

FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION, INC  
FALL MEETING, SEBRING, FLORIDA  
OCTOBER 13, 2012

**OPENING:** President Phil Rebbholz called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. The invocation and pledge were given by Dick Stonecipher.

**GUESTS:** Twenty guests were present and introduced themselves and the district they were from. They were welcomed by President Rebbholz.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Henry Strong swore in the following: Mel Gianotti representing Jay Fitzpatrick, SE Coast District, and Dave Kudro, FSA 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

**ROLL CALL:** Absent : President of Northern District (Pat King was present for Northern District), Jay Fitzpatrick, President of SE Coast District (represented by Mel Gianotti), President of Central District, David Earle (represented by Ruth Brown) and Treasurer, Jeannie Andrews

**MINUTES.** The minutes have been on the website for some time and the secretary indicated that under "Report from District Presidents that #3 should be Southeast District Add #6, Southern District- Elton Brown reported that the new building at the courts in Lee County should be started in June". Motion was made by Glen Monroe, seconded by Pat King to publish and amend. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's report was distributed. Motion was made and passed to file for audit.

**COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Rebbholz reported that the Treasurer had received a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Kissimmee Allstate Tourist Club which had disbanded. It was reported that the City had taken their 26 courts and it is now a park. President Rebbholz reported that his "thank you" letter had been returned and Glenn Monroe offered to deliver it to them.

**REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Henry Strong-Reported that he is disappointed in the state tournaments and the number of entrants that has decreased. He feels that his adopted Rules, Art. 4(g) has created problems with smaller fields and especially Ft. Pierce and Tropical Haven have been hurt. A lot of people don't know about the tournaments. We need to find a way to get people out.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Landy Adkins-Reported that the duty of gathering supplies for each District has been handed over to Dave Kudro as 3<sup>rd</sup> V. P.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President-Dave Kudro- Stated that he is excited about his new position and is willing to listen and do what is best for shufflers.

**REPORT FROM KEEPER OF RECORDS & WEB MASTER:** Ed O'Neal reported that he has distributed all new Previews. He stated that Clubs seem to be printing membership cards and that is fine. He had added a new link for Pictures and that is not being used. He prefers pictures to be high resolution.

**REPORT FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:**

1. West Coast District-President Bruce Fawcett stated that he has nothing to report.

2. Southwest Coast District-President Mike Marquis stated that their participation was dwindling and that they have gone to the yellow pages and contacted over 100 mobile home parks. They got over 100 participants and they are slowly introducing them to the game. He admitted that it takes work. He feels that the 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary publicity can help a lot.

3. Southern District-President Elton Brown reported that the Lee County courts have been worked on and are in good condition. They used Spectrum company for preparation and a paint company, Kurts to paint

the lines. He will get this information, as requested, to other Districts.

5. Southeast Coast District-President Jay Fitzpatrick was absent. Ken Offenberg reported that their season has not begun. He also reported that Jacques Bergeron will be returning to Florida this winter.

6. Central East Coast District-President Dick Stancipher stated that his District had their first tournament and had a decent turnout. Paul Reibold reported that Ft. Pierce lost most of their members after the 2004 hurricanes and many of them did not return to play. This summer a young attorney organized social play on Wednesday evenings and has attracted a good number of players, both young workers and some older ones.

7. Northern District-Pat King reported that their president, Stan Williamson has resigned. The District will have a meeting on Saturday. He stated that Holiday Travel Resort had changed from rough courts to smooth courts and Clermont had changed from rough courts to embedded heads. He said Tavernis tournaments contracts were down.

8. Central District-President David Fauce was absent and was represented by Ruth Brown. She stated that the turnout at the District tournament at Lakeland was down.

#### REPORTS ON STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. State Tournament Director: Glenn Monroe reminded Bradenton that they have two RED LINE tournaments and he will direct those. He asked all District Presidents to get photos of the winners of RED LINE tournaments for Ed O'Neal and the Preview.

2. Tournament Scheduling: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Henry Strong handed out Preliminary Schedules (2013-2014) to District Presidents ONLY. He has moved several dates and venues in order for some "snowbirds" to come later and leave earlier. He asked that any conflicts be reported to him or Earl Bakk. It was stressed by Glenn Monroe that this schedule not be handed out or copied as changes will be made. Landy Adkins stated that as a member of the Scheduling committee she had made her own schedule. It was suggested that she and Henry should work this out.

3. Preview Editor: Ed O'Neal stated that FSA has made a profit of \$5,000 from the Preview. It was noted that there are errors in the rotating schedule as printed and this will be checked out. He requested again that Districts list the physical location of their courts for the Preview when sending information to him. Paul Reibold noted that whoever sent him the schedule for CTCO had it completely wrong and that this should be announced at tournaments.

4. Executive and Finance: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Landy Adkins reported that she has nothing to report. However, she noted that on the schedule that the National tournament in Lake and was not listed. The board informed her that this tournament had not been approved as part of the FSA schedule.

5. Presidency: Nothing.

6. Auditing: It was reported that Anna Natali's health is not good and she should be contacted.

7. Hall of Fame: Mike Marquis reported that the banquet will be held at the Cerafynd by Marriott and is a very nice location. Tickets will be \$25.00 and are being sold by Pat King, Landy Adkins, Steve Raymond and Stan Kowalewski. Best Western Plus (tel. 888-888-8888) was selected with rates of \$75.00 for staffers. There are many activities taking place and note, rooms are limited. Other choices might be Motel 6 or Comfort Inn. Henry Strong stated that Roll of Champions pins will be presented at the HOF banquet instead of Lakeland in December. Bruce Lawren mentioned that the pins have been ordered.

8. Rules and Regulations: Henry Strong- Nothing to report.

9. By-Laws: Henry Strong reported that the By-Laws should be updated every 3 years and had not been

done for some time. He stated that our goal is to promote shuffleboard and that we have the money to hire a professional advertiser. Helen Biaggi read a letter that she has sent to mobile home parks. The Chamber of Commerce supplied her with names. Glenn Monroe stated that to change the by-laws in January they must be presented 10 days before the October meeting. A 2/3 vote would be required to start working on them now. Ed O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Ken Offenther to forego by-laws first reading of proposed changes in January in order to vote on them at the Spring meeting. Vote carried.

10. Master's Tournament: Mike Marquis stated all is going well. Tournament will be held at Palmetto.

11. Advisory Board: No one present.

Break at 10:25 AM

Meeting resumed at 10:45 AM

Unfinished Business:

Earl Ball stated that he is withdrawing his proposed changes to the schedule for now. Changes will be made a little at a time.

New Business:

1. Report from 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Stan McCormack, Chairman is still out of the country. Coleen Austin reported that the committee has been working all summer. A logo was designed and a banner was made. The cost is \$35.00 and each district should have one. There are promotional items for sale: mugs and pins-\$5.00, calendar and t-shirts-\$10.00. The money received will be donated for FSA publicity. A roster of Most Important Persons has been compiled to reflect special contributions to shuffleboard, either in play, service, etc. Pins will be presented to these persons (both past and present) at each tournament. Ken Offenther read a poem about shuffleboard written by Sarah Jones, Sun City. It was requested that the letter written by Helen Biaggi be sent to all District Presidents for use in promoting shuffleboard.

2. Request to change Tie-breaker rule: Helen Biaggi and Judy Ross wrote letters stating the reasons why they felt this rule was unfair. The secretary read the letter from Judy Ross. There was a lot of discussion as to the division of the money and how the tie winners were determined at the Masters in April with the women. The men were decided head to head without any problem but there were 4 ties with the women for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Glenn Monroe suggested that this be referred to the State Tournament Director for recommendation at the Winter meeting. Item was tabled until January meeting.

3. Letter from Coleen Austin nominating Ed O'Neal for HOF special awards was removed from the agenda because of non-compliance with the by-laws, however, Ed O'Neal asked to speak to the subject. He stated that someone other than a District President should be able to make such nomination and that the Board should rethink this provision. A 2/3 vote is needed to waive. Earl Ball made a motion that we waive the requirement for special award and discuss problem for this year and amend rule to say that the board and district presidents may nominate, seconded by Landy Adkins. Passed. Earl Ball made a motion to waive the rule that nominations must be in by September 1<sup>st</sup> and waive the requirement that District Presidents nominate special award and that nominations can come from the Executive Board and District Presidents. Seconded by Ken Offenther and passed. The secretary read the letter from Coleen Austin. Vote was taken by ballot to nominate Ed O'Neal into the Hall of Fame Special Award and passed. The Hall of Fame rules should be made a part of the official by-laws. Glenn Monroe stated that Standing Rule #11 is the only official rule that governs Hall of Fame. Earl Ball made a motion that page 7, #2, Hall of Fame Special Award say that each FSA Executive Board member and District Presidents be allowed one proposal for year and that all be included in Special Rule #11. George Adkins seconded the motion. 2/3 to discuss and passed. A vote of the board passed.

Lunch was served at noon by the Sebring Club.

#4. Henry Strong request that Rules and Regulations, Art. 4(g) (reducing places for small tournaments) be rescinded. Henry stated that most did not understand this rule and that it did not solve the problem of small fields. Henry made a motion that we return to the old way and reinstate the points (but not money) back to the first tournaments of the season and that if there are less than 16 players in the walking division at the Tournament of Champions, the state and national singles, that they would begin play on Monday and that all divisions would be non-walking. Motion was seconded by George Adkins. Discussion followed and a petition with over 100 signatures was presented. Steve Biaggi stated that board caused the small fields by splitting tournaments and now CECD and other small fields were being punished. Vote passed. Glenn Monroe made a motion that the motion passed by this board be temporarily extended to October 1 of this season, seconded by Pat King. Need 2/3 vote and passed. It was recommended that a committee be formed to work on a solution to the small field problem and report back to the Board. President Reholz appointed Glenn Monroe, Henry Strong and Landy Adkins.

#5. Glenn Monroe's request regarding the money schedule is moot for now.

#6. Henry Strong request to increase registration by \$1.00 per person was withdrawn.

#7. Secretary's request for recorder was approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Landy Adkins and seconded by Pat. King

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Reholz, FSA Secretary

NOTE: Winter (annual) Meeting: January 14, 2013 at Bradenton Courtyard by Marriott