



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

**Friday, March 7th 2025
12:45pm - 2:55 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

1. CALL to ORDER: 12:45 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the special BOD meeting on 2/11/2025 and of the regular BOD meeting on 2/17/2025. It was made by Ted Beilman, seconded by John Garton and approved by all board members.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Ted Beilman

- The club should remain liquid for at least 4 years, barring any unforeseen large expenses.
- The next top dressing will be done end April to level voids and spots. The cost of \$4,200 seems high and discussions took place. We do not have the proper equipment and volunteers to do it ourselves. The professional equipment used will ensure an even spread of sand, impossible to duplicate by hand.
- Sean highly encourages doing something to discourage aggressive weed growth on the green surrounds, 10'-12'. Ted will research costs of mulch and weed killer.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: John Garton

- There are still 57 members.
- There is a pending membership for Hans Petersen (President, Sarasota County Croquet).
- For future memberships for paying students, consider the reduction in membership fee to more closely resemble to cost of the class.
- Prorated memberships approved at the 2/11 meeting, will be presented at the AGM.
- Confirming Off-Season is May to October.
- Sales are brisk of overstock surplus shirts that have been in storage.
- Contact day players to access their on-going interest in lawn bowling and encourage membership.

5. AGM: Annual General Meeting

- Saturday March 22, at the green. 9am: Jitney, 11am: meeting, Noon: Lunch (BYO),
- The nominating committee (John & Ilona) have not yet identified any candidates for the open positions:
Vice President (2 yrs), Hospitality (2 yrs) and Tournaments (1 yr).
- Mary Silverstein volunteered for financial tasks. Possibly audit and draw master as suggested by Ted.
- Some members appear to be possibilities for later or special purposes.
- Strategic Plan: 2025 - 2026. Has not changed much, and will be updated.
- Ted to compile a treasury report with graphics for the meeting.

6. Grants and Fundraising

- Sally suggested that next season a silent/blind online auction be held to raise funds.
John researched and observed there are several free apps we could use.
- The SLBC presentation appeared to be well received at the city meeting. Then Jerry Fogel said Parks Dept resources could not be justified for a small select group of parks users.
- At the suggestion of others attending the meeting, Sally contacted and met with Leon Thibaut. Leon is on a parks advisory committee for Sarasota County. He suggests Sarasota County is a better fit for SLBC. More funds and better locations are available. The County is also a strong supporter of Sports Tourism. He suggests contacting Nicole Rissler, Sarasota County Director of Parks and Natural Resources. The County would be indirectly supporting Sarasota County Croquet by supporting SLBC.
- Sally reported on the Bowls USA Town Hall.
Pam Edwards, president, confirmed the mission is to grow the sport. Grants of \$15,000 (total) are available to clubs. A Youth Bowls committee was created. Free coaching advice will be available to clubs, probably online. VP Kane Tobin focuses on issues related to dealing with municipalities. Linda Roberts' forte is how to work with governments.

7. Publicity

- West Coast Woman interview is in the March publication.
The link will be shared with all in the next newsletter or weekly update.
- Lizzie will film another segment at SLBC on April 3rd, for croquet.
- Visit Sarasota to be edited and updated by John.
- The newsletter and new weekly updates will be coordinated by Ilona and Sue L.

9. Tournaments/Socials:

- Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day - fun event & lunch
- April Event ?
- Lunch at the Green: weekly, Friday after President's Draw

10. Greens, Maintenance & Facility

- status of green - algae/top dressing/weeds
- broken lawnmower, again
- Garden Committee
- Picnic tables arrived: 2/Sally & Graydon, 4/Sarasota Parks Dept
- Scoreboards & Sign installed
- Jim M painting rink markers black for contrast with backboards.

8. EDUCATION REPORT: Jeri Spann

- Learn to Bowl ACE sessions: The current session ends Monday 3/10, 18 enrolled (2 dropped).
Two more classes are scheduled starting 3/24 & 5/13.
May volunteers are Ilona, Rusty, Ted W and Audrey.
- Saturday morning drop in sessions have been promising. Attendance varies. Follow up with attendees to access their on-going interest in lawn bowling and encourage membership.
- Advertise again on Facebook Groups. (Ilona: done and new groups added.)

9. Tournaments/Socials:

- Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day event -
Wear green and bring something green.
"Irish" Pairs (like Aussie pairs) sign up individually, teams of 4 determined that day.
Fun/games (Sally), bring your own lunch
- Agreed to Friday April 18th Easter Event.
Form a planning committee/volunteers to determine nature of event and execute.
- Lunch at the Green: weekly? A few people are staying for lunch on Friday.

10. Green Maintenance

- black mold/algae continues to be treated by Sean/Manuel.
Sections aerated and treatment applied.
- Watering by hand to reduce water in problematic areas.
- top dressing schedule pushed out until end April
- Dispose of old TORO reel mower. Ted identified someone to remove the mower.
- Preferred Turf repaired mower for repairs due to human error.
Now in shop again for malfunction.
- No response from Lowe's on possible donation.
Maybe request lower cost item(s) for resolution at local store.
- Brad volunteered to stain the backboards.
To be discussed with Jim S to determine if necessary and possible use of sprayer.
- Gardening Committee - controlling weeds in beds early on reduces required maintenance later.

11. Other: OLD/NEW BUSINESS: NONE

12. The next BOD meetings:

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

Wednesdays, at noon, at the green: March 19, April 9.

13. CLOSING COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT

-The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

AGENDA

SLBC BOD Meeting

Wednesday March 5, 2025 @ Noon, @ the Green

1. Call to order & Opening Comments – Presidents
2. Approval of Minutes – Ilona
3. Treasurer's Report – Ted
for February
4. Membership Report – John
 - status of membership: annual, monthly, day players
 - prorated membership
 - club clothing report
5. AGM: Annual General Meeting
 - Saturday March 22, at the green.
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 - Nominating committee: John & Ilona
finalize & fill vacant positions, priority is to find a new VP!
 - Draft Agenda
 - Strategic Plan: 2025 - 2026
6. Grants and Fundraising
 - silent/blind online auction 2025
 - commissioners presentation
 - meeting with Leon from County
 - feedback from BUSA town hall
7. Publicity
 - ABC7 "Lizzie Learns Croquet".
Interview Session to be scheduled late March - early April.
8. Education & Coaching:
 - ACE: Learn to Bowl update
 - Saturday mornings update
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11. Other Business
12. Next meeting dates: March 19, April 9.
13. Adjournment

From: Ted Bellman 1927.slbc@gmail.com

Subject: SLBC February 2025 Financial Recap

Date: March 3, 2025 at 9:00 PM

To: John Garton johnwgarton@icloud.com, Sally Mills sallymills44@gmail.com, I V ilona16v@gmail.com, Jeri Spann jeri.spann@gmail.com, Jim Sparrow jimsparrow1954@gmail.com

TB

The club generated a slight deficit of (\$846.95) in February ... the financial tide has turned now. March through September will likely produce operating losses and slowly bring down our \$41K MM and Checking balance. The upcoming April Top Dressing, at a cost of \$4200, is necessary but expensive.

Coaching Fees, President Draw Revenue including donations, and avoidance of discretionary expenses are extremely important for us now and until we begin collecting dues again starting in October.

SLBC Revenue and Expenses Feb 2025 - Cash Basis

Category	February Total	Notes
INCOME		
Annual membership fees	1,390.00	
Bank interest	60.56	earning 2.2%
Coaching Fees	350.00	
Daily Rate	325.00	
President's draw	425.00	
Shirts sales	<u>110.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	2,660.56	
EXPENSES		
Business fees & licenses	61.25	Sun Biz Annual Renewl
Legal, Acct, and Bank Fees	90.00	990 Filing Fee
Maintenance - Club, Greens	665.28	Scoreboard and sign posts
Maintenance - greens	1,753.00	\$1630 to EPM, Westco Turf charges
Maintenance - greens equipmen	549.39	Gas & Preferred Turf charges
Rental Expenses	260.00	Clean Cans
Waste	<u>128.58</u>	City Waste Charges
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>3,507.50</u>	
OVERALL NET	<u>(846.94)</u>	

From: John Garton johnwgarton@icloud.com
Subject: SLBC - BOD Membership Report 3/7/25
Date: March 6, 2025 at 9:21 AM
To: S Bell Mills and G sgbell44@hotmail.com, Vrba Ilona ilona16v@gmail.com, Charles Krips knirps97@yahoo.com, Beilman Ted tgbeilman@gmail.com, Spann Jeri jeri.spann@gmail.com, Sparrow Jim Jimsparrow1954@gmail.com



Hi All:

- Current membership is 57 total Full Year Members. Additionally, one Winter Monthly.

We are not formally tracking daily players.

SLBC Statement of Funds at 2.28.2025		
Account	Balance at 2.28.25	Notes if Applicable
Bank Accounts		
BayFirst Checking Account	6,120.61	
BayFirst Money Market Account	35,061.06	
TOTAL Bank Accounts	41,181.67	
TOTAL Other Asset Accounts	0.00	
TOTAL Liability Accounts	<u>0.00</u>	
OVERALL TOTAL	<u>41,271.20</u>	
Checks Issued but not Cashed - Not Included in February Financials		
		Notes
Bowls USA/SED Dues	1,960.00	
Feb Greens Maintenance - EPM	1,630.00	
2 Ace Refund Checks	160.00	Double payment to ACE and SLBC
Reimbursement Checks	240.56	Sally Mills, Nick Gurney
Refund	<u>140.00</u>	Nancy Harris
	4,130.56	