BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	House and Activities Committee
DATE:	October 8, 2025
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Alan Lustrin, Chair, Robin Shulman, Vice Chairman; Beth Freeberg; Jeffrey Lasker; Lynne Milhauser; Rob Schnitzer; Kenneth Sher; Karen Temkin; Faith Wall; Leslie Wolf; Dianne Zager.
MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:	Ronnie Pollard; Roberta Sussman;
PARTICIPANTS:	John Collings, Assistant General Manager; Kaitlin Garske, Director of Food and Beverage; Christina Guilianti, Director of Activities; Felipe Murcia, Clubhouse Manager
ISSUE DATE:	October 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M.

The September 10 Committee Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

1. **Alan Lustrin, Chairman of House and Activities, Opening remarks:**

   A. The Chair again thanked the Committee for their input regarding the "in season" Dress Code
      a. The final approved version of the proposed Dress Code was distributed for explanation and discussion.

   B. The Chair welcomed Kaitlin Garske who was recently promoted to Director of Food and Beverage.
      a. Kaitlin introduced herself and provided a brief background of her work experience prior to Boca West as well as her role and responsibilities as the former Director of Catering.
      b. Kaitlin shared her passion for the Club, our Members, Food & Beverage, and her tenure at Boca West; she is excited and appreciative of her new role.

2. **House and Activities Staff Member Reports**

   A. Christina Guilianti, House and Activities Director, reported on events and activities from August:

      a. First movie night – October 8, 2025
         - *The Conversation* with a conversation after.
         - 134 attendees signed up.
      b. Dinner and Show on Tuesday with Patti and Jozay
         - 336 attending.
      c. Lecture with the Boca Museum of Art- October 15th
         - To learn more about the museum from their new CEO, Ena Heller.
      d. Card lessons
         - Samba started October 8th , Couples Canasta, beginner/intermediate levels
         - New duplicate bridge teacher- Kevin Phipps, Keith Hanson in January and Larry Cohen Seminar
      e. Many new art classes on the schedule
         - Flyers can be obtained through Activities and at Crafted.
      f. First Grill and Chill event has 350 confirmed attendees with about the same amount on the wait list.
      g. Veteran's Day breakfast- November 11th
         - Already has 80 attendees registered.
      h. Season Opener Casino Night: The Double Down Saloon
         - 390 attendees enrolled for Thursday, November 20th
         - 629 attendees enrolled for Friday, November 21st
      i. Card Rooms:
         - Rooms will open starting at the end of October
         - Will be open daily and remain the same in GAC and Lifestyle Center during the day.
         - Duplicate Bridge will be moved back to Card Room A in the Country Club in November.
         - Starting Wednesday, October 29th - Open Card Play on Wednesdays will be available in the Golf and Activities Center and the Lifestyle Center.

- Starting Sunday November 2nd, card play on Sunday evenings will be in both the Lifestyle Center and the Country Club.
- Card play for the rest of the week in the evenings will be on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Lifestyles Center.

B. Felipe Murcia, Clubhouse Manager, reported on Food & Beverage:

a. With the 2024/2025 fiscal year closed, 736,782 covers were recorded (637,489 for F & B)
   - Versus 628,081 (537,059 for Food & Beverage) for the 2023/2024 fiscal year
   - Representing a year-over-year increase of 17.31 percent.

b. Largest year-over-year increases
   - October = 34.46%
   - November = 40.29%
   - December = 26.14%

c. Lowest year-over-year increase
   - May = 4.62%
   - September = 4.08%.

d. Crafted Lectures/Workshops are seeing strong demand
   - The team is looking at additional slots to accommodate demand.

e. The new "Restaurants that Changed America" series is also seeing very strong demand.
f. Our in-season Staff is returning with a very strong year-over-year return rate.
g. This year's off-season J-1 staff program was a great success with some of our off -season staff returning for the season.
h. Our new Wine Club is gaining traction.

3. **Committee Open Discussion:**

A. The Chair informed the Committee that the remaining four meetings of the Committee year will be immersive and interactive.
B. Each member of the Committee was invited to present another dining/event/activity suggestion that they would like to see implemented before the end of the Committee term in February.
C. Numerous, excellent suggestions were offered and noted by our House and Activities Staff.

4. **Closing remarks by Alan Lustrin:**

A. The Chair asked each Committee Member to meet with another member of their choice to identify a challenge and provide an opportunity within House and Activities to present at our next meeting.
B. Next Meeting is on Wednesday, November 12th at 3:00 PM in the Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.