



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

**Tuesday, September 2nd 2025
3:05 pm - 4:20 pm, by ZOOM**

Attendance 75%

Present :

Sally Mills: President
Hans Peterson: Vice President
Ilona Vrba: Secretary, Director of Hospitality
John Garton: Director of Membership
Jim Sparrow: Director of Greens
Laurie Holder: Director of Tournaments

Absent :

Mary Silverstein: Treasurer
Jeri Spann: Director of Education

1. CALL to ORDER: 3:05 pm, and **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the BOD meeting on 8/22/2025 was made by Hans Peterson, seconded by Sally Mills and approved by all board members.

2. MEMBERSHIP: John Garton

- The membership fee for 2025/26 is \$295. Any changes need to be approved at the AGM in March.
- No change in membership count: 69. Awaiting update on payment status of the most recent member application of Timothy Stuart.
- Payment by credit card is now operational using SQUARE.
- Update website before October 1st for new membership cycle.
- More to come on storage of passwords used for club business and accounts.

3. Green update – Hans/Jim

- warranty on irrigation system, repairs needed?
- The irrigation heads are run by 9-volt batteries. They can't handle the demand for our green. Consider replacing with electric system, get a cost estimate. Originally it would have cost \$15,000 but the property did not have electricity at the time.
- The second set of plugs was done last weekend. The initial set is growing in. It takes at least a month for grow-in.
- Tining will help control bad spots of algae. It has to be done 12-24 hours after some applications. Verticutting will be done soon to help grass growth. (It cuts up roots and algae.)
- Tom's expenses must be pre-approved. There are additional bills for plugging, repairs, spraying, all not included in his monthly invoice.
- The mower needs to be serviced to bleed the lines. We are waiting to borrow Tom's trailer to get the work done.

4. Surrounds maintenance – Jim/Hans/Ilona

- The arborists continue to deliver mulch (wood chips) and will spread it with a tractor in the fall.
- Jim will apply RoundUp on the areas to be mulched.
- Ilona committed to ditch weeding.
- The edging around the curb stops and garden beds needs to be maintained by SLBC volunteers when they are back in town.

5. Facilities:

- Fence repair - John. Work to be done in a month or so when the weather is cooler.
- Driveway posts repair/new gate – Hans
- Light repair - A section of the back right light is not working. Ilona to contact company.
- Shelves for Pod: Ilona will donate 4 shelving units to improve the safety and efficiency of the pod.
- John can obtain used outdoor umbrellas from his HOA for use at SLBC.
- Sidewalks – Sally asked Jerry if the work could be done before the season starts. Last email from Jerry Fogle, Aug. 27:

“We spoke with Development Services Department, and they mentioned that any deviation that increases the impervious areas would have to go back through review (DRC). The Development Services Department considers pavers as pervious.

The option would be to do a 6’ concrete sidewalk with 2’ paver band, and that would be acceptable since we would not be adding impervious area.

Any option we choose will require a building permit to do the work.

We will solicit a proposal to get a cost for this project.

I will keep you updated.”

6. Education – Jeri

- ACE classes are confirmed for November 10, 12, 17, 19, 1-3pm & 6-8pm, will include extra croquet lesson. Jerry Fogle included a notice of these classes in the Parks & Rec newsletter.
- Ringling College of Art and Design’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) course in January (Jan 5,8,12,15)
- Sally to update Learn to Bowl program notes before November.
- Sally to arrange lawn bowling clinic(s) (ideally with Cindy Higgins from Sun City)
- Saturday 10am “Give it a Try”, starting date to be confirmed. (November ?)
- provide Learn to Bowl programs for nearby condo associations?
- SLBC requested Cindy Higgins to give Bowling Clinics to our members. However her presentation includes audio visuals. As the green has no facilities for this, other alternatives are being reviewed.

7. Community Events – Sally/Ilona

- Ted B's Cornell Club, Nov. 5, 1-3pm. Hospitality Volunteers will provide support. MC needed.
- Need coordinator to approach potential groups about events. (Duties would be like marketing and “sales”.)
- Need to advertise on website, FB, Instagram, newsletter

8. Tournaments & League – Laurie/John

In-House tournaments:

Nov. 8, 10am-noon - Welcome back tournament, potluck lunch

Nov. 22, 10am-noon – ProAm tournament – club orders sandwiches, volunteers bring salad/ dessert, bring own beverage.

SED tournaments:

Jan 10 - Open Pairs

Jan 31 - Australian Pairs

March 21 - Gerry Smith Triples
Evening Pairs League (tentative), need coordinator:
Jan.15-Mar. 5, 7pm

9. Croquet – Hans/Sally
- Clinic(s) and fall schedule have not been determined yet.

10. Hospitality – Ilona will get volunteers for November events.

11. Communications –
-Instagram – need to give Eric Martin access to provide DRAFT postings
-ideas for media release (free publicity) this fall
 (plans for first full season after move, help from City, etc?)
-To be included in Sept./Oct. newsletter:
 -membership fees and due date, registration link
 -green update
 -facilities news (gate, fence, etc.)
 -Learn to Bowl program dates
 -plans for Learn to Bowl program for local HOAs
 -will be offering one-off Community Events, attach flyer
 -new season schedule
 -upcoming tournaments
 -bowls equipment news
 -request for event/tournament sponsors
 -Volunteers needed for: Community Events coordination, Newsletter editor, Giving
 Challenge assistant, Tournament Director (?), Evening Pairs League coordinator
 -croquet news?
 -other?

12. Other business:

Next meeting: Thursday, October 2nd 2025, by ZOOM at 3pm.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85149391797?pwd=luhqolb5AMPcpbyjvFZ4UGvEI1cC6F.1>
Meeting ID: 851 4939 1797
Passcode: 683240

Tentatively the November meeting is in person, Friday Nov 7 @ 12:30

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

SLBC BOD Agenda

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1. Approval of Minutes – John/Ilona

2. Membership – John

- fees for 2025/26 finalized
- payment via credit card
- website updates
- passwords storage

3. Green update – Hans/Jim

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- growing in of bare patches/plugs
- algae control
- confirm we need pre-approval for Tom's expenses

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- use of RoundUp?
- ditch weeding

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Next meeting: Wed., Oct. 1, 3pm?

From: John Garton johnwgarton@icloud.com 
Subject: SLBC - Membership Report - 9/2/25
Date: September 2, 2025 at 5:38 AM
To: Mills Sally sgbell44@hotmail.com, Peterson Hans hanspeterson9000@gmail.com, Vrba Ilona ilona16v@gmail.com,
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Hi all:

We have 69 Full Year Members.

We have a membership application from Timothy Stuart. He did visit the green.
We have a membership application from April Dalton-Noblitt that came in 8/21 while I was on vacation. Referred by Deb Walker.
I don't know if payment was received for either.

Attached are my recommendations for new member fees schedule for next season.

Thanks,
~John

Prorated Annual Rates For New Members Only

Month	Full Year Mem prorated by month	Learn to Bowl or ACE Full Year Mem	Monthly
November	295	280 (80+200)	140
December	295	280 (80+200)	140
January	295	280 (80+200)	140
February	295	280 (80+200)	140
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