

# SUN CITY LAWN BOWLING CLUB

## Minutes of Board Meeting held February 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Those present were President Tony Head, Vice President Bob Birkinshaw, Secretary Dee McSparran, Treasurer Alice Birkinshaw; Directors: Visitations & Grounds - Wiley Doss, and Hospitality - Jan Bailey. Absent were Directors: Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Doss, Games - Brenda Head, and Greens - John Derbique. Also present were Jim Dunlevey, Jim Semanek, Micky Alexander, Sarah Case, and Troy Alexander.

**Minutes of January 3** Minutes approved as amended ("Dine-Out" continues on fourth Thursday of each month).

**Treasurer's Report** Alice provided copies of Bank Balance and Proposed Budget for 2015 (attached). Wiley motioned to approve Budget; seconded by Micky; and, unanimously carried. Alice reported that a \$50 donation was made to Green Dog Foundation in memory of Frank Strong and that we have 72 members to date. Micky motioned to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted; seconded by Wiley; and, unanimously carried.

**President's Report** Tony reported that the meeting with SCCA did not go well. Annual membership dues and daily bowling fees are to be known as "donations." SCCA did not want to purchase the "Mr. Flat Green Machine" due to not understanding the need or its operation. Tony will invite its creator Amador Martinez to come to Sun City to provide a demonstration to SCCA. Remaining under discussion is the need to core the greens. At their request, Tony will research cost of new core equipment to present to SCCA. Tony asked that the greens not be hand-watered and that a moisture meter device be used daily to determine the need for watering.

**Greens** In John's absence, Tony reported that when he asked SCCA about spraying for Poa Annuua Grass (aka poana weed), he was told it did not get done due to liability concerns. SCCA agreed to consider purchase of a spreader to properly fertilize the greens.

**Grounds** Wiley reported that he continues to make new markers for the greens. Tony announced that eight "Keep off the Grass" signs have been purchased and will be permanently mounted on four sides of each green.

**Visitations** Wiley stated he has nothing to report at this time.

**Games** In Brenda's absence, Tony reported that she plans to form a committee to work on club games formats and scheduling.

**Hospitality** Jan is planning morning hospitality for Citrus League at SCLBC on February 12. Alice noted that the Mocktail Party has been scheduled for February 27 and e-invites have been sent. Cake and ice cream will be provided to celebrate February birthdays. Micky agreed to maintain the list of member birthdays.

**SWWD & SWD** Micky reported that SWWD passed a new policy that requires membership in Bowls USA for all entrants in tournaments run by the women's division. She noted that "Skips Clinics" have been scheduled and that Bowls USA is now taking bids to host the 2016 US National Championships. Also noted was plans to open discussion among the SWWD to consider merger with men's division. It was agreed to encourage clubs to adopt policy etiquettes to have the next to the last person to deliver a bowl be the one to pick up the mat and place it on the bank, and to have the team that loses the end be responsible to mark the scoreboard.

Bob reported that the men's division agreed to invite women to attend SWLBA meetings and to open merger discussion with the women's division. SWLBA did not agree to make it mandatory to require national membership of those entering tournaments.

**Tournaments** Jim reported that the entry flyer for the Don Goodrich Senior Triples has been approved and will be made available on SWD website with option to enter via PayPal. Age restriction is 55+, \$25pp entry fee which includes lunch and beer/wine after bowling. Club members will be asked to donate salads and desserts; Fifteen percent of the entry fee will be used to purchase sandwiches and warm appetizers.

**New Business** Tony reported that a flyer for the Bowls USA-certified Club Coach program will be posted. David Cameron, an Australian-certified Coach, will be available for a skills improvement class on April 23.

Micky motioned to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee McSparran, Secretary