBF Website:
 - 405 (as of December 6, 2008)
- Consolidated Mailing List:
 - Sent request to San Francisco for tournament mailing list.
 - E-mails to other tournament chairs will be sent in the coming weeks.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It was decided to present Greg Gong with a \$75.00 gift for serving as NCNBF President.
 - *Motion made by Darren Tsumura, seconded by Tyler Gee and passed by the Board of Directors.*
- Ron Nomura will notify Grace Yamasaki.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION

- The remainder of today's meeting was spent continuing the discussion regarding the value of the NCNBF.
- Ron Ishimoto asked for an update on some old business from the October 12, 2008 meeting's minutes (Outreach Committee and NCNBF Certified Tournament).
- After some discussion, it was stated that no additional progress had been made on these two topics.
- Darren Tsumura commented that the issue with San Jose has been going on for a long time, and that unless something significant were to change with the NCNBF, it is unlikely that they will opt to rejoin.
- It was noted that since no tournament is requiring NCNBF membership as a condition of eligibility, there is little influence to use in regaining membership.
- Tyler Gee made a suggestion to collect a tournament participation fee and dropping the individual membership fees for maintaining the services provided by the NCNBF. These services include: A centralized web site to provide tournament information and links to individual tournament or association web sites; a statistical service that will track tournament participation and bowling performance; a centralized membership database to provide mailing lists and membership information (bowlers participating in the NCNBF recognized Nisei leagues); an average readjustment service to relieve some of the pressure from the individual tournament committees.
- Jim Mars commented that in addition to the statistics currently maintained, it would be better to track all tournament participation and scoring and not just the scores for people who cash.
- The NCNBF can create a standardized format for the tournaments to use, so that the data entry burden can be shared with the tournaments.
- It was noted that by having more complete data, this would provide a better indication of how much bowlers are winning "per event" bowled.
- It was also noted that without a membership organization, the ability to obtain a USBC Moral Support Sanction may be difficult.
- Louise Utsurogi mentioned that she was questioned by the USBC last year about their (Eden Nisei) tournament eligibility rules after the reference to the NCNBF was removed.
- It was agreed that maintaining a membership structure in the NCNBF remains a valuable thing.
- Ron Nomura will work with Grace Yamasaki to determine typical expenses incurred by the NCNBF over a season. This will help determine the amount that the tournaments would have to pay for the services rendered. The total amount would have to cover the operating expenses of the NCNBF.

- Tyler Gee to document the fundamental concepts behind the proposal, so that the proposal can be distributed for additional brainstorming and strong consideration prior to the next meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

- Tabled for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 29, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at Castro Village Bowl, Castro Valley.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.
 - *Motion made by Tyler Gee, seconded by Jim Mars and passed by the Board of Directors.*

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Utsurogi
NCNBF Secretary