



Minutes
SED Spring Meeting March 4, 2021
Eberhardt Room Sun City Center and Video Call

In Attendance

Larry Johnson(SCCLBC), Jerry Healy(SCCLBC), Garry Higgins(SCCLBC), Cindy Higgins(SCCLBC), Cassandra Furlong (SCCLBC), Rick Abell(SCCLBC), Bud Ricucci(MDLBC), Rick Fitzgerald(MDLBC), Martha Nilsen(PLBC), Randy Woods(MDLBC), Sandy Wall(WPLBC), Rusty Hein(SLBC), Steve Nelson(ALBC), Heather Comba(MLLBC), Clem Reiss(SLBC), Jeff Haidet(PLBC), Sue Abbott(SLBC), Wilma Momkes (ALBC)Barb Roller(CLBC), Bob Rehn (CLBC), Cathy Mills(WPLBC), Rick Carr(WPLBC)

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

Presidents Report: Sandy Wall (see Appendix A)

Secretary's Report: Cassandra Furlong

Motion to dispense with reading the minutes, December 3, 2020 as posted. Moved by Rick Fitzgerald seconded by Rusty Hein. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt these minutes as correct record, Moved by Rick Abell, seconded by Randy Woods. Motion passed by a unanimous vote

Treasurer's Report: Rick Abell (See Appendix B)

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was moved by Cassandra Furlong and seconded by Jerry Healy, Motion passed – by unanimous vote

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

Old Business:

Proposed By-Law Change in Article IV.2

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 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".

The proposal is to delete the second sentence that refers to the President and Vice President being of opposite gender and that the presidency should alternate between a man and a woman.

This will be tabled until the next meeting.

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New Business:

Hall of Fame (see Appendix D)

A Motion for the adoption of the Hall of Fame moved by Rick Fitzgerald seconded by Clem Reiss, Motion passed by a unanimous vote

A Motion for the Hall of Fame Policies and Procedures moved by Rick Fitzgerald and seconded by Rusty Hein.

Wilma Momkes expressed she has information of free awards to club members
Jerry Healy gave Sandy Wall past SED pins and expressed concern to what to do with the pins.

Female Councilor Appointment

Martha Nilsen from Pinehurst LBC is to serve as Female Councilor for 2021. At our December AGM meeting, we will hold an election for those interested in remaining two years of Sandy's term In 2024, the Female Councilor will be elected for a 4 year term.

SED Spring Fling Pinehurst Tournament

May 17-19

A Motion for funding Spring Fling in Pinehurst for 300.00 moved by Steve Nelson and seconded by Rick Fitzgerald.

AGM Meeting December 2, 2021, 1pm Eberhardt Room- SCCLBC

Sandy Wall declared the meeting adjourned.

Appendix A

Southeast Division President's Report

March 4, 2021

Dear SED Members,

It is hard to believe but it was one year ago that Covid-19 started to have such an impact on our bowling lives. In March 2020, we were able to hold our annual SED Open and 2 additional Invitational Tournaments before everything came to a halt. Most greens remained closed for at least 2 months. Fortunately, under CDC Guidelines, clubs were able to adapt to the new restrictions and most clubs were allowed to bowl singles and pairs by June 1st.

Unfortunately, Covid still would not go away. This resulted in cancellation of all SED events for the 2020-2021 winter season including the SED Open and Playdowns. Now that 3 vaccines are becoming available, we are very hopeful that we can resume our regular tournament schedule in the fall of 2021. We even hope that the Covid situation will improve enough this spring to allow us to hold a SED Tournament in Pinehurst in May. More info will be forthcoming on this event.

One more note on Covid's impact on bowling events. The 2021 National Championships to be held in Milwaukee, WI were also cancelled. Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club had volunteered to host the National Championships for 2022. However, pending final approval, the Sun City Center LBC will now host the 2023 National Championships. I understand members are already volunteering for the event. Awesome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two members for their dedication and service to the Southeast Division – Jerry Healy and Garry Higgins. In December 2017, the SED was suddenly without a President or Vice President. Both men volunteered to fill these vacancies – Jerry as President and Garry as VP. Not only did they fill the one year vacancy, they both agreed to serve as elected officers for another two years. Thanks to both of you for all your hard work, your commitment to the Southeast Division and for a job well done.

Also at this time, I would like to recognize the Hall of Fame Committee. They have been working diligently over the past two months to produce the Hall of Fame Policies & Procedures, the Candidate's form and even Guidelines to help clubs with the application process. A very special thank you to the Committee Chairman Steve Nelson and committee members Martha Nilsen and Randy Wood. I also served on the committee but my main job was see that they did not "goof off on company time".

In conclusion, I look forward to the opportunity to visit your clubs. Good bowling and see you on the green.

Sandy Wall

President Southeast Division- Bowls USA

Appendix B (Available on request to info@sedlawnbowls.org)

Summary of the SED Financial Status & Outlook as of March 2, 2021

Appendix C

Southeast Division's Head Umpire's Report March 2021

☐ There are presently 26 umpires in the Division, 13 women and 13 men as of 3-1-2021. At present, there are two candidates under testing.

☐ A recruitment poster was sent out to Sarasota and Sun City Center clubs to post on their bulletin boards. The two candidates presently under testing, were recruited from these posters. Recruitment efforts for qualified candidates will continue at these and the other clubs in the division in anticipation of the National Championships to be played in the SED in 2023.

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

☐ I am in possession of a limited number of rule books for any members who may require one.

Respectfully submitted,
Bud Ricucci
HDU SED

Appendix D

Southeast Division Hall of Fame

Dear SED Clubs,

We are excited to introduce you to a new initiative in the SED — the Southeast Division Hall of Fame. On March 4, 2021, the SED Executive Board gave approval to establish this new program that will honor the best of the best in the SED.

In this inaugural year, the SED will introduce clubs and bowlers to this fresh initiative. Throughout this year, clubs will begin a process of identifying strong candidates for this prestigious award. In early 2022, the SED Executive Board will vote to induct up to four SED bowlers and every year thereafter, plus recognitions of any posthumous inductions. We invite you to join in honoring our best bowlers and contributing members.

As this is a new program, it is important for every club to familiarize themselves with the purpose, scope and procedures for the Hall of Fame (HOF). You will find two attachments to this email: Guidelines for Clubs and the board-approved SED Hall of Fame Policies and Procedures.

Purpose: The goal of the HOF is simple: to honor select SED members for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions on-and-off the green, during the time they hold/held membership in the SED.

Scope: We are fortunate to have many fine bowlers in the SED, volunteers, and generous members whose efforts are much appreciated. The Hall of Fame cannot recognize all of them, but it honors those who have excelled and contributed primarily at the division level and beyond, although club success and efforts are given weight.

Policies and Procedures: The best way to get a handle on the complete process and timeline is to review the attached Policies and Procedures. Briefly, a Club familiarizes itself with the HOF — Club identifies strong candidate(s) — candidate fills out form — club reviews and takes action to nominate and write a letter of recommendation — nomination goes to HOF Committee and Executive Board — Executive Board votes to induct select number of nominees — induction ceremony to take place at SED Open in March.

The HOF can quickly become a point of pride, not only for the bowler and his/her club, but for the entire division as we lift up and recognize select members for their outstanding achievements and contributions, thereby raising the image of our division and setting a high standard for us all. We will depend on our clubs to take positive first steps on this journey in making the HOF an acclaimed program in the SED.

With kind regards.

The Hall of Fame Committee



Southeast Division Hall of Fame (HOF) GUIDELINES FOR CLUBS

Clubs are asked to identify, review and evaluate candidates based on three principal categories: Bowling achievements, Offices and Committees served, and Other achievements, involvements, awards and recognition. In addition, the club will need to take an action to formally nominate candidates and write a letter of recommendation.

- Part 1. Bowling Achievements

- Purpose: To recognize and honor SED bowlers with a history of outstanding competitive achievements at the division level and as SED representatives in national or international events.

- Part 2. Offices and committee service by election or appointment representing the SED. —

- Purpose: To recognize and honor members with a history of distinguished administrative service and contributions that has provided significant benefit to SED.

- Part 3. Other achievements, awards and volunteer service in the SED and beyond. —

- Purpose: To recognize members whose support for the goals and activities of the SED in service, volunteerism, and recognition has made an impact on the division.

Key in the whole process is for the club to identify strong candidates according to the criteria that are spelled out in the accompanying **HOF Policies and Procedures**. There you can find important details on the process, steps and timelines for nomination and election to the HOF. In addition, a sample Candidate Form will be sent to the club as a guide to the criteria for consideration of candidates.

Bear in mind a club may nominate up to two persons each year, plus posthumous nominations. Obviously, a club is not obligated to make any nominations.

The Hall of Fame Committee will be communicating with you prior to each step in the process, bring you up to date on developments and remind you of next steps and deadlines.

With best regards.

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Hall of Fame Committee Chair

Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX March 2021

It is important to be familiar with the process that leads from identifying a candidate for the HOF to receiving a HOF plaque and pin at the induction ceremony. Keep reading.

SUBJECT: HALL OF FAME
Southeast Division of Bowls USA
Policies and Procedures, February 26, 2021

The following are the procedures for the annual nomination, election, and induction into the Southeast Division Hall of Fame. It honors SED members for their outstanding bowling achievements primarily at the division, national and international level and their contributions to the SED that help create a foundation for successful bowlers and clubs and advance the sport of lawn bowls. This recognition does not duplicate national recognition by the Bowls USA Hall of Fame.

Procedures and Timeline

1. Club

- a. The process for this prestigious honor begins with the club, which identifies strong candidates according to the HOF "Guidelines" made available to clubs.
- b. A club can nominate up to two candidates each year, plus any posthumous nominees.
- c. The club informs the HOF Committee chair of the names of its candidates who receive an on-line Candidate Form from the committee to fill out and submit no later than Dec. 1. The club in turn receives a copy of the completed form for its record.
- d. The club engages in a thorough review to confirm the candidate's information according to the submitted form. Each club will devise its own review mechanism, but it should include an action by the club that formally nominates a candidate for the HOF. Note: A nomination is not an election but an important step in the process. The SED Executive Board votes to induct members.
- e. [This next step is done using an on-line form sent to the clubs.] For each nominated member, the club will write a Letter of Recommendation, attesting to the member's character and sportsmanship, on-and-off the green. The club will submit a written formal nomination of a candidate and the letter to the HOF Committee beginning November 1 but no later than January 1.
- f. Changes/Updates to the nominee's application must be made to the HOF Committee by Feb. 15 after review by the club.
- g. Following the Executive Board meeting (Section 3 below) to select inductees to the HOF, the Club President informs its nominees of the results of the vote after receiving notice from the SED Secretary.
- h. Club displays a Hall of Fame plaque (provided by the SED) honoring its HOF inductees.

2. Hall of Fame Committee

- a. Committee chair acknowledges receipt of all forms to club presidents by Jan. 15.
- b. Committee reviews and evaluates all applications, confirms qualifications, and prepares explanatory comments on applications as needed.
- c. Committee chair forwards all documentation for nominees and clubs to SED Secretary and President by Jan. 30.

3. Division

- a. Secretary includes HOF on agenda of a Special Meeting of the Board, held after Feb. 15 and prior to the SED Open, and provides all HOF documentation to the Executive Board at least one week in advance.
- b. SED Executive Board votes by written ballot. Modifications may be made for electronic voting. Election of inductees is decided by a majority vote of members present. Board assures equitable treatment for both men and women.
- c. Secretary informs club presidents of the results within one week of the meeting.
- d. HOF Committee chair sends a congratulatory letter to new inductees within two weeks of the meeting. A PDF Hall of Fame certificate is attached.
- e. HOF Committee chair prepares plaques and pins for inductees. An additional plaque is presented to the club for display.

4. Induction ceremony and presentation of plaques and pins to take place at the SED Open in March.

5. General considerations and conditions

- a. The SED Executive Board reserves the right to nominate candidates, respecting the same candidate and nomination process as clubs.
- b. A nominee not approved will be considered for induction for one additional year without need to resubmit the candidate form.
- c. The SED may induct up to four nominees in a year, plus any posthumous recognition.