President Harvey Poynter called the meeting to order. Some board members were absent from the meeting. He said we need to check to see if the absent members wanted to be on the board. We currently have 28 board members. Harvey also asked if anyone knows of someone interested in joining the board of directors. He also stated we have one of the strongest associations in the state. Harvey discussed the state jamboree. Harvey was named to the KY State BA Hall Of Fame. The state will hold their transitional meeting in April of 2018 and stressed the importance of attending the meeting. Gary Kerns said the meeting was open to all bowlers to vote. The new board members will have from April to August to complete the merger. Harvey said he was frustrated with the lack of organization with the state association. Said he thought they needed to change the way the state association is run, be more about the bowlers. Harvey said he planned to run to be an officer on the state board. He said he was asked by the Lexington Area BA if the MCBA would be interested in combining associations. Harvey said he spoke for the board and told them we weren't interested. He said he didn't know if the state would keep the current seven zones. Said our association was well represented at the Jamboree. He was proud of how many board members were there when MCBA was called. Told the members we were well represented at the state association when Bill Bradley was on the board then went years without representation but have been well represented over the last few years. Said Lexington was awarded the state tournament next year but Southland Bowling lanes is only letting them have 18 lanes. Maybe will check to see if could be held at Galaxy and they run the tournament. Harvey said not sure if they have enough members to run it without some help. They are also considering Frankfort. Harvey reported of some rule changes for the state tournament. If a bowler has entered the tournament before the deadline a bowler can reenter events during the tournament if lanes are available. Harvey said the state tournament turnout has been better when held in the middle area of the state. Also keeping the senior state tournament in the central area of the state cutting down the number of miles the bowlers will have to travel also stated the senior tournament is not making money. Ray White suggested holding the state tournament in the summer months when not much is going on instead of November when so much is going on and doesn't like to turn away bowlers. Said could give free lineage in the summer to the state tournament. Makes about the same amount of money in November with or without the state tournament but costs are higher when running the tournament. Harvey asked would it be beneficial for the state association manager to run the state tournament when the state associations merge like the women do now. Keeley Gadd said the state manager takes care of the scheduling and the local association took care of everything else. Harvey talked about the financial results from last years tournament, also the financial problems from the tournament held in Louisville. There was money not accounted for that took years to settle. Said he doesn't think they should be able to hold the state tournament again. Also talked about Lexington Area BA loosing their charter because of not filing taxes. Harvey said league officers would need to be strong leaders this year because of the new people, new personalities. Harvey pointed out that David Norman, President of two leagues, has been a strong and well liked leader. Harvey passed around sheets with a code of conduct and bowler's etiquette for the bowlers to follow and said we should include them with the league rules. Also have the league members sign the code of conduct letter. Also said if anyone wanted to add to the code of conduct and the bowler's etiquette letters to write their suggestions on the sheets being passed around. He said we have and will band bowlers if we need to. Thanked Rick Stamper for the good job of taking care of the letters. Also suggested that leagues have bowlers keep food and drinks in the back and that bowlers be required to wear bowling shoes. David said USBC rules allow non bowling shoes as long as they are clean and don't mark up the approaches. Randy Burgess asked that the board pay for Brandon Simpson's way to the nationals next year for repairing a piece of lane inspection equipment that would have cost around \$500 to replace. Voted to give \$200 for travel money for next

years nationals. Harvey asked the members to let him know what committees they would be interested in. Harvey asked about transferring the money from the women's bank account. Narita Rose said she would get the money to Lewis to put into the MCBA's account. Harvey suggested we get new shirts for the new merged association. Narita said she would take care of getting the new shirts. Discussed on when to hold the monthly meetings. The members decided to hold the MCBA board meetings after tournaments since most of the board members will be working the tournaments. Meetings will be held after the MCBA Sr Tournament, State Sr Tournament on 10/15, Turkey Shootout, Christmas Tournament, January 28 @ 2:00 for Lemetta Dause Tournament, women's city tournament on 2/25 @ 4:30 PM and the annual meeting on April 8 @ 2:00 PM. Ray White suggested holding the city tournaments on back to back Sundays because Saturdays are so busy. The board voted to bowl the city tournaments on back to back Sundays instead of Saturday/Sunday. Discussed the Lemetta Dause Tournament. Rick will take care of making the fliers for the businesses. Harvey said raised \$8,000 last year before the tournament started. Harvey asked if anyone knew of someone at EKU to get sororities and fraternities involved. Keeley suggested checking with sororities associated with raising money for cancer. She said she would look into it. Harvey suggested auctioning things off as we bowl to get done faster. Discussed local high school bowling, maybe we get more involved and possibly a liaison. Harvey stated the national USBC dues will increase to \$13. Voted to lower the local dues to \$5 to keep the total dues at \$20. Also will continue to pay the USBC dues for the MCBA board members. Gary suggested if a board member misses 3 meetings without an excuse they be removed. Harvey said to let him know if you can't make a meeting. Voted to raise the Association Manager's annual salary to \$1,000. Discussed if league will have to accept code of conduct. Harvey said to work to increase the leagues. Meeting adjourned.

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