



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

**Friday, April 11th 2025  
12:35pm - 2:15 pm, in-person at the Green**

**Attendance 100%**

**Present :**

Sally Mills: President  
Hans Peterson: Vice President  
Ilona Vrba: Secretary, Director of Hospitality  
Mary Silverstein: Treasurer  
John Garton: Director of Membership  
Jeri Spann: Director of Education  
Jim Sparrow: Director of Greens  
Laurie Holder: Director of Tournaments

**1. CALL to ORDER: 12:35 pm.**

Welcome to new BOD members as confirmed at the AGM:

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

Hans informed the board that he will coordinate with the county to have Community Service Offenders assist with maintenance of the property.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of both the BOD meeting on 3/19/2025 and the AGM on 3/22/2025 was made by Hans Peterson, seconded by Sally Mills and approved by all board members.

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Silverstein**

Cash Balances are about \$41,000. The balance decreased in March to about \$37,000. Expenses were high due to annual bowls USA/ dues, monthly greens maintenance and sprinkler head repair.

**4. MEMBERSHIP: John Garton**

- The BUSA Membership Incentive is determined once a year when dues are paid. SLBC will receive \$10/new member based on count compared to last year.

**5. SURROUNDS MAINTENANCE: Jim Sparrow**

- The old mower will be maintained for parts. It has minimal value as used equipment.
- Gardening Committee - controlling weeds in beds early on reduces required maintenance later.
- Jim to follow-up with Lowe's for donation of A/C unit.

**6. FACILITIES: Sally Mills**

- Brad coordinated the preparation the ditches for staining, and the staining of the backboards on Sunday 4/6/2025. Brad donated the required stain and supplies. Thanks to Brad, Jim, Graydon, John G, Carol & Ilona.

- An invoice was received for the repair of one stadium light. It is not clear if the City or SLBC will pay it. Jerry Fogle will confirm who is responsible.
- Delaying decision on rental of Clean Can over the summer until the next meeting. (June-Sept)
- John to research pricing of services to fill and empty the tanks of a restroom trailer that may be provided by the City.

## **7. The GREEN: Hans Peterson**

- The BOD discussed that the quality of Sean's services as greenskeeper has deteriorated.
- Tom Hilferty submitted a proposal for the services. The monthly cost is higher at \$2,000/month. However there will be no additional fee for top dressing, repairs will be done on-site at no cost to SLBC and some equipment for top dressing will be provided on loan (free).
- A motion was made to fire Sean and hire Tom, as soon as possible. The motion was made by Hans Peterson, seconded by Mary Silverstein and approved by all board members.
- Hans will be the liaison with Tom.
- Date for next top dressing was to be April 22. Tom will need to suggest a new time frame.

## **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).
  - There will be a survey for ACE students.
- Next season offer mini clinics. .
- BUSA hopes to offer free Club Coach certification through each Division

## **9. Tournaments/Socials: Laurie Holder**

- 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.
- End of season survey to members.
- Lawn Bowling will be at 10am: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday.  
Evenings at 7pm on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Suggestions for next season: evening leagues, mini clinics, guest instructor.
- Club Championships
- SED Tournaments: John to propose dates for next season.

## **10. CROQUET**

- Summer croquet will be at 9am on Thursday.
- Suggestions for next season: evening leagues for croquet , mini clinics.

## **11. HOSPITALITY**

- Ilona to assume responsibilities for Hospitality Director.
- The Event Coordinator will be Ilona.
- local HOA's - Ted W & Jeri
- The president of the Meadows HOA (Chandlers Forde) suggested having a lawn bowling event open to all association residents to try out lawn bowling. It would be single informal, 2-2.5 hour event with Coaches and light refreshments.

## **12. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Newsletter/Shorts:**

Continue newsletter over the summer to approach monthly issuance. Resume shorts in the Fall.

### **13. SUPPLIES**

Bowling supplies for sale should be in a locked location.

### **14. Grants and Fundraising**

- John reported there are various free online apps that could be utilized for Silent Online Auction fundraiser next season. Sally may contact Carol to manage the project.
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- The BUSA Grant will be used to buy a bowling arm or small bowls (0 or 1).
- City of Sarasota, Parks Director, Mr. Jerry Fogel will update SLBC when the various city committees decide on the possibility that the city may provide a restroom trailer on extended loan.
- The City is also reviewing the possibility of providing a pre-fab structure to SLBC for use as a clubhouse. SLBC would need to finish the interior.
- Suggestion to fundraise \$50,000 for cost of clubhouse. If City provides a building, then use the funds to complete the interior.
- Sally will contacted the manager of the 17th Street Park, there is no room for SLBC there. We still think there may be room there? Providing dimensions?
- There was a meeting with VISIT SARASOTA attended by Sally, John and Ilona. They can only assist SLBC for tourism, like the Open. But can put events on their calendar

### **15. Publicity**

- Lizzie filmed another segment at SLBC on April 3rd, for croquet.
- Mike Modrick segment on "Discovering the Suncoast" will air soon.

### **16. Other: OLD/NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

Code of Conduct will be posted on the website under Members Only.

**17. The next BOD meeting is: Monday April 28, By Zoom, Time 2pm.**

**(The date was later amended to be Thursday May 29, By Zoom, Time 3pm.)**

**CLOSING COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT : The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.**

## BOD Agenda

NOTE: New date April 9, noon, SLBC 'outdoor clubhouse'

1. Welcome - Sally
2. Approval of Minutes – AGM 3-22-25 & BOD 3-19-25 - Ilona
3. Treasurer's Report – Mary
4. Membership – John
  - BUSA membership rebate of \$10 for every additional member greater than last year's total
5. Surrounds maintenance – Jim
  - Lowes donation
  - garden irrigation repair
  - summer schedule & volunteers
  - old mower
  - old roller delivery from BJGC
  - Gardens (via Ilona)
6. Facilities – Sally
  - painting backboards - Ilona
  - broken stadium light repaired
  - no porta-potty, all or part of June 1 to Nov 1?
  - update from Jerry Fogle
7. Green – Hans/Sally
  - update from Sean, & plan for the summer
  - fertilizer & herbicide schedule?
  - reduce green maintenance costs? manual or tow-behind tractor sand spreader?
  - black algae
  - conversation with Ian Murphy, BJGC, Tom Hilferty, local agronomist
8. Education – Jeri
  - Learn to Bowl report on last classes
  - plan for Course Coordinators
  - planning November 10, 12, 17, 19, 1-3pm by Sally thru ACE/OLLI
  - plan weekly mini-clinics? Or more intensive classes?
9. Tournaments – Laurie
  - Fri., Apr. 18 or 16th??? – Bunny Bowl 10-12 – fun format, spider, bring your lunch, supply dessert, hat contest, fun prizes
  - draft schedule for 2025/26 tournaments, and book with SED (John)
  - evening pairs league – summer/fall/winter?
10. Croquet – Hans
  - summer schedule
  - training clinics in fall
  - evening league?
  - equipment needed?
11. Hospitality – Ilona
  - formalize appointment as Director
12. Communications/Newsletter – Sally
  - plan for summer 1x/month?

13. Supplies – Sally?

- lock large cabinet or file cabinet?
- 6 new measures

14. Fundraising – Sally

- BUSA grant for bowls, arm?
- report on meetings with various government officials
- Silent Auction for Jan 2026? Need organizer

15. Publicity – Sally

- segment on ABC7 tv for croquet & club on April 3
- Mike Modrick planning SLBC segment on “Discovering the Suncoast” for April

16. Other

17. Next meeting: Mon., April 28, 1pm via Zoom