



SED Fall Meeting December 2, 2021

Eberhardt Room Sun City Center and Video Call
Minutes

In Attendance

Larry Johnson(SCCLBC), Garry Higgins(SCCLBC),Cindy Higgins(SCCLBC),Cassandra Furlong (SCCLBC),Rick Abell(SCCLBC),Bob Fladung(SCCLBC),,Karen Cooper(SCCLBC),Rick Fitzgerald(MDLBC) Becky Fitzgearld (MDLBC),Martha Nilsen(PLBC),Randy Woods(MDLBC),Sandy Wall(WPLBC),Rusty Hein(SLBC),Steve Nelson(ALBC), Jeff Haidet,(PLBC) Sue Abbott(SLBC), Dave Conley (SCCLBC) Cathy Mills (WPLBC) Sharron Farish(LLBC)

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: Motion to accept March 8, 2021 Minutes as posted. Moved by Rick Abel seconded by Rick Fitzgerald. Motion passed by-unanimous vote

Treasurer's Report: Rick Abell Summary of the SED Financial Status & Outlook as of December 2, 2021 (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: (See Appendix C)

Bowls USA Councilor Report: Rick Fitzgerald / Martha Nilsen (See Appendix D)

2021 Playdowns: Will be held in Mt. Dora April 20-26

New Business:

An election was conducted for At Large Members in the SED Division. The following names were elected:

Robert Rehn
Bob Fladung
Rusty Hein
Cindy Higgins
Vickie Haidet

Female Councilor: Martha Nilsen

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 for 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. A motion to change law moved by Rick Fitzgerald and seconded by Becky Fitzgerald , Motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was reported that Clearwater and Sarasota Clubs were struggling to keep open, but good for one more year.

AGM Meeting March 14, 2022 Caper Room-SCCLBC

Sandy Wall declared the meeting adjourned

Appendix A

Southeast Division President's Report

In the early months of 2021, the situation due to Covid started showing improvement due to the availability of vaccines. After a year of cancelling tournaments, the Southeast Division decided to hold a 3-Day Tournament in May in Pinehurst, North Carolina called "The Spring Fling". Eight 4 Member Teams from Florida and North Carolina competed in Pairs, Triples and/or Singles.

On Day 3 every team participated in the finals regardless of their standings. Each bowler was rewarded with a fun time even though there was no entry fee or prize money.

The East Coast Challenge was held October 8th and 9th in Pinehurst, NC. Fifteen members of the Southeast Division competed against fifteen from the Northeast for the Motta Trophy. A close measure in the final end of the last game of the tournament determined the victory for the Southeast. If you have not done so, I encourage each of you to view the video on the 20th Anniversary of the

East Coast Challenge and to read the wonderful article written by Steve Nelson. Both can be found on the Home Page of our website.

Our winter bowling season is off to a great start. Three Invitational Tournaments were held last month – two in Sun City and the Season Opener in Clearwater. Currently, 12 more Invitational Tournaments are on the SED calendar – one tomorrow in Mt. Dora, 2 in Sun City, 4 in Clearwater and 5 in Sarasota. In addition, we have the SED Open in March and Playdowns in April. We encourage your participation in these events.

One accomplishment this year was the establishment of a Southeast Division Hall of Fame. It will honor SED members for their outstanding bowling achievements as well as their off-the-green contributions to the SED. More information concerning the nominating process will be presented later in our meeting.

In August, the Southeast Division Executive Board presented Jackie Tucker's name as a nominee for the Bowls USA Hall of Fame. It gives me great pleasure to announce that in October Jackie was unanimously selected for the Bowls USA Hall of Fame. Jackie's qualifications for this prestigious award are many. To name a few: She has been a member of our International Team and has also served as Manager and Coach of Team USA. She has won numerous bowling awards including 4 medals in the National Championships. Jackie has served on the Southeast Division Executive Board as Councilor, Vice-President and President. She has been a Club Coach and Trainer since 2013. A ceremony honoring her induction into the Hall of Fame will be held at a later date.

Our Southeast Division Spring Meeting will be held the second week of March 2022. Exact date, time and place of our meeting will be announced at a later time.

Good bowling everyone and Happy Holidays.

Sincerely, Sandy Wall President Southeast Division Bowls USA

Appendix B

Summary of the SED Financial Status & Outlook as of December 1, 2021

Income

As of December 1st the Southeast Division of BowlsUSA had 511 members, most of whom did not pay dues for 2021. There were 58 new dues paying members during the year. This comes to \$290.

Interest income (CD & Checking) was \$22.50.

Total income will be approximately \$312.50 for the year.

Expense

The expenses to date for host club tournament stipends was \$1000.00. \$300.00 of that money was sent to the Sun City Center Club for the Divisional Challenge. They have retained those funds for a future tournament.

The expenses to date for merchandize costs was \$67.44 (a sample shirt).

Total expense was \$1067.44 for the year.

There is no further expense budgeted or expected for this year.

Please see the Income Statement and the 2022 Budget presented on December 2, 2021 for details.

Estimated Net gain (loss): (\$756.53).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard S. Abell

Appendix C

Southeast Division's Head Umpire's Report December 2021

- There are presently 27 umpires in the Division, 13 women and 14 men as of 12-1-2021. Steve Brown from Mount Dora was certified this April.
- Recruitment efforts for qualified candidates will continue 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 and Playdowns later in December.
 - I will conduct Marker Training in Mount Dora for the SED OPEN and Playdowns. Cindy Higgins and Bob Fladung will conduct the training at SCC.
 - Due to Covid concerns, one umpire has decided not to come south this season.
- 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

Highlights of the BUSA AGM

The division held a successful Division Open with many players from out of town and a healthy prize package; the same is hoped for next year

NE - Veronica for Doreen Alexander

The Essex Nđ green was destroyed in a hurricane New Bedford is completing 2 new greens with strong support of the city; grand opening is planned for late spring 2022

O Ginger asked that the opening be announced ahead of time

MW - Nathan Van Ness

The tournament scheduled was adjusted for late summer resulting in 3 division events

- All the club greens are improving, allowing decreased reliance on Jefferson Park in Seattle as the

primary tournament venue The division plans to coordinate community Outreach events in 2022, led by Tacoma LBC

PIM - Ginger Harris and Gareth Cole

- A healthy tournament calendar is planned for 2022; hoping to have 1 tournament at each member club Friendship Games among six clubs was resumed with increased attendance over prior years Cambria hosted the North Cal/So Cal Challenge raising funds for Team USA; those funds were

directed to the Memorial Fund

- A club coaching clinic is occurring this very weekend

San Francisco celebrated its 120th anniversary, also achieving 25% growth in membership

Overall PIMD had 12% growth 2020 to 2021 A survey of membership is planned to find out what they want from the Division and BUSA

SC - Lorraine and Ron

- Canadians are starting to return to the area The winter schedule of tournaments is back in full RH Johnson club trained over 100 new bowlers and gained 63 new members, led by a strong president is who is relatively new bowler

SE – Martha and Rick

Many Canadians are expected to return after the border reopens next month

- Two successful tournaments occurred with large turnouts of bowlers

SW - Gary and Jan

- The Division hosted four tournaments since August and a full schedule is planned for

2022 HALL OF FAME - Lorraine Hitchcock

- Nominees

O SED nominated Jackie Tucker, SE Councilors spoke to her qualifications O NWD nominated Richard Broad, NW Councilors spoke to his qualifications

o The Councilors held a confidential vote and unanimously elected both nominees

- Lorraine questioned if new pins would be designed considering possible changes to the BUSA logo

PROPOSALS Councilors received five proposals for review on September 23, 2021

Livestreaming - Gary Barnes

- Presented a proposal outlining 3 options for livestreaming specifically at the US Open
O BUSA could purchase all needed equipment costing about \$22,000 o BUSA could hire an independent business to provide the service costing about \$6,000/day O BUSA could collaborate with the Laguna Woods Video Club and supplement their equipment needs costing about \$5,000