

## MINUTES

### FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 16, 2019

**OPENING REMARKS:** The meeting was called to order by President Kudro who explained that the Agenda must be approved by the board and asked for additions or deletions. Was reminded that the oath of office must be given to new board members before they can vote.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** President Kudro gave the oath to Lorraine Layton, new president of Northern District and Ron Vaughn, representing the president of Southeast Coast District.

**Agenda:** West Coast District, Frank Niziolek made a motion, seconded by Jan Cote that they be added to the agenda to request increase in their tournament fees, motion passed. Glenn Monroe made a motion, seconded by Dave Kudro to be added to the agenda to request limitation of the winter agenda, motion passed. Doug Stockman made a motion to be added to the agenda to request change in March 16 meeting, seconded by Larry Brown and passed. Dave Kudro stated that Scheduling will be changed to #1 under New Business. Glenn Monroe made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Ken Offenther and passed.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE:** Invocation was given by John Brown and Marti Noble led the Pledge.

**ROLL CALL:** Absent were First Vice President, Bob Hovatter, Treasurer, Jeannie Andrews, Southeast Coast District President, Roger Smith.

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:** There were 6 guests present.

**MINUTES:** President stated that minutes have been on the website. Motion made by Linda Rebholz to accept as posted, seconded by Bob Smith and passed. Secretary requested that everyone read the minutes to be sure that they are accurate so that motions are not printed incorrectly in the Preview. She also reiterated that only the secretary may record the meeting electronically.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** This report was handed out at the January meeting. Jeannie Andrews was absent.

**\*\*** Larry Brown stated that there will be activities in the building and that we will be served lunch at 11:30 AM and to exit the building through the door in our meeting room.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** President Kudro stated that he had received an email from Stan McCormack, editor of The Shuffler, online blog. Stan has requested that the board sponsor the blog and pay \$99.00 yearly for the expense of the website. John Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Rich Anderson, passed. After discussion, it was voted that the board would "support", not sponsor, the website; that Larry Brown would be Liaison and FSA would pay \$99.00 annually.

#### REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

First Vice President: Bob Hovatter was absent.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Marti Noble had nothing.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Bob Smith stated that the materials that he distributes to the District Presidents in October are for State tournaments and not Districts.

REPORTS FROM KOR/WEBMASTER: Glenn Monroe reported that there are three players so far, who have obtained their 200 points to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. He stated that each District must notify him of their newly elected officers.

#### REPORTS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

West Coast District: Jan Cote stated that she is outgoing president and Steve Raimondi will be the new president. She thanked everyone for their help with the Hall of Fame Banquet. Frank Niziolek reported on the clubs and their activities.

Southwest Coast District: Steve Slaughterbeck stated that the Bradenton Social Club, which consists of mostly millennials, is active, meeting twice monthly on Saturdays for fun play. He reported that the City of Bradenton has money and hopefully they may be able to get covers on 22 courts. He noted that John Brown is giving lessons and John explained his "shuffleboard university".

Southern District: Joyce Smith stated that they have been giving training classes and that the Lee County courts were redone. They also have new officers.

Southeast Coast District: Ron Vaughn, a past president and representative for Roger Smith, current president, reported that Century Village is doing great. Hollywood has resurfaced some courts, and Briny Breezes is in the process of resurfacing. They are getting 30-40 for Tuesday fun day shuffling and also have a couples play on Wednesdays. Ken Offenther asked for support for the termination of Helen Biaggi's suspension on the basis of compassion.

Central East Coast District: President Anderson stated that they have some new amateurs and that Vero Beach Club is continuing its singles/mingles play on Tuesdays. He reported on the status of the Fort Pierce Club courts and the City's proposal for a seaport.

Northern District: President Lorraine Layton reported that the Northern District is currently being restructured with all new officers. They are trying to reassemble records to replace those unobtainable. They have requested help in this area. They also need tournament directors. Doris Hanke reported on club tournaments.

Central District: Doug Stockman stated that this is his last meeting and that he and his wife will not be returning to Florida next season. He stated that this district is very large and that Lakeland, Betmar and Sebring draw large tournaments. He stated that they have one (1) player and two (2) special awards being inducted into their district hall of fame in March. He had several suggestions for the benefit of

shuffleboard—felt there should be more communications from FSA board to districts and that district presidents meet to discuss mutual problems/solutions. He felt there should have been more promotion of the Amateur Tournament of Champions. Larry Brown reported that John Houghtaling will be their new president. He also reported that the Winter Haven Club which almost closed at one time, is thriving and the City is spending money on courts, etc. He reported that Sebring has new lights and their new president is very active in promoting shuffleboard. The local college is being contacted regarding students playing. He felt that the board should take some action against the Denbar blog that has been so negative against the FSA board. After discussion, it was decided that this item be tabled until the March meeting and Glenn Monroe will work on an appropriate motion.

#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

State Tournament Director: Glenn reminded District Presidents that the FSA board must approve directors for State tournaments and that the list be given to him at the March meeting. This list is printed in the Preview. He also stated that District Presidents may appoint directors for district tournaments, but the State President has authority to fire them. He stated that he is the Director for the Florida Sports Foundation. He requested that District Presidents send him a list of inactive or deceased players in order to keep the records current. He stated that the FSA website is the official news and not The Shuffler. He encouraged all to send him information for the FSA website. Larry Brown mentioned mileage for the tournament directors, and this will be put on the March agenda.

Rules/Regulations/By-Laws: Glenn reminded everyone that 2020 is the year for 10-day notices for both Rules and By-laws. All 10-day notices must be sent to him 10 days prior to the January 2020 meeting. The question was asked if a person can be a member of one district and an officer of another board. This item will be placed on the March agenda.

Preview Editor/Lithographer: Colleen Austin explained that all who advertise in the Preview are to obtain a free copy (not those who sponsor a tournament). Each club receives a free copy. She introduced Josh Dulabaum and his wife, Stephanie Swain who have volunteered to become the new Preview Editors/Lithographers. The board voted unanimously to appoint Josh and Stephanie to this position. Colleen will work with them. Their address is [TheFSAPreview@gmail.com](mailto:TheFSAPreview@gmail.com)

Publicity: Dave stated all districts are doing well in this area.

Audit: Dave reported that the audit has been performed by Pam Nurnberger and Terry Smith

Advisory Board: Phil Rebholz stated that the situation with Biaggi could have been handled differently and the less said the better. Dave rebutted that Phil had a good board and it is different with a divided board.

Masters: Doug Stockman reported that all is under control and gave the secretary his report to be part of the records. The President of the Betmar Club is in charge.

LUNCH BREAK—11:30 am. Meeting reconvened at 12:10 pm.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discipline procedures as modified from the Florida Sports Assoc. was read by Glenn. Three amendments were suggested: 1. Six month will be changed to six month playing season; 2. Suspension will be held in abeyance until appeal; and 3. Board member directly or indirectly involved will be recused. Glenn will rewrite with the amendments and the secretary was asked to send it to each board member to be studied. This will be on the March meeting agenda.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2019-2020 Open Tournament Schedule: Marti Noble presented the proposed schedule draft #4. The Bradenton Club has requested that P05 national tournament be named the "Jim Miller Memorial National Tournament". Sebring requested to be listed as a 3-way split for P03/A/B/C with St. Petersburg and Lee County. St. Cloud has requested to be listed as a 3-way split for P12A/B/C with Lee County and Clearwater. P14A/B (Sebring/Clearwater) is proposed to start on December 30-31, should be a 2-day tournament and not go into New Year's Day. Glenn Monroe made a motion to accept the 2019-2020 Open Schedule Draft #4 as amended, seconded by Bob Smith and passed. The 2019-2010 Amateur Schedule amended singles tournaments to 75/12frames and doubles to 75/16frames. A06A will be held at St. Petersburg instead of Clearwater. Bob Smith made a motion to accept the 2019-2020 Amateur Schedule as amended, seconded by Glenn Monroe and passed. Marti asked that a special scheduling committee be formed to revise the entire schedule, and this will be on the March agenda.
2. FSA Lawyer competence and expenses: Ken Offenther made a motion that the FSA 's attorney be immediately dismissed due to misinformation from his office, seconded by John Brown. Ken stated that the attorney fees of around \$5,000 have never been approved by this board and that any expense over \$100.00 must have board approval. Dave Kudro explained again his actions with the attorney. He stated that he was advised by Dave Minnich that he needed to hire an attorney and that the attorney fees did not fall under the \$100.00 rule. After much discussion, a vote was taken. Motion failed to pass.
3. Reduction of Helen Biaggi suspension: Ray Buck made a motion to reduce Helen's suspension to time served, seconded by Ken Offenther. Some expressed that compassion be shown to Helen. Dave relinquished the gavel so that he could debate, and much discussion followed. Dave Kudro presented proxy votes from absent board members, Jeannie Andrews and Bob Hovatter. It was mentioned that proxy voting had not been allowed in the past and Dave stated that the executive board does not have alternates as does the district presidents and delegates and therefore they were accepted. A closed ballot was taken and votes were YES: 8; NO: 13. The suspension will remain. Helen will be allowed to play with the new season in October.

4. Change date of March state meeting: Doug Stockman stated that the Central District Masters will be in progress on March 16 and asked that the date be changed. It was decided that he can send someone so the date will remain on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Sebring.
5. Advancement of Amateurs to pro Status: Glenn Monroe asked that this item be tabled until the March meeting due to the lateness of the hour.
6. West Coast District registration fee increase: The West Coast District stated that they want to give \$1.00 to help the Clearwater Club and Frank Niziolek made a motion to be allowed to charge \$7.00 registration for their District tournaments only, seconded by Rich Anderson and passed.
7. Limit Winter meeting Agenda: Glenn asked to table until the March meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS: The president stated that he has a lot of ideas and hopes that there will be healing. He is working to recruit corporate sponsors.

Motion made by Larry Brown, seconded by Phil Rebholz to adjourn and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.