

**San Jose Nisei Bowling Association Meeting**  
**February 21, 2011**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl**

Meeting called to order by President Vince Itatani at 7:10pm

Board members present:

<b>President:</b> Vince Itatani	<b>Treasurer:</b> Frank Lum
<b>Men's VP:</b> Brandon Hirata	<b>Secretary:</b> Lindsey Wong
<b>Women's VP:</b> Karen Jeung (NP)	

JANBA Rep: Lynnne Itatani, Vince Itatani, TJ Yanuska, Jody Kawamura (NP)

League Representatives Present: (NP)=Not Present

<b>Nikkei Mixed Fours:</b> Dick Horio	<b>725 Mixed Scratch:</b> Kristi Kawano (NP)
Ken Gerard	<b>Nisei Juniors:</b> Yosh Hiraki
Naomi Tomisaka	<b>Tues. Sansei Mixed:</b> Dale Ando
<b>Yu-Ai Kai:</b> Sayo Togami (NP)	<b>Weds. Sansei Mixed:</b> Dale Ando
Jim Nishimoto	<b>4<sup>th</sup> St. Mixed Trios:</b> Yosh Hiraki
Mary Higashihara	<b>4<sup>th</sup> St. Tues. Trios:</b> Ozzie Shimada

Also Present: Marc Tsuchiya, John Shigemoto, Mark Yoshinaka

**Review of Minutes:**

No Changes

Motion by Naomi, Seconded by Frank.

**Treasurers Report**

Deposit SJ Nikkei Senior No-Tap Entry fees \$3478. Koden paid to Taketa and Kawasaki Family. Payment to TJ Yanuska for purchase of new laptop for association tournaments, JANBA Ad, Federation Fee, and Naomi Tomisaka for cabinet stipend. Frank presented preliminary financial results of the Senior Nikkei No-Tap Tournament, bottom line net profit for the event \$499.36. John Shigemoto brought up question about the money tree and pot take by the association, he believed that there was an agreement for the tournament was a league event not an association event and that the money was to go to the league. Association felt it was still an Association supported event and money would go to Association as usual.

Current Account Balances as of 1/31/11: Association Acct. \$11,046.65, Tournament Acct. \$7213.50, JANBA Acct. \$8000 (unchanged), Total for all accounts \$26,260.15.

Motion by Naomi, Seconded by Brandon

**Nisei Juniors**

Pepsi in house qualifier one girl and one boy 11 and under division, 12 and over division couple of qualifiers. Regional finals at Cloverleaf and state finals at Serra Bowl later this year.

**Old Business**

- Report on Senior No-Tap tournament on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. Problem with handicap calculated incorrectly on recaps, but fixed before start. Overall went well, needed a bit of help towards the 3<sup>rd</sup> game, but good event.
- Mark Yoshinaka, President of Federation brought up potential thoughts about tournament eligibility for those bowlers not in a recognized Association league. Federation does not dictate eligibility rules for tournaments, but it is up to individual

tournaments. Currently no-tap events are not part of the regular tournament eligibility rules. There is the possibility in the future that a tournament might decide to use the same tournament eligibility rules for a no-tap event thus requiring bowlers to be a member of a recognized association or league.

- Association Banquet, May 28<sup>th</sup> working with new person at Three Flames to explain special setup and financial deal. Yosh will try and get a contract set up for future events.
- Discussion of Article III, Section 1, a, b, c. League percentage of Nikkei and non-Nikkei in a league and at least 1 Nisei on a team. Mainly will affect Tues and Thurs night leagues, to remain a Nikkei League Association feels the majority of bowlers should be Nikkei bowlers. Vince talked with Ken Nakatsu and Ken felt that it should a majority and suggested it be 55/45 percent. There must be some end point to the percent changes, where majority is still Nikkei. It was suggested to make it 51/49. We also need to come up with contingency plan for what will happen is a league falls out of compliance either at the beginning or a season or during a season. We will need to bring the Constitution changes to the bowlers before the end of the league season. Vince will come up a potential draft for changed wording for bowlers to vote on. Brandon mentioned we could potentially allow a bowler in a non recognized league to purchase an “unattached” card to still be part of the Association.
- John Shigemoto mentioned his interpretation of the Constitution rule regarding non-nisei bowler participation in a league. The Article 3, Section 1b states that a league may allow up to 25% of bowlers to be non-nisei. He feels that the word “may” means that a league has the option to allow non-nisei at its own discretion and assuming it is a full league thus the Senior league is okay to close the league to Japanese or their spouses only. The Association feels that all leagues should allow non-nisei if there are bowlers interested in joining the league, in an effort to fill leagues and to prevent against any possible discrimination lawsuit. The Board reiterated that Senior Nikkei League must vote at the end of the league to change their participation rules to remain part of Association thus allowing non-Nikkei bowlers to participate if they are approached.

## **New Business**

- none

## **Next meeting:**

Monday, March 14, 2011 at 7:00pm 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl

Motion to adjourn by Naomi seconded by Dick.

Minutes submitted by Lindsey Wong, Secretary.

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## **Action Items:**

Vince will come up a potential draft for changed wording to Article 3 for bowlers to vote on.