



**SED Spring Meeting March 14, 2022**  
Minutes  
Caper Room Sun City Center and Video Call

**In Attendance**

Garry Higgins(SCCLBC),Cindy Higgins(SCCLBC),Cassandra Furlong (SCCLBC),Rick Abell(SCCLBC),Bob Fladung(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) , Terry Whetzel (PLBC), Scott Synder (LLBC), Bob Rehn (CLBC), Barb Roller (CLBC)

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am and a quorum was established.

**Presidents Report:** Sandy Wall [see Appendix A)

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept December 2, 2021 Minutes as posted. Moved by Rick Abel seconded by Rusty Hein. Motion passed by-unanimous vote

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick Abell Summary of the SED Financial Status & Outlook as of March 11, 2022 (See Appendix B)

A motion to accept the treasurer's report as read was moved by Cassandra Furlong and seconded by Bob Rehn, passed – by unanimous vote

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

**Bowls USA Councilor Report:** Rick Fitzgerald / Martha Nilsen (See Appendix D)  
BUSA is looking for 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice President.

**Old Business:**

Hall of Fame Policies and Procedures have been updated (See Appendix E)

A motion to accept updated Policies and Procedures was moved by Barb Roller and seconded by Martha Nilsen.

A proposal to include Hall of Fame Policies and Procedures in SED and Club Policies and Procedure Manual was moved by Barb Roller and seconded by Terry Whetzel

An audit of our Division books took place on December 29, 2021 by James Bittman. It was determined that the expenses and income were accurately reflected on the reports and the bank balances on the report agreed with the bank statements.

## **New Business:**

Host Club Rotation for Playdowns:

2023 Sun City Center

2024 Clearwater

2025 Sarasota

2026 Pinehurst

Consideration of Host Club holding playdowns will depend where Nationals will be held.

East Coast Challenge will be held in Asheville in 2022 and TBD in 2023

SED OPEN

2023 Women Mt. Dora and Men Sun City Center

2024 TBD

Proposal: Consider having the SED Men and Women's Open on two consecutive weeks versus holding both tournaments the same week was moved by Becky Fitzgearld and seconded by Randy Woods passed by seven ayes and 5 nays. This is to take effect in 2024.

Strike a committee to work out details and calendar conflicts

SED dues will raise from \$5.00 to \$10.00 starting 2023. Moved by Rick Abell and seconded by Steve Nelson- motion passed. Action to notify SED members – Sandy Wall (via email blast)

**AGM Meeting December 6, 2022 Caper Room-SCCLBC**

Sandy Wall declared the meeting adjourned

## **Appendix A**

### **Southeast Division President's Report March 14, 2022**

Dear SED Members,

As I completed a full week of bowling in the SED Open, I realized just how fortunate I am to belong to the Southeast Division. Due to our location and favorable climate, the majority of the clubs in our Division are active year round – whether it's social bowling, league play or club tournaments. Several Divisions of Bowls USA are pretty much “off season” at this time of year.

The Southeast has been in full swing this winter with various clubs offering twelve Invitational Tournaments starting in November and running through March. The Women's and Men's SED Open was very successful despite the cancellation of the Day Two of the Men's Singles due to rain.

Two Benefit Tournaments will occur in the next few weeks to help support two of our clubs. Playdowns for determining our Division representatives for the National Championships will take place in April.

As we all know, it takes a lot of planning and organization to develop new policies or to institute new programs or to run a tournament. I would like to thank the committee that worked so diligently to establish our Southeast Division Hall of Fame.

I would also like to thank all the clubs that have graciously hosted an event or tournament. A special thank you goes out to all of our Tournament Directors, our groundskeepers, our umpires and to all of the volunteers that gave their time to make sure everything ran smoothly. And last but not least, to all our bowlers, a very special thank you for all the competitive bowling you have brought to our Division, for supporting our Tournaments and for helping to promote the Sport of Lawn Bowling.

Respectfully,

Sandy Wall  
President Southeast Division Bowls USA

## **Appendix B**

### **Summary of the SED Financial Status & Outlook as March 11, 2022**

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

## **Appendix C**

### **Southeast Division's Head Umpire's Report March 2022**

☒ There are presently 27 umpires in the Division, 13 women and 14 men as of 3-1-2022. One umpire retired in January.

☒ Recruitment efforts for qualified candidates will continue in the division in anticipation of the National Championships to be played in the SED in 2023.

☒ Conducted Marker Training in Mount Dora for the SED OPEN. Thanks to Cindy Higgins and Bob Fladung for conducting the training at SCC.

☒ I want to thank all umpires who served in the SED Open at both venues. Cassie Krowl, Gilles De Serres and Phil Griffin served at SCC. Steve Brown, Bart Ettori, Becky Fitzgerald and Randy Woods served at Mount Dora. Also, thanks to all who volunteered to serve as markers during the SED Open at Mount Dora and Sun City Center.

☒ Conducted an etiquette and rules session at Mount Dora in February and will hold similar session at SCC on March 25.

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Ricucci

HDU SED

## **Appendix D**

### **BOWLS USA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President duties**

Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

☒ The Executive Committee consists of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

☒ The Executive Committee conducts the day to day business and affairs of Bowls USA

☒ Details of specific responsibilities for each officer are outlined in Bylaws of the organization

☒ In general, the President represents Bowls USA and is an advocate for lawn bowls, as well as being the chief spokesperson for Bowls USA

Get Involved

Any Bowls USA Member who is a US citizen can be elected to the Executive Committee. To become a national officer you should become active in Bowls USA sponsored events and learn about the organization. Contact the national officers and learn about the commitment required to fulfill the roles. Lastly make your interest and willingness known to an Executive Board member and/or your Division Councilors.

## Appendix E

**SUBJECT: HALL OF FAME**  
**Southeast Division of Bowls USA**  
**Policies and Procedures, February 26, 2021, ed. Oct 25, 2021 HOF P&P**

**replacement motion presented to SED Board 14 March 2022**

### Version Feb. 7, 2022

The following are the procedures for the annual nomination, election, and induction into the Southeast Division Hall of Fame (HOF). As a division award, the HOF honors SED members for: (a) outstanding bowling achievements at the division, national and international level, (b) and off-the-green contributions to the Southeast Division that help create a foundation for successful bowlers and clubs and advance the sport of lawn bowls.

The Southeast HOF recognizes achievements and contributions during the time the bowler is/was a member of the SED. However, success as a member of another division is not a consideration. The HOF is open to bowlers who are active, retired or deceased. US citizenship is not required. This recognition does not duplicate 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. Prior to nomination, the club evaluates candidates based on their success and contributions at the division level and higher as well as their character and sportsmanship on and off the green. While a bowler's club-level accomplishments and contributions are given consideration, they alone do not meet the standard of the division Hall of Fame.
- d. Each club will devise its own review mechanism, e.g. an ad hoc committee, 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 is the body which votes to induct members.]

e. The club informs the HOF Committee chair of the names of its candidates who will receive an on-line Candidate Form from the committee to fill out and submit beginning Nov. 1 and not later than Dec. 15. The club in turn receives a copy of the completed form for its record.

f. Changes/Updates to the nominee's application must be made by the club to the HOF Committee by Jan. 1.

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 for honoring its inductees.

## **2. Hall of Fame Committee**

a. SED president appoints the committee members. A technical advisor may be appointed to work with the committee.

b. In early fall, the committee informs SED clubs about the annual HOF process and timelines.

c. Committee chair acknowledges receipt of all applications to club presidents and requests additional candidate information, if needed.

d. Committee evaluates all applications and presents its recommended HOF nominees with their documentation to the SED Secretary and President by Jan. 15.

## **3. Division**

a. Secretary includes HOF on agenda of a Special Meeting of the Executive Board, held no later than Feb. 7, and provides voting members with all HOF documentation 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 ensures 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 with information about the induction ceremony's time and place.

e. HOF Committee chair prepares plaques and pins for inductees. A perpetual plaque is presented to the club for display with inductees' names.

**4. Induction ceremony and presentation** of awards to take place at the SED Men's and Women's 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.