



## Minutes

**SED Fall Meeting December 3, 2020**  
Eberhardt Room Sun City Center and Video Call

### **In Attendance**

Diann Thomas(SCCLBC), Phil Griffin(SCCLBC), Larry Johnson(SCCLBC), Jerry Healy(SCCLBC), Garry Higgins(SCCLBC), Cindy Higgins(SCCLBC), Cassandra Furlong (SCCLBC), Rick Abell(SCCLBC), Bob Fladung(SCCLBC), Vicki Johnson(SCCLBC), Cassie Krowl(SCCLBC), Mary Chamberlin(SCCLBC), Woody Ingram(SCCLBC), Steve Parks(SCCLBC), Robert Trautwein(SCCLBC), Karen Cooper(SCCLBC), Natalie Lanouette(SCCLBC), Bud Ricucci(MDLBC), Rick Fitzgerald(MDLBC), Martha Nilsen(PLBC), Randy Woods(MDLBC), Sandy Wall(WPLBC), Rusty Hein(SLBC), Jan Kline(MDLBC), Steve Nelson(ALBC), Heather Comba(MLLBC), Clem Reiss(SLBC), Jeff Haidet(PLBC), Sue Abbott(SLBC)

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1pm and a quorum was established.

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

**Secretary's Report:** Cassandra Furlong

Motion to accept March 19, 2020 as posted. Moved by Rick Fitzgerald seconded by Rusty Hein. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick Abell

A budget forecast (based on a normal year) is not practical as a result of the impact from the CORONA virus. The result is a limited projected income and expenses. Summary of the SED Financial Status & Outlook as of December 1, 2020 (See Appendix B)

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was moved by Garry Higgins and seconded by Larry Johnson, Motion passed – by unanimous vote

**Head Umpire's Report:** Bud Ricucci (See Appendix C)

**Website Report:** Garry Higgins- No SED tournament events are scheduled at the present time. There is an SED tournament planning tool on the SED website (click the SED logo at the bottom of the Tournament Page). The schedule can be edited and currently shows recurring SED Invitationals on the dates that they would normally take place in 2021.

**Bowls USA Newsletter, SED Divisional Editor:** This position has not been filled. The SED needs a volunteer to handle this important task,

### **2021 Dues**

Bowls USA will not collect dues in 2021 for members who paid their dues in 2020. Therefore, the SED executive board decided that only new members will pay \$25.00 for 2021. Members who paid their 2020 dues will not be required to pay again in 2021. A suggestion to members to make a \$5.00 donation to cover any unforeseen expenses sent via email.

Motion to accept new dues rules for 2021 was put forth by Rick Abell and seconded by Karen Cooper. Motion passed.

**Bowls USA Councilor Report:** Rick Fitzgerald (See Appendix D)

**2021 Playdowns:** The Pinehurst Lawn Bowling Club volunteered to host the 2021 Playdowns the week of April 19,2021 if the COVID-19 pandemic is under control by then. A firm date for this tournament will be set when more information is available.

### **New Business:**

A motion to change Article IV of the By-Laws was proposed so the SED by-laws would be in sync and follow the new by-law language adopted by Bowls USA. Currently, Article IV, Item 2 states 'The President and Vice President shall be elected for a two (2) year term effective January 1st. They should be of opposite gender and the presidency should alternate between a man and a woman. The current sentence, "The President and Vice President may not be reelected until they have been out of the presidency or vice presidency at least one (1) two-year term" will remain unchanged.

The proposal is: to eliminate the requirement to alternate between the male and female gender. Bowls USA removed the alternating gender requirement. This change would eliminate the second sentence "They should be opposite gender and the presidency should alternate between a man and a woman." The motion was presented by Sandy Wall and seconded by Steve Nelson to rewrite Article IV. After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken to rewrite the BY-LAW and present the change to the executive board for approval at the March, 2021 meeting. This motion passed. The BY-LAW language change will be published and posted one month prior to the March, 2021 meeting.

An election was conducted for the President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary. On this day December, 3, 2020 the following individuals were nominated and elected to a two year term. The elected SED executive officers are:

President - Sandy Wall

Vice President - Steve Nelson

Treasurer - Rick Abell

Secretary - Cassandra Furlong

A motion to accept these elected officers was made by Cindy Higgins seconded by Rusty Hein. The Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Steve Nelson suggested that the SED explore establishing an SED Hall of Fame to honor members for their superior competitive achievements and/or exceptional contributions to the division off the green. Further, the President is will appoint a small working group to draft a full proposal to be presented at the 2021 Spring meeting for adoption.

Motion moved by Steve Nelson Seconded by Rick Abell

It is proposed to have the Spring General Meeting on March 4, 2021 at 1:00PM at the SCCLBC.

A Motion to **adjourn** was made by – Randy Wood and second by Garry Higgins – The motion passed.

#### Action Items

1. Garry Higgins: Shift the host club rotation schedule for the SED Playdowns (in the P&P) out one year – to adjust for COVID cancellation of the 2020 tournament schedule.
2. Rick Abell: Solicit \$5 donation from members for 2021.

## Appendix A

SED Presidents Report – December, 2020 – Jerry Healy

Dear SED Members:

As a result of the COVID virus we have all experienced a troubling and worrisome year. We started the year with normal bowling activities and by middle of March we were advised by our community leaders to cancel our remaining bowling activities. Thankfully though, some clubs have allowed bowling to continue, if strict guidelines were followed.

Looking forward to our future bowling activities look promising due to several vaccines that may be available very soon. As a result of this good news we are hopeful that the SED may be able to resume our normal bowling events by the fall of 2021. In the meantime stay safe so we can bowl together soon.

Now we need to turn our attention toward important SED business activities that need to be completed before the end of this year. First and foremost we need to elect a new President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary. Fortunately for our division we have very qualified members who have volunteered to serve on the board for 2021 & 2022. The election of these important positions will take place at our Annual General Meeting on December 3, 2020 so, please attend this important meeting. The call-in number and passcode for this meeting has been sent to your email address, so please check your email inbox.

At this time I want to thank all the SED members who have helped me manage the SED over the last three years. It has been a pleasure to serve as president with so many people supporting me. I hope you all will pitch in and help the new board members as you have helped me. I plan on staying closely involved in SED so I can help out as needed. I feel confident the newly elected board members will be very successful getting the SED up and running again. The future of the SED looks very promising due to the many dedicated bowling members who want to help the Southeast be a successful organization.

One last important SED event needs mentioning; The Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club has volunteered to host the 2022 National Championship. The Bowls USA Board has received and responded to the Sun City Centers offer to host the Nationals. At this time the Bowls USA schedule has not been confirmed. However, the SED needs to begin planning for this prestigious event.

In closing, I want to again thank the many people who helped me and other members on the board successfully manage our division responsibilities over the last three years. It truly does take a team to be successful.

Sincerely,

Jerry Healy  
President Southeast Division – Bowls USA

## **Appendix B**

Available upon request to [info@sedlawnbowls.org](mailto:info@sedlawnbowls.org)

## **Appendix C**

Southeast Division's Head Umpire's Report December 2020

There are presently 26 umpires in the Division, 13 women and 13 men as of 11-25-19.

Three umpires have been added since the Spring meeting – Martha Nilsen, Scott Wetzel and Dan Delgarn all from Pinehurst LBC. Many thanks to Jackie Tucker, umpire at Pinehurst, for recruiting these members and providing the requisite onsite practical tests.

Six umpires did not recertify this year, three from SCC, two from Sarasota and one from Mount Dora. Recruitment efforts for qualified candidates will continue at these and the other clubs in the division.

National Umpire in Chief Melanie Vizenor has recommended that the HDUs get input from the president of the club about the prospective applicant prior to testing. This is part of a vetting process that will include a one-year probationary period for those who qualify.

I will email all umpires asking for their help to serve at the SED Open once the dates are established.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bud Ricucci  
HDU SED

## **Appendix D**

Bowls USA Councilor Report: Rick Fitzgerald - Highlights of the BUSA Annual General Meeting

Scott Roberts presented the following with awards for work done above and beyond. Ron Rollick, Dee McSparren, Jackie Tucker and Jim Semanek.

Bowls USA New Elected Officers are:

President - Veronica Sum

1st VP - Wayne Baines

2nd VP - Arther Stewart

Secretary - Pam Edward

Treasurer - Kelly Warren

International Delegates - Neal Furman and Dee McSparren

Budget 2021

3 Divisions are paid up for 2021- SE, SC and SW. A \$ 5.00 dues increase will take effect in 2022.

Money has been set aside for tournaments if they happen in 2021. Because of the virus the budget is a moving target.

Bowls USA Disciplinary Committee

3 Grievances submitted

Grievance 1 sent back to local level.

Grievance 2 no grounds for action after investigation.

Grievance 3 during investigation parties involved resigned.

Coaching Committee - No report do to COVID 19

Grant Committee - No report because of COVID

Hall of Fame - Ivan & Maryna Highland were inducted.

Marketing - No report

Newsletter - Editor Needed

National Team - Selectors needed.

Tournaments - US Open still planning for fall of 2021 no dates set.

National Championship Milwaukee August 23-27.

Providing play downs can be worked out and CD notified prior to June 1, 2021.

Pam Edwards will act as National Tournament Director to assist Clubs and Divisions that want to host a tournament.

Next Bowls USA meeting scheduled for 19 January, 2021.