

Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association

General Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2023

Meeting Attendees:

Grace Yamasaki, Stan Yamasaki, Lanny Matsuda, Helen Fong, Chuck King, Bill Kitagawa, Darren Tsumura, Mike Tanaka, Michelle Wong, May Sease, Karen Nakao

Meeting Highlights:

- Darren Tsumura called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes –**
 - Michelle Wong notified me that I accidentally listed her with her maiden name.
 - Lanny Matsuda made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Chuck King
- **Approval of Treasurer Reports –**
 - May noted that all SNBA dues had not been received yet
 - Karen gave May the receipt for the wreath that was ordered for Glenn Kobata's Celebration of Life service
 - Lanny Matsuda made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report, seconded by Chuck King
- **Old Business:**
 - JANBA2024
 - Tournament information has been added to the JANBA website
 - Or, let Darren know if you need any information
 - JANBA2026
 - JANBA2026 – Darren, Mike, Brian Mar and Chuck King met with Travis Powers at Country Club Lanes.
 - Darren, Mike and Brian Mar met with Trish at Fireside Lanes. Just recently, Darren heard from Fireside Lanes that they are not interested in hosting JANBA in 2026.
 - Country Club Lanes may be the only establishment where we can host JANBA2026. Concerns with Country Club Lanes are that the room for ball storage and our committee room only has one door into the room and the room is at the far end of the establishment. There is also an outside door just outside of this room.
 - Using the room upstairs is out of the question. The room is on the other side of the establishment, but there is a concern with bowlers getting their equipment up to the room.
 - Country Club Lanes would really like to host the tournament. JANBA was held at Country Club Lanes in previous years.
 - If Country Club Lanes is chosen, Darren would like to draw up a contract soon.
 - Nisei Sr. No-Tap
 - There is a significant change in the format for the tournament this year. The league that bowls on Saturday has refused to change their start time to be an hour later. This means that our tournament bowlers have to be off the lanes by 4:00 p.m., in order to give the establishment time to oil the lanes before the league starts.
 - There will be one Mixed Doubles squad and one Mixed Team squad, both Saturday and Sunday. Mixed Doubles squad will start at 10:00 a.m. and the Mixed Team squad will start at 1:30 p.m., with oiling of the lanes in between squads.
 - It was decided to not have two Mixed Doubles squads because the tournament would have start at 8:00 a.m. in order to finish on time. There will be 3 Mixed Doubles pairs per pair of lanes.

- There are 77 Mixed Doubles entries this year. A decrease of 2 Mixed Doubles entries from last year. There are 39 Mixed Teams entries this year. An increase of 11 Mixed Teams entries from last year.

- **New Business:**

- 2024 SNBA Invitational Tournament

- The 2024 SNBA Invitational Tournament dates are February 3, 2024 and February 4, 2024, so as to not be in conflict with SuperBowl.
- Darren expressed concern if there are any plans to handle signing up all of the volunteers. Something that Glenn Kobata used to do. Mike said that he has already reached out and found most of the volunteers that he needs.
- Karen suggested that the SNBA could send out an email to all of the members asking for volunteers for the 2024 SNBA Invitational Tournament. And to also ask if there are any volunteers who would like to take on the responsibility of finding volunteers to help find the volunteers to help at the tournaments and JANBA. Something that Glenn used to handle.

- 2024 SNBA Banquet

- Darren would like to finalize plans before the meeting in January. Place, budget, etc.
- Darren asked Grace Yamasaki when her league will be finishing, so that we can have things finalized and flyers made up before her league finishes, which is March 27, 2024.
- Mike reported for Mel Muranaka (Banquet Chairperson) that Mel has already reserved Lucky Jade for Sunday, June 9, 2024.
- There was an estimated 140 attendees at last year's banquet
- Lanny Matsuda asked about a possibility of having the banquet at Yum Buffet. He said that they can partition off a section for the banquet.
- There was a concern that June 9, 2024 would be too early, not giving the banquet committee enough time to finalize the banquet awards booklet, as one league may be ending sometime in May 2024. So it was suggested to try to change the date to June 23, 2024.
- Need to make sure the Lucky Jade fixes the audio equipment and that the microphone works before our banquet.
- Mel estimates that the cost will be between \$20 - \$25 dollars per person.
- At this time, there is no plan to increase the cost of the banquet tickets. Will still be \$15.00 a ticket.
- The goal is to make enough money from tournament entries for the 2024 SNBA Invitational Tournament to help cover the cost of the banquet.

- End of Season League Results

- Karen went over instructions on filling out the form, as not all of the league secretaries are providing information for all of the categories. This form is used to formulate the Banquet Awards Booklet.

Open Discussion:

- Karen informed the Executive Board and those in attendance that she has received 2 hardship letters from bowlers.
 - A medical hardship for Tim Kesner
 - A work hardship for Herb Martin
 - These hardship letters and those received at the August 2023 meeting have been approved and are good for 1 year.
- Chuck King asked about the status regarding non-Nisei members being allowed to bowl in their local JANBA. Darren reported that the formal request has not been brought up to the JANBA Board yet. Both Darren and Brian Mar (our JANBA Representatives) met with members of some other associations (Denver, Portland, Salt Lake City, Hawaii and Los Angeles) to discuss the possibility. There were many concerns brought up. Darren wants to try to come up with a proposal, that will work across all associations, before JANBA2024, being held in Portland. This would give enough time for discussion and possible approval before JANBA2026 (hosted by Sacramento).
- Next meeting – January 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

• Adjournment

- Grace Yamasaki made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lanny Matsuda