



**Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club
Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 19h 2025
12:05pm - 2:00 pm, in-person at the Green**

Attendance 85%

Present :

Sally Mills: Co-President
Ilona Vrba: Co-President, Secretary
Ted Beilman: Treasurer
John Garton: Director of Membership
Jeri Spann: Director of Education
Jim Sparrow: Director of Greens

Apologies: Charles Krips: Vice President

VACANT Director of Tournaments

VACANT Director of Hospitality

GUEST: Hans Peterson

GUEST: Mary Silverstein

1. CALL to ORDER: 12:05 pm.

Welcome to new members volunteering for BOD positions to be confirmed at the AGM.

Mr. Hans Peterson as Vice President and Ms. Mary Silverstein as Treasurer.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the BOD meeting on 3/07/2025 was made by John Garton, seconded by Sally Mills and approved by all board members.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Ted Beilman

Anticipating that an increase of membership to 90 is realistic, the club should remain liquid until about 2032.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: John Garton

- There are now 58 full members, 2 monthly members.
- The waiver form for day players will be expanded to provide better info to support future grant requests.
The new fields will include email, age, zip code, city/county.
- Membership dues will remain at \$295 for the 2025-2026 season.

5. AGM: Annual General Meeting

- ~~Saturday March 22~~, at the green. 9am: Jitney(10-12 ends), ~~11am: meeting~~, Noon: Lunch (BYO).
- The nominating committee was unsuccessful to identify candidates within the required timeframe.
After the cutoff Hans Peterson volunteered to be Vice President, and Mary Silverstein to be Treasurer.
- There will be 3 SED Tournaments next season: December, January and February.
- We need greens maintenance, gardening and hospitality volunteers.
- Report on state of the green to include a reminder the green was planted later than ideal, colder winter, but now there will be improvement over the summer.

6. Grants and Fundraising

- Ilona commented the Giving Challenge has lots of versatility and options that could be used to increase donations for the Spring 2026 date. Volunteers need to start early to review the new materials and develop a more comprehensive plan or concurrent events.
- John reported there are various free online apps that could be utilized for Silent Online Auction fundraiser next season.
- City of Sarasota, Parks Director, Mr. Jerry Fogel met with Sally Mills, Ilona Vrba and John Garton on 3/19. He is reviewing the possibility that the city may provide a restroom trailer on extended loan. It would need to be installed on the location as per the master plan and be ADA compliant. So the city may also install some of the 6' pavement as per the plan from the handicap parking to the trailer. There is also a possibility the city may provide a pre-fab clubhouse, as per the plan. It will take a while for the City to confirm what may be possible.
- Sally will contact the manager of the 17th Street Park to meet and discuss possible support from the County.

7. Publicity

- Lizzie will film another segment at SLBC on April 3rd, for croquet.

8. EDUCATION REPORT: Jeri Spann

- Learn to Bowl ACE sessions:
 - The next session starts 3/24 (afternoon) & and the last one for the season starts 5/13 (evening).
 - The system that seems to work for managing the classes is to do it in teams.
 - The teams would be Sally/Graydon, Jeri/Rusty, Ilona/Rusty
 - Consider standardizing the curriculum.
 - Continue offering classes through ACE in the fall.
- This season there will be a total of 13 Saturday morning drop in sessions.
 - April will be the final sessions for the season, then they will resume in the fall.
- Consider a box on the fence for rack cards promoting Drop-in & Learn to Bowl.
- Ted would like to invite 20 members of the Cornell Club for a "corporate" event.

9. Tournaments/Socials:

- Friday April 18th Easter Event.
- Prize for best easter bonnet ? BYO Lunch ? \$10 raffle
- Lunch at the Green: weekly? A few people are staying for lunch on Friday.

10. Green Maintenance

- Date for next top dressing is April 22, probably a lighter application.
 - Sean to confirm date and type of application.
- Brad volunteered to stain the backboards, in the planning stage.
 - He will use a roller, it uses less paint/stain and is easier to control (neater).
- Gardening Committee - controlling weeds in beds early on reduces required maintenance later.
- Send email for Clean-Up Tuesday 3/25.
- Jim to follow-up with Lowe's for donation of A/C unit.

11. Newsletter/Shorts: NONE

12. Other: OLD/NEW BUSINESS: NONE

13.

To end off the current season the following BOD meetings are being scheduled:

Wednesday at noon, at the green: April 9.

Tuesday April 29, By Zoom, Time TBD

CLOSING COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT : The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

AGENDA

SLBC BOD Meeting

Wednesday March 19, 2025 @ Noon, @ the Green

1. Call to order & Opening Comments – Presidents
2. Approval of Minutes – Ilona
3. Treasurer's Report – Ted
 - Ted's resignation, and new Treasurer?
4. Membership Report – John
 - status of membership: annual, monthly, day players
 - prorated membership
5. AGM: Annual General Meeting - all
 - Saturday March 22, at the green, 9am: Jitney, 11am: meeting, noon: Lunch
 - Agenda, with brief report from all committees
 - Draft Strategic Plan 2025/26
 - Update from nominating committee: John & Ilona
 - summer events - Tournaments planned for 2025/26
6. Grants and Fundraising
 - summary of meeting with Jerry Fogle on March 19, 10am – Sally
 - advice from Paul Scire – Ted B.
 - meeting with County & Director of Parks & Rec – Sally
 - average weekly number of participants at SLBC - Ilona
 - format for Silent Online Auction for next season – John
7. Publicity
 - ABC7 "Lizzie Learns Croquet", April 3, 8:30am
 - "Visit Sarasota" website updated for SLBC
 - TV segment "Discovering the Suncoast"
8. Education & Coaching - Jeri
 - ACE: Learn to Bowl update
 - Saturday mornings update
 - Learn to Bowl program plans, going forward
9. Tournaments/Socials:
 - March 17 St. Patrick's Day report
 - April 18, tag draw, wear an Easter/Spring Hat
 - draft plan for summer, and 2025/26
10. Greens, Maintenance & Facility - Jim
 - status of green
 - heavy topdressing April 22
 - A/C for shed?
 - update on painting backboards (see email from Brad)
 - cleanup day/raking Tues., March 25 at 9am
 - Garden Committee
11. Newsletter & "Weekly Shorts"
12. Other Business
13. Next BOD meeting April 9, noon at SLBC & April 27 via zoom?

From: John Garton johnwgarton@icloud.com 
Subject: SLBC - Membership Report 3/18/25
Date: March 18, 2025 at 11:34 AM
To: S Mills and G Bell sgbell44@hotmail.com, Vrba Ilona ilona16v@gmail.com, Charles Krips knrips97@yahoo.com, Ted Beilman tgbeilman@gmail.com, Jeri Spann jeri.spann@gmail.com, Jim Sparrow jimsparrow1954@gmail.com



Hi All:

- Current membership is 58 total Full Year Members. New Member Hans Peterson
Additionally, two Winter Monthly. New Member Ken Davidson

We are not formally tracking daily players. I'm changing the Daily Waiver Sheet to get emails and zip codes more easily.

Rate for 2026 - is this to remain at \$295 for full year members?

Prorated annual rates for new members only. These are not published on the web, but will be communicated to new members as they join.

Prorated Annual Rates For New Members Only			
Month	Full Year New Mem Prorated by Month	Learn to Bowl or ACE Full Year New Mem	Monthly
November	295	280 (80+200)	140
December	295	280 (80+200)	140
January	295	280 (80+200)	140
February	270	255 (80+175)	140
March	245	230 (80+150)	140
April	210		70
May	180		70
June	150		70
July	135		70
August	120		70
September	120 (Join for 295)		70
October	Join for 295 for 2026		70

Updated 3/6/25

Thanks,
~John