



SED Fall Meeting December 6, 2022

Minutes

Caper Room Sun City Center and Video Call

In Attendance

Garry Higgins(SCCLBC),Cindy Higgins(SCCLBC),Cassandra Furlong (SCCLBC), Dave Conley (SCCLBC)Rick Abell(SCCLBC),Bob Fladung(SCCLBC), Karen Cooper (SCCLBC), Rick Fitzgerald(MDLBC) Becky Fitzgerald (MDLBC),Martha Nilsen(PLBC),Randy Woods(MDLBC),Sandy Wall(WPLBC),Steve Nelson(ALBC), Jeff Haidet,(PLBC) , Vicky Haidet (PLBC), Scott Synder (LLBC), Bob Rehn (CLBC), Barb Roller (SCCLBC), Burl Roller (SCCLBC) Jerry Cotton (WPLBC) Cathy Mills (WPLBC), Terrie Reinke (ALBC), Andy Davis (SCCLBC), Heather Comba (MLLBC) Glenda Couttice(MLLBC) JoEllen Braun(MDLBC)

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 dispense with reading the minutes Moved by Rick Abell and seconded by Cindy Higgins. Motion passed by unanimous vote
Motion to accept December 6, 2022. Should be March 14,2022. Minutes as posted. Moved by Cathy Mills and seconded by Beck Fitzgerald. Motion passed by unanimous vote

Treasurer's Report: Rick Abell Summary of the SED Financial Status & Outlook as of Dec. 5,2022 (See Appendix B)

A motion to accept the treasurer's report as read was moved by Rick Fitzgerald and seconded by Barb Roller, passed – by unanimous vote

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

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

HOF Report: Barb Roller, Steve Nelson, Randy Woods and Ken Martucci are in this committee. The deadline is Dec. 31 for nominees to submit information for consideration in the SED HOF.Five nominees have been entered for consideration as of this time.

Old Business:

Dues increased to \$35.00 – (\$10.00 for the SED and Bowls USA \$25.00 for 2023.)

Embroidered SED shirts are 39.00 Sublimation SED shirts are 50.00. Order information can be found on SED Website.

SED 2023 Election of new/old Officers are the following:

President	Steve Nelson nelsonsteve2009@gmail.com
Vice President	Rick Fitzgerald rfitz1953@hotmail.com
Secretary	Cassandra Furlong middlec88@gmail.com
Treasurer	Karen Cooper coopkarenk@aol.com
Male Councilor	Randy Woods
Female Member at Large	Heather Comba
Male Members at Large	Scott Snyder Dan Delgarn

Thanks to Jo Ellen Braun, Nomination Committee Chair

Congratulations:

Sandy Wall and Martha Nilsen placed 1st in Women's Pairs at the 2023 Nationals held in Arizona this year.

Martha Nilsen has made the USA Team and will play at Paphos, Cyprus next December. Good Luck!

Congratulations to Martha Nilsen in receiving the President's Award for developing an ebinder for new player information and training

New Business:

Terry Reinke is organizing ECC that will be played in Asheville May 5-7th 2023. 2024 ECC TBD after 2023 Challenge.

Martha Nilsen has been announced Tournament Director for the Nationals that will be held in SCC . Oct. 29-Nov. 4th. Martha will be working with the SCC Club to make this tournament very successful.

TOURNAMENTS:

SED Open March 4-10, 2023

Men's at Sun City Center

Women's at Mt. Dora

Will need to discuss SED Open in the Spring meeting. It was voted to have two consecutive weeks for 2024.

PLAYDOWNS April 17-23 at Sun City Center

AGM Meeting March 14, 2023 Caper Room- SCCLBC

Sandy Wall declared the meeting adjourned.

Appendix A

Southeast Division President's Report

December 6, 2022

Dear SED Members,

As my Presidency comes to a close, I am again reminded of how fortunate I am to be a member of the Southeast Division.

Our Division is offering members the opportunity to bowl in 15 Invitational Tournaments during the 2022-2023 season. Despite inclement weather and a major hurricane, members have asked that events be rescheduled rather than cancelled.

We have a Division Hall of Fame to recognize and honor those with outstanding contributions on and off the green. One of our clubs will be hosting the prestigious National Championships. Another of our clubs sadly lost their green, but their spirit and commitment to remaining an active club is truly commendable.

Our Division is a very successful organization due to the outstanding support of our Executive Board and all of our members. It has been a pleasure to serve as your President the past two years. My thanks to each of you for your support and making my tenure a very pleasurable experience.

Sincerely,

Sandy Wall

President Southeast Division Bowls USA

Appendix B

Financial Report available upon request.

Appendix C

Southeast Division's Head Umpire's Report December 2022

- There are presently 27 umpires in the Division, 13 women and 14 men as of 12-1-2022. No change since the March meeting.
- Recruitment efforts for qualified candidates will continue in the division in anticipation of the National Championships to be played in the SED in 2023. Umpires and club officials at each club are requested to search out possible candidates with at least one year's experience.
- I sent out the changes to the Laws of the Sport CM 4 th edition to all umpers for their perusal.
- After the first of the year, I will send an email to all umpires requesting their help to serve at the SED Open locations.
- I plan to conduct a measuring and rules refresher for umpires later in 2023 in advance of the National Championships to be held at SCC in November.

Respectfully submitted,
Bud Ricucci

Appendix D

Bowls USA Annual General Meeting October 15, 2022

Coaching – Heather Stewart

- Quarterly virtual meetings are ongoing and well received

- Club coaches courses offered in 2022
 - Coronado club gained 9 coaches which is excellent support for the newly developed Coronado High School program for PE credit
 - Rick (SED) presented/trained in Central Division
 - PIM gained 6 new club coaches
- Skills course from Jackie Tucker again on the schedule for February 2023
- Advanced coaching course in development by Kottia and Heather
- A virtual Presenter/Assessor course is being considered

Grant – Rick Fitzgerald and Ginger Harris

- Requests
 - All clubs are appreciative of the grant opportunity whether funded or not
 - Most funds are for greens equipment or small size bowls for training
 - Grants were limited to \$1,000/club in 2022

US Open 2023 – Scott Roberts

- Dates are TENTATIVELY Oct 7-14, 2023 but will be finalized once banquet facilities are reserved
- Volunteers from every division will be solicited

Sports Development Plan – Kane Tobin (NWD)

- A PowerPoint presentation included phases for the plan
 - Initial phase would be in NWD
 - Invite sponsorship focusing on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) due to bowls lack of barriers to inclusivity
 - Provide mobile demonstrations to community groups in appropriately sized towns

An inviting element would include possible Olympic play in 2032 Brisbane Olympic

Printing of new Rule Books – Melanie Vizenor

- Multiple quotes were solicited and range from \$8,500 to \$15,000 for 5,000 copies plus 200 with a spiral binding for umpires
- Discussion topics included
 - Should every member receive the new edition or could clubs hold the inventory and provide to those who are interested
 - The books show BUSA value to the members
 - There are few changes to the rules that impact the game
 - A pdf from WB is available online
- Conclusion following discussion was to provide the rule book to every member and new members

President's Awards – Veronica

- Bud Birkenseer (PIMD) for continued management and support of the SuperShots program
- Jan Hargraves (SWD) for serving as a Women's Team USA Selector for several years
- Martha Nilsen (SED) for developing the ebinder for new player information and training

Tournaments

2023 National Championships – Martha Nilsen and Rick Fitzgerald (SED)

- October 29-November 4, 2023 at Sun City Center, FL
- Sandy Wall, SED President asked Martha to serve as Tournament Direct
- Sun City Center Club is enthusiastic to host the event

2023 US Open – Scott

- TENTATIVE dates October 7-14, 2023 to be verified after banquet facilities are reserved

- AGM would be October 6 or 7, 2023