

FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOC.

MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2023, SEBRING, FLORIDA

OPENING: Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

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

OFFICERS: Joe Inga was sworn in for Northern District and Tom Putnam, Alternate, southwest coast.

AGENDA: Motion was made by Ray Buck, seconded by Frank Niziolek to accept the agenda as posted.

ROLL CALL: Harold Comeau represented Bruce Shidler, Central District, president; Joe Inga, new president of Northern district; and Tom Putnam represented Nancy Sclafani, delegate, southwest coast district. Jerry Holbrook represented Southern district president, John Jefferson. All other officers were present.

Guest: There were 11 guests welcomed by the president

Minutes: Linda Rebholz made a motion to accept the Minutes as posted on the website, seconded by Phil Rebholz and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Greg Jones distributed the Report along with draft operating budget and consolidated financial statement. He reported that the organization made money due to the increase in the dues. Motion made by Don Rood to accept the treasurer's report for audit, seconded by Marti Noble and passed.

COMMUNICATION: Bob requested that everyone direct their remarks to the president and keep discussion to about 3 minutes. Committee reports should be submitted before the meeting.

REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1ST Vice President: Marti thanked Sebring for hosting the meeting and preparing the lunch. She said that Margaret Dear, the preview editor would be attending.

2nd Vice President: Joyce Smith had nothing.

3rd Vice President: Jan Cote requested that district presidents let her know about material needed for tournaments.

KOR/Webmaster: Glenn Monroe distributed an analysis of the tournaments by club.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

West Coast District: Steve Raimondi, Doing well, would like preview pages of tournament results.

Southwest Coast: Cindy Slaughterbeck: Her district is trying social events. They had 105 students at the school they conducted, and some were from other districts.

Southern District: Jerry Holbrook started that they are getting venues back from the hurricane. Ray Buck conducted two newbie tournaments and they had 43 teams.

Southeast District: Ron Vaughn reported an increase in amateurs and that they have two new venues, Palm Garden and Century Village of Palm Beach.

Central East Coast District: Greg Jones reported that Vero Beach Club is growing and that the district is ok financially. They are losing older players.

Northern District: Bob Robinson stated that they have had a change in leadership.

Central District: Don Rood stated there was a problem at Avon Park. Will discuss under old business.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Rules/Regulations: Glenn reported that 10-day notices will be due 10 days before the October meeting for Bylaws and 10 days before the January 2024 meeting for rule changes. Bylaw changes are reviewed every three (3) years and rule changes every two (2) years. Both will be voted on at the March meeting.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Glenn stated that the districts need to recruit tournament directors. He has had to direct quite a few tournaments this season.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: Marti reported that P02(B) was moved from Avon Park to Sebring because the club no longer wanted to host it. The District president will have to let the committee know before it could be changed back to Avon Park. Glenn Monroe made a motion, seconded by Greg Jones that this item be placed on the agenda under Old Business, and passed.

Marti stated that a FSA Tournament/District Reorganization Committee (Marti, Joyce Smith, Jan Cote, Henry Strong, Tom Winkelspecht) had been formed to look at how we can increase tournament participation while making play more equitable for all members. This may include district boundaries and tournament format changes. We are strictly in the discussion stages in hopes to bring this committee's recommendations to our October 2023 board meeting. Discussion was held and the committee decided that no further action will be taken.

PREVIEW EDITOR: Glenn Monroe made a motion to set aside the agenda to hear the proposal from Margaret Dear for the Preview, seconded by Marti and passed. Margaret's Proposal:

"Fee: \$1200, two-year commitment--purchase of software no longer necessary; Editor selects commercial printer based on same specifications as previous issues (paper weight, cover, ink, etc.); Editor insures issues are delivered for distribution at the October FSA meeting in Sebring; Preview Cost—currently price for this year's printing would be the same as last year—605 copies @ 6.02 each (124 pages.)"

She suggests that all submissions for the preview be processed through the treasurer. Greg Jones feels that we have preview coordinators for each district and that the FSA could benefit from its own Preview coordinator.

Motion made by Cindy Slaughterbeck to accept Margaret's proposal, seconded by Ron Vaughn and passed.

NOTE: THIS IS A RULE CHANGE. Standing Rule 8(f) Preview Editor/Lithographer's operating expenses (annual) shall be \$800.00)

EXECUTIVE/FINANCE: Greg stated that the FSA will no longer have to pay sales tax as he has received The Florida Sales Tax Exemption Certificate. He has filed all necessary reports to the IRS.

PUBLICITY: No report

AUDIT: Greg submits reports to the Audit committee.

RULES: Reported above

HALL OF FAME: Ron Vaughn reported that they appreciated all the help for the 2023 banquet. Greg Jones stated that Central East Coast will host the 2024 banquet at Tropical Haven. This mobile home park has been sold and he is hoping to work with new management. The clubs have made commitments to sponsor certain expenses.

ADVISORY BOARD: Phil Rebholz had nothing.

MASTERS: Tom Schile reported that everything is going well. They were not able to secure a suggested hotel and they were not able to secure better prices for groups. Greg Jones will work out the prize money.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Point System: Joyce Smith read the proposal of the committee to change the point system as follows:

12 or more teams-regular points

9-11 teams

Main	Consolation
1 st 4 points	1 st 1 points
2 nd 3 points	2 nd ½ points
3 rd 2 points	3 rd 12 points
4 th 1 points	4 th 0 points

0-8 teams

Main	Consolation
1 st 1 ½ point	1 st ½ point
2 nd ½ point	2 nd ½ point
3 rd ½ point	3 rd 0 points
4 th ½ point	4 th 0 points

Option: If the majority of the players agree, they may play singles to earn more points using the point system outlined above.

Joyce made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Marti . Ken Offenther made an amendment that "majority" be changed to "ALL" players, seconded by Steve Raimondi, and passed. Glenn made an amendment to add "NON WALKING" singles, seconded by Marti.

Discussion was had. Greg Jones made a motion to end debate, seconded by Bob Robinson and passed. The motion to change the point system, with amendments, failed.

12:00-12:30 Lunch.

2. BUDGET: Greg Jones made a motion to transfer funds from the money market to a CD in order to obtain a better interest rate, seconded by Ken Offenther and passed. Bob Robinson made a motion to approve the tentative budget as presented by the Treasurer, seconded by Cindy Slaughterbeck, and passed.
3. P02(A) -Avon Park: Don Rood made a motion that, pending approval of the Central District, P02(A) for 2023-2024 be returned to Avon Park from Sebring, seconded by Cindy Slaughterbeck, and passed.

OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED BY PHIL REBHOLZ AS FOLLOWS:

President: Bob Hovatter; 1st Vice President, Marti Noble; 2nd Vice president, Joyce Smith, 3rd Vice President, Jan Cote; Secretary, Linda Rebholz; Treasurer, Greg Jones; Keeper of Records, Glenn Monroe

NEW BUSINESS:

1. District/Amateur move up points: Glenn Monroe made a motion at the last meeting that Art.9A(2) and Art. 9B(2) (District Amateurs) be rescinded. After discussion, he said that he would withdraw the motion. He will discuss with the districts and submit a 10-day notice.
2. TOC pins and 500-point pins: Marti made a motion that the FSA Roll of Champions pin distribution, effective beginning the 2022-2023 season, for the top 24 recipients for both the Men's and Women's Divisions receive only one gold, one silver and one bronze in their lifetime, and that a special pin be awarded for those players achieving 500 points, seconded by Bob Hovatter. Glenn made an amendment that the 500-point pin be eliminated until cost to create a new pin could be determined, seconded by Cindy Slaughterbeck and passed. After much discussion, Marti withdrew her motion. The amendment was withdrawn.
3. Money to districts for HOF banquet—Marti withdrew the request.
4. Move annual meeting—Marti withdrew the request.
5. Incident Report: After guests left the room, Linda Rebholz read Incident Reports and a letter from the FSA president to a player regarding an incident at Tropical Haven. The player has been suspended from his home club, Wickham Park, for a year. The Player did not respond to any correspondence from his club or the president. All FSA protocols have been followed. Glenn Monroe made a motion to suspend Kerry Siler from all FSA or district tournaments, effective immediately and through September 29, 2024, seconded by Cindy Slaughterbeck and passed.

Gregg Jones requested that all Hall of Fame inductees let him know if they will be inducted at the 2024 banquet. Glenn noted that Rule 11(b) indicates that inductees may only defer to the next season (1 year). Gregg also reiterated that the FSA should have its own Preview Coordinator and Marti Noble volunteered for the position.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Raimondi, seconded by Glenn Monroe.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rebholz, Secretary