

Minutes

Florida Shuffleboard Assn.

October 14, 2023, Sebring, Florida

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Marti Noble, 1st Vice President. President Hovatter was absent and Marti gave an update.

Invocation/Pledge: Marti gave the prayer, followed by the Pledge.

Oath of Office: Jim Schile, president of West Coast District was sworn in.

Agenda Approval: Joe Inga made a motion to discuss the tournament directors at Northern District, seconded by Glenn Monroe and passed. Added as # 7 to New Business.

Roll Call: All were present except Bob Hovatter, president; Ron Vaughn, president, southeast coast district (represented by Richard Curtis) and Nancy Sclafani, delegate southwest coast district, represented by Tom Putnam, alternate delegate.

Guests: Marti welcomed two guests.

Minutes: Secretary, Linda Rebholz made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 18, 2023, as posted on the website, seconded by Cindy Slaughterbeck and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Greg Jones presented the treasurer's report and made a motion to accept for audit, seconded by Glenn Monroe and passed.

Communication: Marti stated a letter regarding changes to shuffleboard had been received and was on the agenda as #6, new business.

Reports from Executive Board

1. Vice President: Marti Noble thanked the Sebring Club for lunch.
2. 2nd Vice President: Joyce Smith had nothing
3. 3rd Vice President: Jan Cote stated she had the supply bags for the district presidents

Report from KOR: Glenn reported that Don Rood had reached his points for Hall of Fame.

Reports from District Presidents:

1. West Coast District: Jim Schile reported that some of the parks lost during COVID were returning. Also, Frank Niziolek reported that the St. Pete Club is hosting the World Championship this year in October, and it is their 100 anniversary year. All officers are on the website.
2. Southwest Coast District: Cindy Slaughterbeck stated that they have a program whereby they give two or three scholarships to clubs that don't have enough players to host tournaments. Their district meeting is November 5th.
3. Southern District: Jerry Holbrook reported that their district meeting will be November 2nd.
4. Southeast District: Rich stated that they have added two new clubs: Palm Green (Delray) and Century Village of West Palm Beach. Their meeting is December 9th.
5. Central East Coast District: Greg Jones reported that their meeting is October 21st.

6. Northern District: Joe Inga stated that their meeting is October 21st and thanked Margaret Deer for her help.
7. Central District: Bruce Shidler reported that their meeting will be October 21st.

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. Robert's Rules/Parliamentarian: Glenn stated that a motion and a second is required before speaking and must be recognized by the chair; discussion should be pertinent to the matter on the floor and the chair cannot debate without relinquishing the gavel.
2. Tournament Director: No district problems except tournament directors at Northern District.
3. Scheduling: Marti stated that there will be a meeting of the scheduling committee on Saturday, December 9th and that only district presidents (or delegates) are invited to attend. The schedule for 2024-2025 will be discussed.
4. Preview: the new copies are here for distribution. Coordinator names are needed before March 1, 2024.
5. Finance/Executive: Greg Jones stated that the \$2.00 increase had helped.
6. Publicity: Nothing
7. Audit: Made and submitted by Terri Smith
8. Rules/Bylaws: Glenn Monroe reiterated that 10 days notices are closed for bylaws. 10 day notices for Rules are due 10 days before the January meeting. All submissions are voted on at the March meeting.
9. Hall of Fame: Greg Jones has tickets for the banquet to be held on January 15, 2024 at Tropical Estates. He also has brochures. He reported that Jan Cote has created and donated all decorations and Tom Winkelspecht has handcrafted door prizes. All arrangements are being finalized.
10. Advisory: Phil Rebholz had nothing.
11. Master's Tournament: Cindy Slaughterbeck confirmed that it is being held at Trailer Estates and all arrangements are being worked out.

Old business:

1. 500 point pins: Joyce Smith stated that she and Linda Rebholz have been working with Levy Recognition (the company that supplies the ROC pins). A design has been submitted by Joyce and an estimate of approximately \$310 (design \$55.00 hour; mold \$95.00 and 50 pins \$160) has been received. Motion made by Cindy Slaughterbeck to approve up to \$500.00 for the pins, seconded by Frank Niziolek and passed.

New Business:

1. Nominating Committee: Motion made to elect Joyce Smith, Bruce Shidler and Joe Inga, seconded by Phil Rebholz and passed.
2. Nominations for Hall of Fame: Linda Rebholz read a letter, submitted by Bob Hovatter, nominating Joyce Smith for special award. Motion made by Don Rood, seconded by Tom Putnam for nomination. Glenn Monroe read the criteria. A paper ballot was taken and motion passed. Joyce will be inducted at the January meeting hall of fame.
3. Rule change: Marti Noble made a motion to change (Standing Rule #18(g) as follows: IN ADDITION, PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$300.00 TO THE MASTERS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

SHOULD OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS BE NEEDED WHILE DIRECTING THIS TOURNAMENT IF TRAVEL IS MORE THAN FIFTY (50) MILES FROM HIS/HER HOME, seconded by Greg Jones. Frank Niziolek made a motion to amend to change the AMOUNT UP TO \$500.00, seconded by Joyce Smith. Motion passed by 2/3 vote. The original motion, with amendment, passed with a 2/3 vote.

4. Rule change: Greg Jones made a motion to change Article 7-seeding and chart control as follow: “(b)The following restrictions will apply concerning the Tournament Director making court assignments: 1. No match is to be called before 9:00 AM or after 4:00 PM, except 100-point Consolation matches may be called until 4:30 PM. Eligible matches must be called until 4:00 PM ,EXCEPT FOR TEAMS OR PLAYERS THAT HAVE ADVANCED INTO THE SEMI-FINAL OR FINAL ROUNDS ON THE FIRST DAY OF TOURNAMENT PLAY”, seconded by Bob Robinson. Motion to amend to “be effective November 1, 2023” made by Greg Jones , seconded by Cindy Slaughterbeck and passed with 2/3 vote. The original motion, with amendment, passed with a 2/3 vote.
5. Rule change: Greg Jones made a motion to change Article 10-Tropies and Prizes as follows: “(f) Prize money in an Open Tournament (other than Masters) will be determined by using the Financial Report Worksheet provided by the Florida Shuffleboard Rules in the Preview. Players who abandon OR FOREIT FROM A TOURNAMENT AFTER REACHING THE SEMI-FINALS will receive no prize money or points. Prize money will go back to the host club. Additionally, the standings report will list no names for the position involved, stating only “did not finish”. Definition of abandon OR FORFEIT”: for a team OR PLAYER to leave a tournament when eligible to play on, and the opposition team OR PLAYERS is present to play. (Note: this eliminates the phrase ‘in a tournament without notifying the tournament director”). Greg amended by adding “effective November 1, 2023”. Motion was seconded by Don Rood. After much discussion, Greg withdrew his motion and will submit as a 10 day notice.
6. Format changes: Marti read a letter from Martin Shapiro addressing many changes to shuffleboard. After much discussion, it was agreed to discuss with players.
7. Northern District tournament directors: Withdrawn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45, seconded by Glenn Monroe and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rebholz, Secretary