

MINUTES

FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 19, 2024

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with welcome by President Noble.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: The invocation was given by Ray Buck followed by the pledge.

OATH OF OFFICE: New board member, Alan Rosetti, president of West Coast District, was sworn in by Joyce Smith.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Ray Buck to add discussion of changing ½ point to 1 (one) point for consolation 4th place., seconded by Bob Robinson and passed. Motion to discuss “bobble head Dolls” was made by Joyce Smith, seconded by Bob Robinson, passed. Motion made by Joyce Smith to accept the Amended Agenda, seconded by Jan Cote, passed.

ROLL CALL: All officers were present with the exception of Ron Vaughn, president of Southeast District, Joe Inga, president of Northern District and Frank Niziolek, delegate West Coast District.

GUEST INTRODUCTION: There were three (3) guests present.

MINUTES: Linda Rebholz made a motion to accept the minutes of March 9, 2024 as posted on the FSA website, seconded by Glenn Monroe and passed.

TREASURERE’S REPORT: Mona Mapes distributed copies of the report for March 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMUNICATION: President asked that members be open minded regarding agenda items. She encourages everyone to use the website as it is the source of information from board members, etc. Also, if you receive an email from her requesting money, it is fraud/scam.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1st Vice President: Joyce has item for agenda.

2nd Vice President: Jan is looking forward to the new season

3rd Vice President: Kathy stated that if district presidents do not respond to her request regarding supplies, none will be distributed.

REPORT FROM KOR/WEBMASTER: Glenn stated that the Facebook page for shufflers is for shuffler members only.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

West Coast District: Alan Rosetti reported that they are doing well. Clearwater had flooding and damages have been resolved.

Southwest Coast District: Ron NurNberger reported that Bradenton has some courts that are being repaired. P05A Nationals, will be nonwalking only unless all courts are available. Tournament sponsored by the Miller Family with good prize money. Trailer Estates will be available, if there is parking.

Southern Coast District: Jerry Holbrook stated that they had minor damage at Lee County but has been repaired.

Central East Coast District: Tom Plumpton reported that one of his Clubs, Spanish Lakes Country Club which was hit by a tornado resulting in 7 deaths. The Vero Beach courts were heavily damaged. This district has been losing players and could be in financial distress.

Northern District: Bob Robinson said that the president was absent because this was the scheduled date for the district meeting. He reported that Leesburg lost covers but had been repaired.

Central District: Bruce Shidler stated that Avon Park has damage and Betmar is inaccessible because of water around the courts. Lakeland is also inaccessible because of park damage. Lots of shuffleboard parks have damage.

Southeast Coast District: Delegate Ken Offenther spoke for the absent president. Their season does not begin until a week from Thursday. They had no storm damage.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Roberts Rules/Parliamentarian: District presidents can certify district directors but the FSA board has to approve directors for state tournaments.

STATE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Glenn addressed low attendance at amateur tournaments. Motion made by Glenn to place on the agenda, seconded by Marti Noble, passed.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING: As chairman, Joyce Smith has called a meeting for the scheduling committee for December 14, 2024, to be held at Sebring. The District President, 1st Vice President or Delegate may attend.

PREVIEW EDITOR/LITHOGRAPHER: Marti Noble spoke on behalf of the Editor. She stated that the Editor will only work with the District Preview Coordinators. The information is to be relayed to her digitally, not paper. She needs the names of the District Coordinators in March.

EXECUTIVE/FINANCE: Mona stated that the amount of increase (\$3,000.00) which was to be added to the CD upon its maturity, cannot be accomplished pending bank issues. This will be addressed by the Executive board.

PUBLICITY/MARKETING: Covered by district presidents.

AUDIT: Was done by Terr Smith, report on file.

RULES/REGULATIONS: Glenn stated there is some confusion regarding shooting disc and discussion followed.

HALL OF FAME: Chairman Linda Rebholz asked Bob Robinson to report on the progress. Bob distributed tickets for the banquet to be sold and he need the numbers by December 28th. He stated that the hotel reservations should be made through Sharon Wilde. Meal (roast beef or chicken cordon bleu) cost has been reduced to \$15.00 and dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m.

ADVISORY: Phil Rebholz had nothing.

MASTERS TOURNAMENT: Bruce Shidler reported that the tournament is scheduled for Avon Park but information will be pending based on repairs of courts. Sebring will host otherwise.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 500 POINT PINS: Joyce Smith reported that the pins will be distributed at the President's Trophy tournament in Lakeland on December 2, 2024
2. Consolation points: Ray Buck made a motion that the ½ point given for 4th place consolation, with certain number of teams be increased to 1 (one) point, seconded by Jerry Holbrook. Tom Plumpton amended the motion to state there must be a 32 chart, seconded by Jerry Holbrook, amendment failed. Vote on original motion failed. (needed 2/3 vote)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nominating Committee: Marti stated that a nominating committee must be elected. Motion by Glenn Monroe to elect Ken Offenther as chairman and he is to appoint two additional members, seconded by Joyce Smith and passed.

2. Proposed Article 9 change: Glenn made a motion to revise Article 9, (b),2 to read: "Anyone coming to Florida from another State or Country where they are designated as an Expert, Master or Pro shuffleboard player will be ranked as a PRO in Florida. ANY FLORIDA AMATEUR EARNING EXPERT, MASTER OR PRO STATUS IN ANOTHER STATE SHALL, AT THE PLAYER'S DISCRETION, BECOME A PRO IN FLORIDA EITHER IMMEDIATELY OR AT THE NEXT NORMAL ADVANCEMENT DATE", seconded by Tom Putnam. Needed 2/3 vote, (for 10, no 7) Motion FAILED.
3. MINGLES/SINGLES TOURNAMENTS (RULES & REGULATIONS: Motion made by Bob Robinson, seconded by Glenn Monroe to add a new subsection "D" to Rule 3 to read, " A District may develop written rules to hold a Mingles (doubles) or Mingles/Singles (individual players draw a partner for each match). The maximum number of games any individual may play in one day shall be limited to 12 8-frame games, 8 12-frame games, or 6 16-frame games. All other playing rules shall be observed. The awarding of Article 9 points shall be at the discretion of the District." Motion PASSED with 2/3 vote (for 11, no 7).
4. PRESIDENT'S TROPHY ROTATION: Motion made by Ron Nurnberger to rotate the President's cup trophy tournament as the other tournaments with the seven districts and when it is not in the central district, the club will relinquish a tournament to Lakeland for that year only, seconded by Alan Rossetti. He amended the motion to say that any club must have at least 24 courts to accept, seconded by Tom Plumpton, and passed. The original motion, as amended, FAILED. Needed 2/3 vote (for 6, no 11)
5. ANY DOUBLES STATE TOURNAMENTS: Ron Nurnberger made a motion that would allow for any doubles in state tournaments, seconded by Bob Robinson. Ron amended the motion to read on a two year trial basis, Amendment passed. The original motion, as amended, passed with a 2/3 vote (16 for and 2 opposed).
6. GENDER AFFIRMATION: Marti noted that the question of allowing a male transgender to play in the women's tournaments has arisen. Discussion followed and the subject is tabled until the March meeting.

Lunch from 12:20 to 1:00 pm

7. HALL OF FAME NOMINATION: Marti read a letter from Ken Offenther nominating Ron Nurnberger to the FSA Hall of Fame, special award category. A paper ballot was taken, and Ron will be inducted at the January meeting.
8. BOBBLE HEAD DOLLS FOR HOF INDUCTEES: Joyce Smith stated that it was suggested that the FSA have the districts purchase these dolls for the inductees. The cost is around \$100.00 each. It was decided that as the FSA no longer has a

sponsor for these dolls, that if a district wants them, the FSA can provide the information to purchase.

9. **FORMAT FOR SMALL AMATEUR TOURNAMENTS:** Glenn made a motion that if less than 8 teams, a modified doubles tournament be allowed, seconded by Jan Cote. Glenn withdrew his motion. Glenn made a motion that if there are less than eight teams in a State Amateur doubles that the tournament director use his best judgment as to the format to allow all players to play, seconded by Ron Nurnberger and passed.

Bob Robinson asked to remove to the table, the discussion on gender affirmation, seconded by Tom Putnam. Motion failed.

ADJOURNAMENT: Motion by Glenn Monroe to adjourn, seconded by Bruce Shidler. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rebholz, Secretary

Florida Shuffleboard Assoc.