



SED Spring Meeting March 14, 2023

Minutes

Caper Room Sun City Center and Video Call

In Attendance

Garry Higgins(SCCLBC),Cindy Higgins(SCCLBC),Cassandra Furlong (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), Heather Comba (MLLBC) , Rusty Hein(SLBC), Bud Ricucci(MDLBC), Ed Mattia (SCCLBC), Terry Wetzel(PLBC)

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and a quorum was established.

Presidents Report: Steve Nelson [see Appendix A)

Secretary's Report Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of December 6, 2022 and approve them as presented. Moved by Martha Nilsen and seconded by Sandy Wall. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Cooper of the SED Financial Status & Outlook as of March 14, 2023 (See Appendix B)

A motion to receive the treasurer's report as read was moved by Cassandra Furlong and seconded by Bob Fladung. Passed by unanimous vote.

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

Bowls USA Councilor Report: Rick Fitzgerald / Martha Nilsen (See Appendix D) Possible change to USA Bowls Logo. Possibility of changing to three bowl pairs to speed up the game.

HOF Report: Randy Woods

HOF presentations were made at the SED Open. Ken Martucci presented Men's HOF at Sun City Center and Barb Roller presented Women's HOF at Mt. Dora. The following Bowlers were inducted in the SED HOF for their countless hours of work to improve the the game of lawn bowling in the SED

Sandy Wall, Cindy Higgins, Bob Fladung, and Bud Ricucci.
Congratulations and well deserved.

SED 2023 Officers can be found at the link below

<http://sedlawnbowls.org/about-us/board-members/>

President's Report in Appendix A states that Steve Nelson has announced his resignation as SED President as of May 1 and Rick Fitzgerald will become President. The reason for this change is that Nelson is moving out of the Southeast Division.

Old/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.

SED Open

Motion made to keep the same one-week format for the Men's and Women's Open next year as in 2023. Dates will be May 2-8, 2024. Men will play at Mt. Dora and Women at Sun City Center. Consideration of two-consecutive weeks for the Open in 2025 will be discussed at a future meeting. Moved by Cassandra Furlong. Seconded by Bob Fladung. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

TOURNAMENTS:

ECC May 5-7 at Asheville

PLAYDOWNS April 17-23 at Sun City Center

National Championships October 29-November 4 at Sun City Center

SED Open March 2-8 2024

Men at Mt. Dora

Women at Sun City Center

Discussion for Fall Meeting:

SED Open for 2025. Format and weeks.
Possible hosting of Pan American Games 2024

AGM Meeting December 5, 2023 Caper Room- SCCLBC

Steve Nelson declared the meeting adjourned.

Appendix A

Report of the President of the Southeast Division
Steve Nelson
March 14, 2023

Having just been elected as division president in January, I am chairing a Board meeting for the first time. I thank you for participation today, and I am grateful for your willingness to serve the larger needs and goals of the division. You are key to communicating to your local club the news that comes out of these types of meetings.

We are only in the 3rd month of the year, but already the SED has hosted a fair number of tournaments, including the SED Open that will have its own report in a few minutes. We also inducted the 2nd class of outstanding bowlers into the Hall of Fame, and I am very pleased about the traction this venture has gained in a short time. The HOF is a way to honor those who seek no recognition, but it is important for us in the broader membership to recognize the exceptional accomplishments of our best bowlers and their noteworthy contributions off-the-green.

In a short while we will have our division Playdowns that will select the female and male singles and pairs representatives for the National Championships in early November at Sun City Center. It will be quite an honor for six of our best to carry the SED flag as we host the most prestigious bowls event of the year that brings together the best lawn bowlers from around the country. We will be ready to showcase the best of the SED at this great event.

In May, Asheville will host the East Coast Challenge in a friendly rivalry weekend against a squad from the Northeast Division. This will be the first time for Asheville to host this event and they are well on their way in preparation.

I need to share with you that I am moving to Sun City, Arizona. Maureen and I have already purchased a townhouse, and our home in South Carolina will go on the market at the end of this month. With that in mind, I have approached Rick Fitzgerald about assuming the SED presidency on May 1st. Although I will resign from the Board, I will remain a member of Asheville and the SED for the remainder of the year. I recommend that Sandy Wall continue as Immediate Past President instead of me as she knows the division so well and would be an awesome resource to Rick as she has been to me.

It has been my privilege to be a member of the SED since 2016 and to serve as Treasurer and Vice President for two years each, and now for a few months as President. I thank you and wish you all the best.

In closing, I want to send out a big thank you to all the clubs, bowlers and volunteers in the division. I admit I am a tournament bowler and rarely bowl at my club. So I am a terrible example of a club member. But I am the first to acknowledge, and even defend to some tournament bowlers who disagree with me, that the sport of lawn bowls would cease to exist without the life and vitality shown at the club level. You are the heart and

soul of this game. You are needed. You are doing good work. Never lose heart. Never give up. Give it your all because you love the game.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Nelson

Appendix B

Financial Report of Southeast Division of Bowls USA

[Available upon request]

Submitted by Karen Cooper

Appendix C

Southeast Division's Head Umpire's Report March 2023

- We added one new umpire, Hal Braun from Mount Dora, to the ranks in February. This addition offsets the loss of one umpire from SCC. Presently there are 26 umpires in the division.
- I ask that recruitment efforts for qualified candidates continue in anticipation of the National Championships to be played at SCC in November and upcoming retirements.
- Conducted Marker Training in Mount Dora on March 1 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. Heather Comba, Glenda Courtice, Cassie Krowl, Gilles De Serres, Phil Griffin and Tom Bussell served at SCC. Steve Brown, Bart Etori, Brian Smith, Hal Braun, Dean Sasek 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.

- I'll send out an email to all umps in the next few days requesting their services to work the playdowns in April at SCC.
- Conducted a session on the rule changes associated with CM 4 at Mount Dora in February and will hold similar session at SCC on March 25. Will also hold a Go to Meeting with the Pinehurst Umpires on March 29.
- Talked with NUIC Melanie Vizenor on March 10 and she stressed that at the National Championships, the markers and umpires should ensure that in singles play, the jack is delivered the required 21 meters. Meaning that if markers suspect the jack may not be long enough, they are to call an umpire to measure. She does not want the players making the decision to play to a possible short jack. The SWD and PIMD have already made this a requirement for tournament play. We will have to include this in marker training for the NC's and future tournament play.

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Ricucci

HDU SED

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