

SED Annual Meeting December 3, 2019

Minutes

SCC Lawn Bowling Club 1009 N. Pebble Beach Blvd. Sun City Center, FL

In Attendance

Clem Reiss (SLBC), Mike Griffin (SLBC), Rusty Hein (SLBC), Jim Sparrow (SLBC), Scott Snyder (LLBC), Sandy Wall (WPLBC), Eric Porr (SCCLBC), Sue Abbott (SLBC), Rick Czachor (SCCLBC), Robert Trautwein (SCCLBC), Jon Blanchard (SCCLBC), Joel Deitch (SCCLBC), Larry Johnson (SCCLBC), Lynn Cranch (SCCLBC), Heather Comba (MLLBC), John Casey (MLLBC), Barb Roller (CLBC), Cindy Higgins (SCCLBC), Randy Woods (MDLBC), Rick Fitzgerald (MDLBC), Burl Roller (CLBC), Garry Higgins (SCCLBC), Rick Abell (SCCLBC), Martha Nilsen (PLBC), Jan Kline (MDLBC), Jeff Haident (PLBC), Steve Nelson (ALBC), Jerry Healy (SCCLBC).

Call to Order: Meeting called to order, 1:00 PM, Pledge of Allegiance and Quorum established.

Presidents Report: Jerry Healy (see Appendix "A")

Secretary Report: Motion to accept the March 2019 Minutes as posted. Moved by Rick Fitzgerald, seconded by Rusty Hein. Passed – unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Abell (see Appendix "B")

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Moved by Clem Reiss, seconded by Rick Fitzgerald. Passed – unanimous.

Head Umpire Report: Bud Ricucci (see Appendix "C")

Election of Officers: Lynn Cranch

Member At Large vacancy (Kathy Gonnella). Nominated by John Casey, seconded by Cindy Higgins, Heather Comba elected by unanimous show of hands.

No other nominations from the floor. All other officers whose term was up have agreed to stay on for another term.

Motion to accept the current slate of officers. Moved by Joel Deitch, seconded by Rusty Hein, Passed – unanimous.

Action: Lynn Cranch. Create a summary of when the current Officers terms expire.

Web Site: Garry Higgins

Action: Garry Higgins. Provide the Board Members access to the online, executive resources. (documents, graphics, photos etc.)

Bowls USA Councilor Report: Rick Fitzgerald

Topics:

Rule Books – still no availability date.

Disciplinary Process – very much needed – a work in progress

BUSA Selectors – BUSA attempting to attain five women and five men. [More info.](#)

US Open scheduled for October 1 – thus preventing 6-month snowbirds from attending

Dues – portion of BUSA dues goes to World Bowls

New Business:

SED Open March 7, 2020 Men's @ Clearwater, FL, Women's @ Sarasota, FL alternate date requested due to hotel rates.

Discussion:

Prime hotel rate runs February 1 to May 1. Currently recurring invitationals means that the only available time slot would be the last week in January.

Decision: Defer to Spring Meeting

Action: Jerry Healy. Add to Spring meeting agenda.

Tournament Directors

Women's Tournament Committee -Jackie Williamson, Marita Nierth, Cindy Higgins, Carol Finlayson and Sandy Wall.

Men's Tournament Committee – Steve Nelson, Garry Higgins, Bill Hedin, Larry Hanks, Ross Weir

2020 Playdown at Pine Hurst N Carolina

Tournament Directors - Steve Nelson and Martha Nielson

Appoint Bowls USA Editor for Newsletter

No volunteers – position at risk of being vacant.

Financial Audit 2020

One auditor available – prefer two.

Action: Jerry Healy – identify a second auditor

Tournament Director/Drawmaster Training

Action: Jerry Healy – form a committee to develop training course.

Spring Meeting

Action: Jerry Healy – Determine date for Spring Meeting

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM

Appendix "A" President's Report

Dear SED Members:

We have had a very successful and fun filled 2019, bowling season. A number of Southeast Division (SED), clubs have had a very significant and busy year. For instance, a number of clubs have experienced new members joining the sport throughout the division. I believe this new bowler trend has a good chance of continuing due to the fact that new greens have been added in the SED. For example, the Sun City Center Kings Point club has just built a brand new green and Asheville NC, has been developing a new green. In addition, some clubs have undergone significant green renovation (i.e., Sarasota has spent the summer refurbishing two of their greens, and the Sun City Center LBC has undergone major greens renovation to their back boards and sprinkling system). These major green improvements have definitely brought increased attention to the sport of lawn bowling and should stimulate new bowler interest.

Our 2019 & 2020 tournament schedule is already underway. If you plan on entering some of the SED tournaments, please check our WEB site for tournament details. It is important to mention that attendance at our season opening tournaments have been filled to capacity, so get your entry forms submitted ASAP.

To jumpstart one of our new projects this year I have appointed our 2019 SED National Championship (NC) team to define our championship team shirt. This team is focused on defining our official SED shirt color (yellow), style, graphic design and fabric. As a spinoff of this effort we want to capitalize on the opportunity to design a new SED shirt for general membership purchase. It is important to mention that the general members SED shirt will not contain the words National Championship or year. Separate ladies and men's styles will be available. We hope to have examples available for review by the end of March.

The Bowls USA Organization is seeking volunteer clubs from all the divisions to host the 2021, 2022, 2023, and beyond National Championship Tournaments. I am happy to report that the Sun City Center LBC has already volunteered to host the 2022, NC. We do not know when Bowls USA will officially announce their decision and new schedule. In the meantime, if your club is interested in hosting this prestigious event please let me know and I will see that your club is submitted for consideration.

We are currently planning a tournament directors training class sometime between now and the end of March. The need for more tournament directors is evident by our shortage of trained and skilled directors willing to volunteer for our demanding schedule. When training instructors, training materials, and the scope of training is determined a training class will be scheduled. Please stay tuned for further information regarding this matter.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new SED tournament banner that was requested at our March 2018, members meeting. This new banner has been recently displayed twice at Sun City Center tournaments and last week at the Clearwater Open Pairs Tournament. It is scheduled for Mount Dora for the Holiday Tournament, then on to Sarasota. Based on the interest we have received to date we may want to purchase three more banners so then can be staged at key locations so they can be shared amongst the SED clubs. The banners are not terribly expensive, (approximately \$ 90.00), so additional banners are within our budget constraints.

In conclusion, the SED board has been working very hard to keep club business running smoothly. We hope you are pleased with our performance. We look forward to improving and growing the Southeast Clubs and this wonderful sport.

Sincerely, Jerry Healy

President - Southeast Division

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Appendix "B" Treasurer's Report

(The detailed Treasurer's Report is available upon request. Email info@sedlawnbowls.org)

Southeast Division - Bowls USA Proposed 2020 Budget

INCOME:

SED Dues - 600 @ \$5.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Playdowns	\$ 850.00	
Women's Open	\$ 520.00	
Men's Open	\$ 660.00	
Grants	\$ 300.00	
Interest (Checking)	\$ 1.20	
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	
CD Interest @ Maturity	\$ 428.00	
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EXPENSE:

Tournament Support (clubs)		
Clearwater 1st Tourney	\$ 100.00	
Playdowns	\$ 300.00	
Women's Open	\$ 650.00	
Men's Open	\$ 650.00	
National Championships	\$ 300.00	
US Open	\$ 300.00	?
National Shirts	\$ 500.00	
National Player Support	\$ 1,500.00	
Councilors - Bowls USA (2 @ \$300)	\$ 600.00	
Publicity (pins,flags,banner,etc)	\$ 100.00	
Office	\$ 25.00	
Bank fee	\$ 10.00	
Awards	\$ 300.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	
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Estimated Profit (Loss)

\$ 424.20

Appendix "C" Head Umpire Report

Southeast Division's Head Umpire's Report December 2019

There are presently 31 umpires in the Division, 17 men and 14 women as of 11-25-19.
No candidates are currently under testing

Two umpires have been added since the Spring meeting – Glenda Courtice of Maple Leaf and Bob Fladung of Sun City Center

We lost one of our most dedicated umpires and friend Paul Courtice with his untimely passing in June of this year.

It is anticipated that we will experience 3-4 umpires leaving the ranks in the next 12 months for various reasons. This highlights the need for recruitment of qualified candidates from each club on an ongoing basis.

I will email all umpires in December asking for their help to serve at the SED Open to be held at Clearwater and Sarasota.

Respectfully submitted,
Bud Ricucci
HDU SED