

MINUTES
FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 15, 2022 - SEBRING, FLORIDA

OPENING: First Vice President Marti Noble called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed members and guests.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Prayer was given by Marti Noble followed by pledge.

OATH OF OFFICE: Marti Noble gave oath to Danny Czapiewski, West Coast delegate, Bob Robinson, Northern District delegate, Walt Bartels, Northern District President, and Greg Jones, newly-appointed FSA Treasurer.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Steve Raimondi made motion to add under New Business: "Player may play in two Districts." Greg Jones seconded and passed. Steve Raimondi also made motion to add under New Business: "Recommend not to cancel Amateur tournaments based on number of teams." Cindy Slaughterbeck seconded and passed.

ROLL CALL: All were present except for President Bob Hovatter, Secretary Linda Rebholz, and Phil Rebholz, Delegate Central East Coast District. Second Vice President Joyce Smith was present via face time; Rich Curtis represented Ron Vaughn for the Southeast Coast.

MINUTES: Cindy Slaughterbeck made a motion to accept minutes as posted. Glenn Monroe seconded and motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Marti Noble, Interim Treasurer, distributed the March – September 2022 Treasurer's Report. As of September 30, 2022, the check balance after expenses is \$10,080.87. Balance in Money Market Savings is \$8,686.52 for a total of \$18,676.28. Report was approved for audit. The audit of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 was completed, with no discrepancies found, and will be filed with the secretary.

Marti provided spreadsheets, along with a graph of income versus expenses, for the fiscal years 2016 – Present. These spreadsheets showed all Expenses and Income during these years showing where the money was spent. This was a report assigned to Marti by President Bob Hovatter to squelch rumors that the Board was "hiding money." Greg Jones has reviewed and agrees with Marti's report.

Greg stated that all federal and state tax exemption reports have been filed for this year. Club dues (court fees) must be submitted by January 20, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS: Nominations for special awards for Hall of Fame must be sent in by August 31 of each year to Hall of Fame Chairperson, Linda Rebholz, for discussion and vote at the FSA Fall meeting.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1st Vice President: Marti Noble reported that on April 3, 2022, the FSA Executive Board held a special meeting with Southern District President, John Jefferson. This meeting was requested by President Bob Hovatter relating to the 2022 Hall of Fame sponsorship monies received. The meeting Minutes were read and will be filed with the FSA Secretary. Greg Jones made a motion to file minutes. Cindy Slaughterbeck seconded and motion passed.

2nd Vice president: Joyce Smith – no report at this time.

3rd Vice President: Jan Cote – Tournament Director Supplies were provided for all the Districts. Glenn Monroe reminded everyone that these supplies are for State Tournaments only; Districts are responsible for their own supplies. Jan mentioned there is a book that Jerry Stannard has put together with post cards regarding shuffleboard from all over the country that he will be taking to share at each District.

REPORT FROM KOR/WEBMASTER: Please notify Glenn if your District has an Officer change. Greg Jones added that Glenn has made a change to the website so you can post something specific to your club that you want FSA members to know about.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

West Coast: No report.

Southwest Coast: Due to court damages from Hurricane Ian, P04A scheduled at Lee County will now be hosted by the Bradenton Shuffleboard Club.

Southern: There is only one club venue fit to play due to Hurricane Ian debris, and that club does not have cover from sun due to hurricane damage. John Jefferson made motion to add to the agenda to waive court fees for Southern District for the 2022/2023 season. Glenn seconded; motion passed.

Southeast Coast: Hall of Fame plans moving along well.

Northern: No report

Central: Paul Hawkins has taken the role of Central District President effective immediately.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Roberts Rules/Parliamentarian: There was discussion that much time is lost in meetings due to “chit chat.” It was explained that there must be a motion and a second to discuss such motion. Once seconded, Chairperson will go back to person who made the motion to elaborate. You are not allowed to discuss unless recognized by the Chairperson, and each member can be recognized a maximum of two times. Supplying your motion in advance, in writing, to the Secretary is the recommended process.

State Tournament Director: There are rumors that the Tournament Director is favoring players, especially with court assignments. Squash this rumor if you hear it, as it is not true. Central District uses a computer for court assignments, eliminating the possibility of favoring any player.

The two National Tournaments that were added to St. Pete and Clearwater are listed on our Florida State Open Schedule in “blue” as a courtesy to the National Shuffleboard Association. These are both weekend tournaments, and Florida points will not be awarded for playing in those tournaments due format modifications.

Tournament Scheduling: Marti reported the Tournament Scheduling Committee will meet on Saturday, November 12, 9:00 AM at the Sebring Recreation Club. All District Presidents, or their alternate, are requested to attend.

Preview: Previews are here. Please pay Greg and pick up and take back to your District.

Executive/Finance: No report.

Publicity/Marketing: No report.

Audit: Reported in Treasurer’s Report.

Rules/Regulations: Ten-day notices for By-Law changes are due ten (10) days prior to the October 2023 Fall meeting.

Hall of Fame: Rich Curtis stated everything is going well. Colleen Austin was present at this meeting and has been assisting the Southeast Coast with fliers, posters and tickets.

Colleen announced everyone will receive five (5) posters. Please remember, at end of ticket sales, you will need to return the money and/or unsold tickets. The Hall of Fame venue will be held at Century Village East Le Club; ticket price is \$35.00; see Ad on page 11 of the Preview.

Advisory Board: No report

Masters 2023: Steve Raimondi reported that Pam Hill will chair this event. There will be afternoon and evening practice the day before. Breakfast will be supplied and lunch available for purchase during the event. On the last day of the event, lunch will be catered free to players and Director and a charge, to be determined, for guests.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Greg Jones presented the two recommendations from the Finance Committee. Greg made a motion to rescind the \$10 annual membership fee. Ken Offenther seconded; Motion passed.

Greg made the following motion: Increase the entry fee from \$8.00 to \$10.00 effective October 31, 2022, for all State sponsored and Statewide shuffleboard tournaments providing the \$2.00 fee increase goes exclusively to the FSA. All divisions must be charged the same fee. Districts are authorized, at their discretion, to do the same up to \$10.00 for District tournaments. The National Shuffleboard Association is authorized to charge up a \$10.00 entry for their respective tournaments. Cindy Slaughterbeck seconded; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Points System:** Steve Raimondi made a motion to change points for State tournaments based on number of teams/players over 12 teams, 8-11 teams, less than 8 teams. Marti seconded. Bob Robinson made motion to lay on table until next meeting. Greg Jones seconded; motion tabled. Bob Robinson moved that the Chair appoint a committee to review the point system. Greg Jones seconded; motion passed. Volunteers for this committee are Steve Raimondi, Marti Noble, Joyce Smith, Ken Offenther and Nancy Sclafani. The Committee will meet and report in writing their recommendation at the March meeting.
2. **Budget:** Greg Jones will bring to the Spring meeting a budget for the next fiscal year that will include an itemized line-item listing what our expenditures and income will be. This budget will then be reviewed and approved by the full Board at that time for the next year and going forward.
3. **Redline Tournaments:** Joyce Smith made motion to eliminate redline tournaments. To correct the intent of this motion made by Joyce, Glenn Monroe amended the motion that red line tournaments to be cancelled for this current season only. Steve Raimondi seconded. Glen reamended the amended motion that the State "Sponsorship" for the P16 and P19 be eliminated for the current season, but the tournaments themselves will continue as the normal tournament. Greg Jones seconded. Reamendment passed. Discussion continued on Joyce's original motion as amended above; motion failed.

4. Marti Noble made motion to change in State and District tournament regulations in Article 1 paragraph c) the number \$2,000.00 be deleted and \$1,000.00 inserted. Cindy Slaughterbeck seconded; motion failed.
5. Preview Pages: Marti Noble reported there was confusion from some Districts regarding the number of Preview pages the FSA was paying for. This was discussed in past meetings but never finalized. For the 2022/2023 season, the FSA paid for four (4) Preview pages for each District.
6. Special Hall of Fame Nominations: Two letters of nominations were presented and read to the Board. Doris Hanke and Marti Noble were nominated. Board voted and both were elected to receive the Special Award into the FSA Hall of Fame.
7. Membership in Two Districts: Steve Raimondi made motion to allow players to belong to clubs in two different Districts and play tournaments in two Districts, but not collect points. Cindy Slaughterbeck seconded; motion failed.
8. Steve Raimondi made motion to not cancel a State Amateur tournament if players/teams are less than 10/12. Cindy Slaughterbeck seconded; motion passed. Marti Noble motioned to rescind change where Open and Amateur tournaments are held at the same time and location, the Amateur tournament will be held regardless of the number of entries. Paul Hawkins seconded; motion passed.
9. Ray Buck rescinded his motion made in March that travel reimbursement be made according to distance traveled.
10. John Jefferson made motion to waive court fees for Southern District for this season. This would be \$216.00. Cindy Slaughterbeck seconded; motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Glenn Monroe, seconded by Jan Cote. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Cincy Slaughterbeck, Interim Secretary for Linda Rebholz

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 Greg Jones, 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, Donald Gregory Jones is one and the same, and also known as Greg Jones.

Signed by:

Robert Hovatter AKA Bob Hovatter, President

Martha Noble AKA Marti Noble, 1st Vice President

Donald Gregory Jones AKA Greg Jones, Treasurer