

MINUTES

FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 16, 2021—SEBRING, FLORIDA

OPENING: President Bob Hovatter called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. He welcomed everyone, including several visitors.

INVOCATION: Given by Marti Noble, First Vice President. **PLEDGE** was led by Colleen Austin, 2nd Vice President.

OATH OF OFFICE: Gregg Jones, Acting President from the Central East Coast District was sworn in by Marti Noble.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Steve Ramondi made a motion to add discussion of the cost of Preview ads, seconded by Frank Nizioleck and passed. Motion to accept the agenda, as Amended, was made by John Houghtaling, seconded by Glenn Monroe and passed.

ROLL CALL: Doris Hanke, Delegate for Northern District was absent and was represented by Jerry Jabaut, Alternate. Larry Brown, Delegate for Central District was absent and was represented by Judy Holloway, Alternate. Ron Vaughn, President of Southeast District was absent. All other officers were present.

GUEST. There were 15 guests present

MINUTES: Glenn Monroe stated that there was a correction to be made under Unfinished Business #2 to read: "Extra \$2.00 fee will be divided between the district/state, club, tournament director and prize money." (division is district/state \$.50; club \$.50; tournament director \$.50; prize money \$.50) Linda also stated that there was a typographical error under Reports from District Presidents #2 "the City of Bradenton has put \$200,000,00 (not \$200,00.00) into improvements." Motion to accept, as Amended, was made by Glenn Monroe, seconded by Marti Noble and passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Joyce Smith distributed copies. She explained that finances are improving. The balance, after expenses is \$9,086.47 in checking. (She explained that she has paid expenses in October which brings the balance to \$4,744.69.) Balance in Money Market is \$8,685.58 for a total of \$17,772.05. She stated that the Audit was completed and report filed with the secretary. Motion to accept made by Cindy Slaughterbeck, seconded by Greg Jones and passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Bob commented that these are troubled times and if we work together, we can survive. He also reiterated that we need to concentrate on amateurs.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1ST Vice President: Marti Noble thanked Sebring for hosting this meeting and preparing lunch. She is hoping for a good season.

2nd Vice President: Colleen Austin had nothing

3rd Vice President: Jan Cote thanked Colleen for all the work she does for shuffleboard

KEEPER OF RECORDS/WEBMASTER: Glenn Monroe had nothing

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

1. WEST COAST DISTRICT: Steve reported that their first tournaments have had disappointing attendance. Players are complaining of wearing masks indoors. St. Pete will be having a one-day tournament for amateurs. (St. Pete is preparing for an International tournament in 2023.)
2. SOUTHWEST COAST DISTRICT: Cindy Slaughterbeck stated that their two tournaments have had good attendance. They do open tournaments and frame games. She commented that attendance should also improve with the return of the Canadians.
3. SOUTHERN DISTRICT: John Jefferson reported they are working with Port Charlotte, a county owned facility. He also reported that he is confident that Lee County will get covered courts.
4. SOUTHEAST COAST DISTRICT: Ken Offenther reported, in the absence of president Ron Vaughn, that their season begins in November, mostly because their players are Canadians. He stated that they will need the support of the other districts for their upcoming tournament.
5. CENTRAL EAST COAST DISTRICT: Greg Jones stated that their first tournament was cancelled due to protocols. They had 18 players at the second tournament at Wickham Park. He stated that some clubs really need help in order to host their scheduled tournaments.
6. NORTHRN DISTRICT: Rod Lewis reported that their first tournaments at Hawthorne (which was not open to visitors) had to be cancelled. He is talking with new residents and recruited a few.
7. CENTRAL DISTRICT: John reported that the Winter Haven president is really working hard. He thanked all of his club presidents and stated that the northern part of the district does well. The modified tournament at St. Cloud was a success.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. ROBERT'S RULES/PARLIAMENTARIAN: Glenn had nothing
2. STATE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Glenn commented that he felt there should be at least one weekend tournament with amateurs. Cindy reported that Ohio had tried this during the summer and it was successful for young, working people.
3. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING: Marti stated that she has a meeting of the Committee (district presidents) scheduled for November 13th to discuss the 2022-2023 schedule. Lee County stated that the amateur tournament at Lee County is scheduled to begin on Monday and asked if that could be changed to Tuesday. This was added to the New Business.
4. EXECUTIVE/ FINANCE: Covered by the Treasurer
5. PREVIEW EDITOR/LITHOGRAPHER: The Preview Editor (Margaret Dear) was not present but Colleen stated that she did a good job on the new Preview. Margaret has researched an on-line company (Dazzle Printing) and their rates were less expensive. (Previews ready for distribution to Districts that have paid).
6. PUBLICITY/MARKETING: Covered by districts
7. AUDIT: Filed
8. RULES/REGULATIONS/BYLAWS: Glenn stated that in the Preview the State tournaments in the centerfold should show the redline tournaments in red print.
9. HALL OF FAME: John reported that AMS is partly sponsoring the banquet (country club and catering) and handed out flyers to presidents to display at their tournaments. The meal will be \$35.00 and he distributed tickets to be sold. Colleen reminded all the inductees that she will need their bios. (Presently there are 5 players, 1 special award and 1 president's award). More players could qualify by December 31st.

10. ADVISORY: Phil Rebholz had nothing

11. MASTERS (2022): Southern District will host. Glenn usually directs as State Tournament Director but he will be out of town and someone else will be the director.

12:35 to 12: 55 Break

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Sheila Winkelspecht as tabled from the March meeting for the Rules Committee to research: Glenn reported as follows:

1. Referees are no longer used except for some Masters. However, a referee can be placed on a court by the tournament director if a violation is suspected
2. Tournament directors cannot call a violation unless he observes said violation—this is not accurate. He may act if the violation is reported and confirmed.
3. Tournament director cannot act unless the complaint is from another player—also not accurate.
4. People can address violation complaint to tournament director—if a violation is observed. Anyone can ask to see a Rule in writing, at the time, if in doubt about a violation call.

Glenn stated that the rule regarding referees should be rewritten, but would require a lot of work. Cindy made a motion to table any action on rewriting rules, seconded by John Houghtaling and passed. Glenn will respond to Sheila's letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss redline tournaments: During the pandemic, the FSA did not sponsor tournaments (redline) and regular points were given. Joyce made a motion that this redline and extra points be suspended for the 2021-2022 season, seconded by Greg. John Jefferson stated that his club is losing sponsor money from the State and now has to find a sponsor for the January (Hall of Fame) tournament. Steve Ramondi made a motion to amend Joyce's motion to state that Southern District be given the \$1,000.00 and extra points be given (this season only), seconded by Cindy Slaughterbeck and passed. Vote on the original motion made by Joyce to suspend redline and extra points, as amended, passed. This issue will be addressed again at the March meeting.

2. Discuss Adobe payment: Rules state that any expense over \$100 must have FSA Board approval. The Preview Editor needed to spend \$104.95 (this is usually a monthly expense of about \$30.00). Motion made by Colleen to approve expense, seconded by Marti and passed.

3. Discuss Pandemic Protocols: The Executive Board submitted proposed Protocols. Cindy made a motion to accept the Protocols seconded by John Houghtaling. Greg stated that the protocols are too specific and we are not following all of them. Glenn made a motion that Venues #3 be amended by deleting the CDC, State of Florida, county, city and inserting FSA, seconded by Colleen. Greg thinks that the wording still leaves the FSA liable. Glenn made a motion to amend Venues #3 to read "All Covid-19 directives and recommendations developed by FSA must be observed by clubs, players and directors." Seconded by Greg and passed. Cindy made a motion that masks be amended to "wearing of masks is mandatory indoors, except for eating and drinking", seconded by Glenn. Discussion followed as to definition of outdoor facilities. Motion made by Frank, seconded by John Houghtaling that masks are optional on the courts. Glenn

made a motion to read "Masks--Wearing of face masks on all shuffleboard courts is optional, wearing of face masks in enclosed clubhouse is mandatory, with the exception of while eating or drinking indoors", seconded by John Houghtaling and passed. Cindy made a motion to accept the Protocols, as amended, seconded by Glenn and passed. Steve made a motion that Protocols begin as of October 16th, seconded by Ken and passed.

4. Cost of Preview Ads: Steve Ramondi stated that clubs cannot afford \$150.00 for a page and players want to see the tournament results. Steve made a motion to table until Greg does some research into the Preview technology etc., seconded by Ray and passed
5. Lee County amateur tournament date change: Ray made a motion to change the amateur tournament at Lee County from Monday, November 8, 2021, to Tuesday, November 9, 2021, seconded by John Jefferson and passed.
6. Special Award: A letter was submitted by Ron Vaughn in August, 2021 nominating Ken Offenther for the Special Award category. A closed ballot was taken and Ken was elected to be inducted in January. (Note: Ken has decided to postpone until January 2022 when the HOF is in his district).
7. Resignation of Colleen Austin as 2nd Vice President: Letter was read by Bob who thanked Colleen for all she has done. Jan Cote decided to stay in her position and move up the chairs. Joyce Smith was appointed by the President to fill the office of 2nd Vice President, leaving the office of Treasurer open. Judy Holloway was appointed as Treasurer and welcomed. All appointments were with the approval of the Executive Board.

(In accordance with the By-laws of the Florida Shuffleboard Association, Section 2, Article VII, (i), check signing authority has now passed to the association Treasurer, Judy Holloway, President Bob Hovatter and 1st Vice President, Marti Noble. Robert Hovatter is one and the same, and also known as Bob Hovatter, Martha Noble is one and the same, and also known as Marti Noble, Judith Holloway is one and the same, and also known as Judy Holloway.)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Marti, seconded by Phil Rebholz. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rebholz, FSA Secretary

FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

The meeting is called to order by Chairperson Marti Noble. Invocation is given by John Houghtaling. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

Present are Bob Hovatter, Marti Noble, Joyce Smith, Steve Raimondi, Cindy Slaughterbeck, John Jefferson, Rich Curtis (for Ron Vaughn), Greg Jones, Rod Lewis and John Houghtaling. Judy Holloway was present in the treasurer capacity.

President Bob Hovatter requested a special meeting be called to correct the October State meeting. A nominating committee was not assigned at the last meeting as required in our bylaws. Three people volunteered for this committee – Marti Noble, Steve Raimondi and Cindy Slaughterbeck. The slate of nominees for the 2022-2023 year will be determined by the committee and presented at the January meeting. Greg motioned the special meeting be adjourned, seconded by Rod Lewis.

Respectfully recorded by Judy Holloway