

MINUTES

FSA MEETING, MARCH 12, 2016

OPENING: President Landy Adkins called the meeting to order at 9:16 A.M. John Brown led the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

OATH OF OFFICE: Jan Cote, president-elect for West Coast District, Bob Smith new president of Southern District and Larry Brown, new delegate for Central District were sworn in.

ROLL CALL: Ron Vaughn, Southeast district coast president was absent. Jan Cote represented West Coast president, Steve Raimondi who was absent. All other board members were present.

GUESTS: Four guests introduced themselves and were welcomed.

MINUTES: Glenn Monroe made a motion, seconded by Pat King to accept the minutes as posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies were distributed. Jeannie stated that she has bills for some districts. Motion made by Dave Kudro, seconded by Phil Rebholz to accept for audit.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Landy Adkins stated that the Southeast Coast District has responded well to the problems. She commented on how well the amateurs were represented at the last Fort Pierce tournament. One amateur team came in second in the main. It has been a good year.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1ST Vice President: Dave Kudro stated that at the Betmar tournament last week, the sponsor was upset that the members were talking during his presentation. Dave noted that this has happened at other tournaments and asked that district presidents remind everyone to be courteous and polite when sponsors are giving their presentations. We cannot lose sponsors.

2ND Vice President: Pat King reported that tournament attendance has been up.

3RD Vice President: Bob Hovatter stated that he attended a state amateur tournament as an officer of FSA and would continue to do so. The board has been encouraged to do this to show their support of amateurs. We need to also support state pro tournaments by playing in other areas.

KEEPER OF RECORDS/WEBMASTER: Ed O'Neal reported that this is his last meeting as a member of the board. He stated that it has been fun and exciting. He also asked that in National tournaments, players list the state not club that they represent on their forms. Landy told Ed that he has done a fantastic job and it is appreciated. Larry Brown stated that when Ed was KOR for Central District that he had done a good job there. Ed stated that he will still be working but more for the Southern district.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

1. WEST COAST DISTRICT: President-elect, Jan Cote thanked the board for their dedication to shuffleboard. Delegate, Frank Niziolek said that the West Coast district has made progress under the leadership of Steve Raimondi whose term will be over. Membership is up in the three big clubs and they are getting new amateurs. The WC district is trying new things such as: one day tournaments and Saturday one day tournaments. Last year they had a promotional tournament on Saturday for amateurs with 170 players. This year, Clearwater will do this and the following year, St. Petersburg and there will be \$500.00 in prize money. Carl Rogerson has started an instructional league. Glen Peltier will no longer give lessons on Wednesday but Clearwater will do it. The district has started their own Wall of Fame at Clearwater with Geoff Bell and Steve Raimondi as inductees. They also have new board members.

2. SOUTHWEST COAST DISTRICT: Ron Nurnberger reported that they have had a good year. Jerry Everett did a referee school and they have 7 or 8 new ones. John Brown does schools and gives lessons. They will have their first Hall of Fame and have 29 inductees. They are going to do a Wall of Fame. He stated that they did establish a non profit 503C club. The city of Bradenton has "pop up activities" with millenniums (18 to 34 age group) and they give grants. There will be an event on April 1st at the Bradenton Shuffleboard Club.

3. SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Bob Smith stated that he has just become president. They are going to try some new things next year –maybe a booster club.

4. SOUTHEAST DISTRICT: Ken Offenther reported in the absence of the president. He said that Century Village is growing under Roger Smith and would like to have a state amateur tournament. Briney Breezes is also flourishing under Ron Vaughn. They are excited about hosting the state masters in April. This district has also seen an increase in attendance at last two state tournaments.

5. CENTRAL EAST COAST DISTRICT: Dick Stonecipher stated that the state masters tournament will be at Spanish Lakes Country Club next year. They have had a lot of new amateurs playing. Linda Rebholz reported on the status of the Fort Pierce shuffleboard courts. The news paper has reported that the City Commission is considering closing the courts. She has written the City Commission and visited the office of the City Manager but could not get an appointment for 3 weeks. She will correspond with the City Manager and try to get some answers.

6. NORTHERN DISTRICT: Donna King reported that they have new officers, one of which is a 2nd Vice President that they have not had for a while.

7. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Don Rood stated that they had inducted Larry Metzger and Chuck Moulton into their Hall of Fame. They also have two new tournament directors: David Earle and Dan Noble. The FSA had given them permission to try "2 for speed and 4 practice". There was some resistance but thinks players are beginning to like it. It speeds up the tournament by about one-half hour during a day. Winter Haven is doing well and the City of Winter Haven is behind the club and sponsoring some fun tournaments. He reported on the project of selling signs by Avon Park.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. State Tournament Director: Glenn Monroe had nothing.
2. Tournament Scheduling: Landy commended Pat King and Dave Kudro for all the work they had done. Pat reported that on Amateur Schedule 2016-2017 that A-02 and A-03 will switch dates. He reported that they are already working on schedule for 2017-2018 and that Monday, January 1st is a holiday and therefore, on Amateur Schedule, A-11 will start on Tuesday. The same will apply to Pro Schedule P-14A/B, (Sebring) to start on Tuesday. The rotation schedule had districts hosting two redline tournaments in the same season. They have corrected that beginning with 2018. Glenn Monroe stated that no schedules are to be released until they are on the website. They are subject to change and it causes confusion.
3. Preview editor: Ed O'Neal stated that Colleen Austin is learning the program, etc. and may be willing to take the position as Preview editor. He stated that the Agenda should separate the KOR/webmaster and Preview Editor reports. He questioned some items on the Minutes for October and was asked to do under Old Business. He stated that he has been doing lay-out and asked that "lithographer" be added to title of Preview editor and this will be taken up under old business.
4. Executive and Finance: Jeannie said books have been given to Terri Smith for audit.
5. Publicity & Marketing: Pat King had nothing to report.
6. Auditing: Terri not present—Dave reported will be done.
7. Hospitality and Banquet: Linda Rebholz reported the banquet in Fort Pierce was a success. Northern District will host next year. Pat King reported that Rob Robinson will be in charge of the banquet at Hawthorn.

Break from 10:00 am to 10:10 am

Landy stated that sign up sheets for the Masters will be at Avon Park and Lakeland. She stated that you must answer that you are willing to be an alternate.

8. Rules and Regulations: Committee: Dave Kudro, George Adkins and Bob Hovatter. The Notices were presented to the Board in groups

ONLY THE 10 DAY NOTICES WHICH PASSED WILL BE PRINTED

Group A.

TD#1-Committee recommended "no"-did not pass

TD#36-Committee had no recommendation

Replace C-20c as follows:

C-20c-No player shall shoot a disc which, in the judgment of the assigned Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director or Referee, is sufficiently hard as to pose a danger to the well being of spectators or other payers. PENALTY: 10 OFF. Since this is a judgment call, there can be no appeal.

Article 12, paragraph 3 to be removed in its entirety.

Vote: YES

TD #38-Committee recommended "Yes"

C.7-In Doubles, and non-walking singles, players must remain seated when play is to their end of the court until the last disc has been shot and comes to rest. PENALTY: 5 OFF except players can remove dead disks within 8" of the baseline, judge disks and retrieve dead disks that have gone onto other courts. In Walking singles, a player must not cross the baseline to proceed to the other end of the court until all discs are shot and stopped. PENALTY: 5 OFF.

Change: to be added "Players may remove dead discs from gutters."

Vote: YES

Group B.

TD#12-Committee recommended "yes"

Rule C-1c –In doubles, partners shall play on the same color at both ends of the court.

Change: Eliminate

Vote: YES

TD#17-Committee recommended "yes"

Rule C-3c-In WALKING SINGLES, after all discs are played, completing a HALF-ROUND, the players walk to the other end of court, or foot of court, and start play with color lead changed to BLACK. The players are to use their own alley to proceed to the other end of the court.

Change: Eliminate "The players are to use their own alley to proceed to the other end of the court."

Vote: YES

TD#18-Committee recommended "yes"

Rule C-5a-Players must not touch any part of body on or over baseline at any time while executing a shot. PENALTY: 10-OFF. (previously omitted).

Change: Eliminate

Vote: YES

TD#25-Committee recommended "yes"

Rule Art 1(b) The five annual tournaments as listed above shall be rotated among the seven (7) Districts as indicated in the following tabulation and the rotation shall continue similarly thereafter.

SCHEDULE OF STATE SPONSORED TOURNAMENT CHART

PRO DIVISION			AMATEUR DIVISION	
Singles	Doubles	Masters	Singles	Doubles

Change: Schedule of tournaments: Change "PRO DIVISION" TO "OPEN DIVISION" and all other applicable places in the Preview.

Vote: YES

TD#28-Committee recommended "no"-did not pass

Group C. TD #3,4,6, 7, 9- by-laws covered at October meeting

Group D.

TD#10-Committee recommended "yes"

Rule C3e.

Change: Statewide non-walking singles be changed to 16 frames or 75 points, whichever comes first, MAIN and CONSOLATION event divisions.

Vote: YES

TD#35-Committee recommended "yes"

Article 9(a)2 and Article 9(b)2

Change: Add to the end of the subject paragraphs: "Regardless of the foregoing provisions, no points or fraction thereof shall be awarded to any player who fails to win at least one match during the tournament".

Vote: YES

TD#39-Committee recommended "yes"

Article 7a

Change: Add after (or may group all bye or (sub bracket) players together) IN DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS ONLY,

Vote: YES

Group E. TD #5 Committee recommended "no" -did not pass; TD 6-by-law covered at October meeting; TD #2 & TD #8- committee recommended "no"-did not pass

Group F. TD# 11,13,14-Committee recommended "no"-none passed

Group G. TD# 15,16,19,20,21,22,23,24,26,27,29,30,31,32,33,34,37-Committee recommended "no"-none passed

9. By-Laws: TD# 6 was contingent on rule change #5 which did not pass.
10. Hall of Fame: Landy reported that she has two applications which have not expired (3 years)
11. Historian: Landy announced that Stan McCormack, the present historian has left Florida. She suggested John Brown who said that he would take it as interim until someone is found. Landy asked Ed to put the position on the website to see if anyone is interested.
12. Advisory Board: Phil Rebholz had nothing but praised the Board
13. Master's Tournament: In the absence of Ron, Ken stated that they are looking to having the tournament. He stated that the courts are slow but they will not beat them.

K. Unfinished Business:

1. Ed made motion to amend the Minutes of the October meeting. Under New Business, #3. "Dave made a motion to increase the amount to the Preview Editor for the year 2016-2017 to \$800.00 to be taken out of revenue," 2/3 vote received to proceed. Ed O'Neal make a motion that "2016-2017" and "to be taken out of revenue" be eliminated, seconded by Dave Kudro and passed.
2. Ed O'Neal made a motion that "Lithographer" be added to the title of Preview Editor (as he has been doing this job), seconded by Glenn Monroe and passed.

L. New Business:

1. Phil Rebholz did the swearing in of the new officers.
Glenn Monroe stated that although he was elected as-KOR/Webmaster, Ed will continue until October. The membership gave a standing applause to Ed O'Neal for a job well done as KOR/webmaster.

Dave Kudro made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pat King at 11:30 A.M.

Note: Lunch served by the Sebring Club followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Linda Rebholz, FSA Secretary

Meetings for next season:

October 15, 2016-Sebring

January 16, 2017-Hawthorn

March 11, 2017-Sebring