



## SED Fall Meeting December 5, 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), JoEllen Braun(MDLBC), Tom Bussell(MDLBC), Roger Blaken (SLBC), Sue Abbott(SLBC), Heather Comba(MPLBC), Dan Delgarn(PLBC), Bud Ricucci(MDLBC), Larry Johnson (SCCLBC)

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am and a quorum was established.

**Presidents Report:** Rick Fitzgerald [see Appendix A)

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to dispense with reading the minutes Moved by Becky Fitzgearld and seconded by Karen Cooper. Motion passed by unanimous vote  
Motion to accept March 14,2022. Minutes as posted. Moved by Karen Cooper and seconded by Becky Fitzgerald. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen Cooper Summary of the SED Financial Status & Outlook as of Dec. 4, 2023 (See Appendix B)

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

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

#### SED 2023 Elected Officers are the following:

President	Rick Fitzgerald <a href="mailto:rfitz1953@hotmail.com">rfitz1953@hotmail.com</a>
Vice President	Cassandra Furlong <a href="mailto:middlec88@gmail.com">middlec88@gmail.com</a>
Secretary	JoEllen Braun <a href="mailto:joellenbraun@outlook.com">joellenbraun@outlook.com</a>
Treasurer	Karen Cooper <a href="mailto:coopkarenk@aol.com">coopkarenk@aol.com</a>
Male Councilor	Tom Bussell
Female Member at Large	Cindy Higgins Rusty Hein Victoria Haidet
Male Members at Large	Bob Fladung Bob Wren

Thanks to Jo Ellen Braun and Becky Fitzgerald Nomination Committee Chair

#### Congratulations:

Sandy Wall and Martha Nilsen that played in Cypress for the USA Team

## **New Business:**

Sunshine Cup is stipend for 200.00 April 5-6th 2024. Moved by Cassandra Furlong and seconded by Cindy Higgins

Discussion to help clubs stay afloat with extra income in SED Bank Account. Possible stipend to club. Will continue discussion at next meeting.

SED logo discussion is tabled for further discussion.

## **TOURNAMENTS:**

Jan 6	Clearwater Open Pairs
Jan 20	Sarasota Aussi Pairs @ CLBC (Sat)
Jan 27	Colby Trust (OP) @ CLBC (Sat)
Feb 3	Sarasota Open Triples @CLBC (Sat)
Feb 10	Del Webb Open (OT) - SCC (Sat)
Feb 17	Clearwater (OP) @ CLBC (Sat)
Feb 24	Ron Buck (MF) @ SCCLBC (Sat)
Mar 2-8	SED Open
Mar 16	Clearwater (OP) @ CLBC (Sat)
Mar 24	Hawken Aussie MP @ SCCLBC (Sun)
Apr 6-7	Sunshine Cup (OP) @ SCCLBC (Sat/Sun)
Apr 22-29	SED Playdowns MDLBC
Oct 11-13	East Coast Challenge @ PLBC

## **AGM Meeting March 12, 2024 EBERHARDT ROOM- SCCLBC**

A motion was declared meeting adjourned by Karen Cooper seconded by Becky Fitzgerald

## **Appendix A**

President Report December 5, 2023

I want to thank everyone for the Exceptional job done by the Southeast division and the host club Sun City Center putting on this years National Championship. All Southeast division players did very well. Hats off to Sandy and Martha for repeating again as women's pairs champions.

The Southeast Division won the Northeast Challenge in Ashville this past May and I want to thank Asheville for the great host they were and look forward to more tournaments on there carpet. We have had a change in male Councilor position with Randy Woods resigning and Tom Bussell filling in for rest of term.

Tournaments are. Listed on the website and please download those and post at your club.

Respectfully Submitted  
Rick Fitzgerald

## **Appendix B**

Financial reports available upon request.

## **Appendix C**

Southeast Division's Head Umpire's Report December 2023

- Presently there are 26 umpires in the division.
  
- I ask that recruitment efforts for candidates continue due to anticipated retirements. Umpires and club officials at each club are requested to look for possible candidates with at least one year's experience.
  
- I want to thank all umpires who served at the National Championships at SCC. Gilles De Serres, Cindy Higgins, Larry Johnson, Hal Braun, Steve Brown, and Becky and Rick Fitzgerald. All served admirably and without hesitation.
  
- I'll send out an email to all umps soon requesting their services to work the SED Open in March and playdowns in April.
  
- NUIC Melanie Vizenor provided me with a laser measure I and plan to use it at certain Mount Dora tournaments to gain experience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bud Ricucci  
HDU SED