



PIMD Board Meeting AGENDA

May 8, 2021, 9:30 AM

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of 2/6/21 Board meeting minutes
4. Officers' Reports
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Councilors
5. Committee Reports
 - Coaching
6. Club Reports
 - Any significant club news
 - Availability to host or participate in PIMD events and competitions
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - Possible 2021 PIMD Events and/or Competitions
 - Bowls USA Alternative to National Championships
 - How to Welcome PIMD Bowlers at Division Clubs

Next meeting: August 7, 9:30 AM, location TBD

PIMD MINUTES

February 6, 2021 - Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Rob Reiner for Wayne Sampson; Frankie Alvaro for Ozzie Ozorio; Ozzio Ozorio; Russ Leonard; Frank Matyskiela; Arthur Stewart; Ratka Mira Popovic and for Michael Blodgett; Larry Collaco; Leslie Engler; Sherie Koshover and for Mike Davis; Joy Guy; Zarka Popovic; Micheal McClintock and for Jim Tobacco; Ginger Harris; Craig and Susan Bigham; Steve Henrikson; and Gareth Cole. Leisure Town and San Jose not in attendance.

Arthur Stewart calling the meeting to order at 9:35am

Roll call happened and Arthur asked those that were new to introduce themselves.

Steve Henrikson has been bowling about 6.5 years and has been the secretary for 4 years at Del Mesa Carmel. He is now the president and invites everyone to come down and bowl.

Gareth Cole has been a Berkeley member for 3 years and used to be on the Bowls Wales development committee. He is the male councilor to BUSA for the PIMD.

Sherie Koshover joined the San Francisco club in late 2018 and is proud to be a PIM Rep.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were motioned by Craig for approval, seconded by Frank M. and all were in favor.

The Officer's Reports:

PRESIDENT

- 1) Acknowledged Covid-19 restrictions. Lauded Santa Clara for sharing safe bowling on social media.
- 2) BUSA has cancelled the National Championships and the Open this year.
- 3) Several international events have also been cancelled.
- 4) BUSA may host a different event later in the year.
- 5) Please share what competitions your club is having and what bowling is happening.
- 6) Priorities for PIMD: a) Coaching/training; b) Reaching out to clubs; c) Meeting needs of social and competitive bowlers; d) Sharing drills and resource handouts; e) Getting coaches together and sharing info; f) Skills training for competitors.
- 7) The need to support clubs, especially struggling ones. Sharing the successes of those that are doing well.
- 8) Have meetings with club presidents.
- 9) Marketing: Creative ways of attracting bowlers. Coaches must participate.

Gareth chimed in that BUSA is looking for an event to be held out that includes all of the divisions. Could be a fours team event. Logistics need to be worked out.

Frank M. mentioned the possibility of a division league of 4's teams. He mentioned that Palo Alto lost 30% of its members and that only 10% are open to any coaching.

Santa Clara has shared their protocols but no other club has sent in any updates.

TREASURER:

Nothing has changed from the December financials. Craig asked that clubs check the emails of members and send him checks for new members.

Del Mesa Carmel and Rossmoor have already sent in new member dues. There was discussion about people who didn't rejoin in 2021 but that their 2020 membership fees to BUSA should still have been sent in.

COUNCILOR:

BUSA has found a newsletter editor. The grants committee will be sending out info on how to apply. Primary consideration will be to addressing Covid impacts on smaller clubs. Increased grant availability is on the horizon.

AUDIT REPORT:

Daniel provided a clean report. Zarka moved to accept and Gareth seconded the report and all were in favor.

BUDGET:

There is no line item for tournaments. There was an estimate of 50 new members for 2021. \$3k rolled over from 2020. We could increase the coaching budget. This is essentially a 2-year budget. Craig chimed in that there is a \$57.65 difference from the budget to actual. Ratka Mira moved and Frank M. seconded to approve the budget and motion carried.

WEBSITE:

Larry C. asked if we were going to add a spreadsheet on the website for bowls and bowling paraphernalia that is for sale.

CLUB NEWS:

San Jose sent a text to Zarka saying that they only allow member bowling with strict restrictions 2-3 weekly afternoons and weekends with 10-12 people. There is public interest and a list is being put together. Mario is playing occasionally.

Palo Alto has restrictions. 6-10 bowlers, members only. One person at a time in locker rooms or clubhouse. There are no people to coach. Draw games T/Th/Sa. One curler did manage to get a lesson from Frank M. and may join.

San Francisco is playing singles and pairs up to three households. No tournaments or clubhouse use. 8 people did not renew and 20 people are on a waitlist to learn to bowl.

Berkeley has a maximum of 12 people on the green, all members only. Have lost 1/3 of their members. Would like to standardize coaching at their club.

Oakland does not have much going on. Only members and are planning a cleanup. No club use.

Sunnyvale is open informally on Wednesdays at noon with 5-6 bowlers nearly all of whom have been vaccinated.

Fresno has social bowling T/Th/Sa at 1pm. One person scores, another rolls the jack, another rakes, etc. They get 4-8 bowlers

Rossmoor does not allow clubhouse use. Open draw on T/Th/Sa with 25-35 members. Has attracted 9 new members. 20 people are in training under Rob Reiner's tutelage. They have a winter league going for Rossmoor residents only or their caregivers.

Del Mesa Carmel has daily bowling at 1 and 3pm. Bout 12 people come out for pairs or cut throat. Draw games will start on T/F/Sa. No social hours after bowling. Have 4 new members. Steve writes a monthly article in the newsletter. Still hope to host the Halloween tournament.

Santa Clara shut down and December 7th. The bank closed their account since their tax status had expired and their paperwork was not in order. The parks and recreation department needed for them to redo their constitution since board members are required to be residents. No clubhouse use, only one person at a time. 16 people on the green at any time. They post daily to Facebook. Mike mentioned that bowls is inherently safe with a few precautions.

Sacramento Valley LB Association has purchased a 45'x5' indoor Drakes Pride carpet and is willing to teach bowls at various venues. Will need to acquire more bowls.

Sherie asked about how to measure safely and Ginger said the easiest way was to designate someone to measure. Larry also mentioned that there are laser measures for \$100.

Arthur reminded everyone to send in dues and their protocol updates. Ginger mentioned that people can study to be umpires.

Meanwhile, Gareth said that he was developing a survey for each PIMD member to share their thoughts and was hoping for a 10% return. The survey would be going out in a few weeks. He also wants to partner with health organizations on the benefits of bowls.

Larry C. was interested in how to handicap members for the various positions. Frank, Russ and Gareth each had comments. Ginger encouraged clubs to have every bowler play different positions. Larry said that both San Francisco and Palo Alto have tournaments that rotate positions. Ginger said that this should be a regular practice at draw games.

Ratka stressed that the BUSA Coach Training was really good in breaking bad habits and providing uniformity to coaching as well as training what each position does.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:18am

May 8, 2021

To the PIMD Board and clubs,

I am pleased to see that as many of us are being vaccinated and continue to practice safety protocols, we are seeing more bowling taking place. I am also happy to report that several clubs have new members. I hope we are able to build a little momentum together over the remainder of this year.

It has been my pleasure to begin meeting together with the PIMD club Presidents. That role carries a unique burden, all the more so during the pandemic. We also have a number of new Presidents so the opportunity to connect with one another and share concerns has been valuable. It also provides another opportunity to strengthen our relationships across the Division.

As you know, because of the amount of coordination, advanced planning, and travel required for major competitions, most international competitions have been cancelled for 2021. This also includes the US Opena and National Championships. However, a smaller alternative to the National Championships is being proposed (refer to our BUSA Councilors report) and they are looking for a Division to host. Although the format is still being worked out, Bowls USA is looking for a club or clubs to host a 4-day competition using two greens - likely in late Summer or Fall. If your club would like to host or co-host, please get hold of me, Ginger Harris, or Gareth Cole.

At our Board meeting, we will discuss together the possibilities for some PIMD events and competitions from June onward. It would help us if each of you can **talk with your club before the Board meeting** about their openness and availability for hosting and participation in any potential events. We also need to know any limitations on numbers, stipulations for visitors, etc.

And finally, there is some talk at the national level of a National Lawn Bowling Day to introduce people to the sport. There would be a push of marketing and clubs across the country could put on a socially-oriented day in coordination with other clubs. There are no firm plans yet, but I would love for the PIMD to support and take part in whatever takes place. It might be something for us to work into our PIMD calendar now and any ideas of what we might do on such a day would be appreciated.

Stay safe and enjoy bowling,

Arthur Stewart
President, PIMD

PIMD PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

(through 4/15/21)

Savings

Beginning balance:	16,969.99
Interest earned:	<u>0.56</u>
Ending balance:	16,970.55

Checking

Beginning balance:	18131.52
Deposits:	570.00 (PIMD and BUSA dues)
	95.39 (Shirt sales)
Checks:	<u>(1060.00)</u> (BUSA dues)
Ending Balance:	17,736.91

San Jose has indicated that they have acquired 6 new members (Hurrah) and will be sending a check for \$180 soon.

Craig Bigham; PIMD Treasurer

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COACHING COMMITTEE REPORT

The three head coaches for the division met. They decided that each will support the other but that they would play to their strengths to support the division.

Frank Matyskiela would work with Gareth Cole to focus on training fours teams. Teams that want to represent their club and/or the division. These competitive bowlers would work together to strengthen their game.

Ozzie Ozorio would be available to teach the 50-bowl challenge at each club and set up a skills day at any club that requests it.

Zarka Popovic would put together materials and route requests. She would also organize a club coach training and organize coach refreshers as permitted when restrictions lift.

Coaches were contacted and none had been maintaining the training logs required by BUSA. The onus in doing so was more than anyone cared to tackle. Feedback would be provided to BUSA about our lack of recordkeeping as a division. The thinking is that the training logs were really for competitive bowlers as social bowlers are less motivated to improve.

San Francisco LBC News

- On April 15th, SFLBC held an all-day pairs competition. There were 14 teams, playing 3 ten end games, each bowler using 3 bowls. It was very well received and included several members that had not participated for more than a year. We are planning a social bowling event and another competition event in May. All events for the next couple of months will continue to be SFLBC members only.
- We have had incredible interest from people wanting bowling lessons and club membership. We have 9 coaches that have facilitated lessons to 25+ individuals.
- As a result of the membership growth, we are in serious need of good, used bowls (especially small sizes, 000-2's). Please let us know if you are aware of any that are out there to purchase.
- A very high percentage of our regular bowlers have been fully vaccinated. We are still using an online registration system and following mask and social distance protocols.

Thanks,

Mike Davis
SFLBC Rep.

Oakland Lawn Bowling Club News

The OLBC has been working on restoring their two front greens. The rear green is maintained by the Croquet Club. We have essentially been closed since Covid restrictions went into effect March 2020. Primary restoration is complete and a member only league will commence Wednesday nights in May. We will re-open for public lessons on Sunday, May 2nd.

We have hired a landscape firm to mow weekly and members mow, thatch, roll, etc. the other days. Repairing and replacing greens equipment is our current focus.

Two former members (2019) are returning for the league and rejoining and we have a list of interested people wanting a lesson.

Only one person is allowed in the clubhouse at any time. This has changed the club dynamics and threatens our "social" bowling.

The unhoused situation around the clubhouse is intense and the city has been at a loss as to how to address it. The health and safety of members is of primary concern. We have had to be vigilant as to how to water and the use of our outdoor electricity.

We have been fortunate to have a joint-use agreement with St. Pauls's school to use the outdoor space and primary room enabling us to derive some income while under Covid restrictions. This source of funds has replaced what we normally make in group lessons.

We look forward to bowling!