

FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION

SPRING MEETING, SEBRING, FLORIDA

MARCH 15, 2014

OPENING: The meeting was called to order by President Rebholz at 9:00 a.m. The invocation was given by Linda Rebholz, followed by the Pledge.

OATH OF OFFICE: Ron Nurnberger, new president of Southwest Coast District and Jerry Stannard, delegate for Southwest Coast District were sworn in by Ken Offenther.

ROLL CALL: All board members were present.

Seven guests were introduced.

MINUTES: The January minutes have been on the website. Motion made by Landy Adkins, seconded by Pat King to accept as posted. Motion carried. Secretary commented that the minutes are usually sent to the webmaster about 10 days after the meetings. Someone had suggested that the Agenda also be placed on the website and there was no objection to this so Ed O'Neal agreed to do that. Ed stated that he archives the minutes but some are missing and he will try to get them..

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeannie passed out the Treasurer's report Motion made by Dick Stonecipher, seconded by Jay Fitzpatrick to accept for audit. Motion carried. Jeannie will give the records to Dave Kudro for audit..

President Rebholz stated that the board has been working well together. He stated that the Zephyrhills Club would like another amateur tournament and the Sebring Club has requested another pro tournament. Requests were turned over to the Scheduling Committee. President also noted that he had a letter from Earl Ball's doctor that he cannot walk in the Masters and Jeannie Andrews stated that she and Judy Taylor also have letters.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1ST Vice President-Landy Adkins- Landy stated that next year the Scheduling committee will not accept any changes after the schedule has been accepted and approved by the board. She thanked the Central East Coast District for switching with Southeast Coast District for the redline and felt this would help both districts. She stated that since Central District is doing such a good job recruiting amateurs that if they are prepared to do so, the committee will schedule Zephyrhills Club as a split with Riverwood as A-15. Motion to allow this was made by Dave Kudro, seconded by Pat King and carried.

2nd Vice President-Dave Kudro- Dave questioned if the 100th year anniversary committee is still operational and Ken Offenther (who was a member) replied that it is not. Dave questioned the plan for the funds in excess of \$4,000 that remain.. Ron Nurnberger stated that Stan

McCormack is open for proposals for promoting shuffleboard which is the intended use of the funds.

3rd Vice President-Pat King- Pat asked if all districts are satisfied with the supplies that they receive. Pat stated that his district had a large number of Previews left over. It was suggested that they be given to other clubs, that they be given to sponsors or given to Central District for use at amateur tournaments. Pat also reported that Dick Murray had passed away.

REPORT FROM KEEPER OF RECORDS: Ed reported that he had nothing but he has issued a lot of new FSA numbers.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

1. WEST COAST DISTRICT: Steve Raimondi reported a 10% increase in members. He felt his Fun Days was a success on Saturday but not on Friday night. He learned that a lot of advance publicity is required. He stated that they are still working on the data base and will be using e-mail instead of U.S. mail which is very expensive. St. Petersburg will be hosting some district tournaments next year.

2. SOUTHWEST DISTRICT: Ron Nurnberger reported that they had more amateurs for the Masters. Last season John Brennan and Jerry Everett gave lessons at different clubs and felt that had helped.

3. SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Ray Buck reported that the numbers are good. Helen Biaggi stated that they had gotten 5 new affiliated clubs last year but lost 4 of them. Players only want to play in their parks and not in tournaments. They have decided to have "2 pros and no 2 roll of champion players" in some of their tournaments.

4. SOUTHEAST DISTRICT: Jay Fitzpatrick reported that Briny Breezes has been redoing their courts and may host next years Masters. They may also do the State Masters when it is Southeast districts rotation in 2015-2016.. They are trying to speed up the games by using 2 for speed and 4 for practice. Century Village has a new English speaking club and may hold a tournament next year. They district did a Fun Day with food, etc. but no shuffleboard to try to socialize the French and English speaking people.

5. CENTRAL EAST COAST DISTRICT: Dick Stonecipher had nothing to report although it was noted that the last tournament had a 30% increase in men participants and a little increase in the ladies.

6. NORTHERN DISTRICT: Donna King reported that Deland hopes to have their new building completed in June or July and that Vernis may be a new club.

7. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Bob Marshman stated that they are trying new things . At their amateur tournaments they gave out 600 packets, etc. He reported on the numbers at their tournaments and their Hall of Fame one day tournament. They have been using the bunched byes and have eliminated one day of play. They are using modified doubles and mingles singles. Will be using 16 frame games instead of lagging for third game at tournaments with the exception of Betmar.

NOTE: List of new committees was passed out by the president.

REPORTS ON STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

1. STATE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Glenn Monroe was not present but sent reports by Ed O'Neal. He read from Glenn that he is receiving feedback regarding the formula used to pay the \$25 increase to tournament directors. Glenn reported that the extra \$25 was to be deducted from the \$1.00 per player increase and the remaining amount was to be split evenly between the FSA and the host club. Some believe that the extra \$1.00 is to be split evenly between the FSA and the host club with the entire \$25 being deducted from the State share. This must be resolved. (Secretary's Note: Glenn's report was lengthy and I will not quote all.) There was a lot of discussion with no clear answers. A motion was made to table by Ed O'Neal and seconded by Jeannie Andrews. Ed also relayed from Glenn that he had complaints regarding slow play. Glenn reminded players and directors that remedy for such intentional acts can be found in Rules C-14 and C-19 and should be applied where indicated. It was agreed that the Financial Form will be deleted from the Preview.

Break: 10:10 a.m. To 10:20 a.m.

The President stated that there was a question about the motion to table and it was not voted on. Ed O'Neal amended his motion. Motion to table for the rules committee and Glenn Monroe to study and report at the October meeting, seconded by Steve Raimondi and carried.

2. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING: Landy had already reported on this. She stated that Dave Kudro and Pat King will be helping as the scheduling committee. Dick Stonecipher suggested that someone let incoming district presidents know their duties regarding scheduling. Etc. Jerry Stannard stated that he would like to see the Tournament of Champions moved from Clearwater to another venue for more participation. Some discussion followed--noted that it is played there because of covered courts.

3. PREVIEW EDITOR AND WEBMASTER: Ed commented on the new club in New York. He stated that he needs photos of winners of redline amateur tournaments. He also reported that most of the FSA income is from the preview ads. He stated that this is our main marketing tool. The forms to be used for the district masters tournaments are on the website.

4. EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE: Jeannie reported that the books are being given to the auditing committee. She stated that all districts have paid and there is sufficient money in the account with no large bills pending.

5. PUBLICITY & MARKETING: Jeannie stated that most clubs are doing a good job. Some clubs are getting some good newspaper coverage.

6. AUDITING: No one present

7. HOSPITALITY AND BANQUET: Jay Fitzpatrick stated that the Southeast District will be hosting the Hall of Fame banquet and he has made arrangements for accommodations at the Roadway Inn for \$79.00 per night. He has booked 25 rooms and Quality will provide if more rooms are needed. This is a shuffleboard rate and must be noted when making reservations.

Roadway Inn also has banquet facilities and tickets will be \$34.00. Choices will be roast beef, chicken or baked fish. There will be hors d'oeuvres (included in ticket price) and a cash bar. The Rodeway is about 15 minutes from the courts. Rodeway will offer a door prize of one free night. The Southern District was complimented on their banquet this season.

--President noted that all District Presidents should get a list of District Tournament directors to Glenn Monroe.

8. RULES & REGULATIONS: George Adkins had nothing to report but suggested everyone read the State Tournament Directors page on the website explaining rules.

9. BY-LAWS: George stated that page 4 explains what is involved and required to make changes to the by-laws. He has one requested change for the committee to review. He wants John Brennan be a part of this committee.

10. HALL OF FAME: Landy reported that there will be four (4) player inductees and the president's award next January.

11. HISTORIAN: Stan McCormack could not be present but asked the secretary to present his request that the 100th Anniversary committee be recognized as part of the FSA history.

12. ADVISORY: No one present

13. MASTERS TOURNAMENT: Steve Raimondi had given a report from Carl Rogerson to the President. The secretary read from the report that 3 motels are suggested: Ramada Inn Bayside, Fairfield Inn and Holiday Hotel. Lunches will be served daily for a fee and a banquet on Thursday will require a ticket. There will be practice on Saturday and Sunday from 1pm to 4pm. There is motor home parking for a fee.

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jay Fitzpatrick reported on an incident at Hollywood during the state tournament when 2 players wanted to finish a game which had started before 4pm and 2 players did not. There is no official rule as to time to stop so he used his district rule. The state tournament director does not want to set a time as the state has always played until dark if players wanted to. Glenn Monroe told him it was the tournament directors discretion. Board felt that there should be no set time but leave it to be until dark. There was some concern about the upcoming Lakeland tournament which is a large tournament and there is a prediction for rain. Some districts begin their Masters on Wednesday.

2. Steve Biaggi stated that he had contacted the president regarding a rule change he was submitting and was told it was a 10 day notice and would require a 2/3 vote to be discussed at the meeting. Steve read his notice which he had emailed to board members previously. A motion to discuss was made by Jay Fitzpatrick and seconded by Landy Adkins. Vote failed to reach the required 2/3 needed to discuss. However, David Earle felt that since Steve's name was on the agenda, this constituted an agenda item and did not need 2/3 vote to discuss. Much discussion

followed as to how items were placed on the agenda and what could be discussed. A rule change can be requested by 10 day notice or put on the agenda, if not on the agenda, a 2/3 vote is required to discuss.

LUNCH BREAK-12 NOON---MEETING RESUMED AT 12:35

3. George Adkins stated that the Rules committee had received three 10 day notices but he only had one 10 day notice to present to the Board. TD1 submitted by John Giumarra:

Existing Referring to women as ladies in printed materials and in tournaments.

Change: Refer to women as women not ladies

Rationale: a. men are called men, not gentlemen; b. other sports teams refer to women as women; c. women would rather be referred to as women; d. this is 21st century and does not seem appropriate now.

Motion made by George Adkins to pass, seconded by Landy Adkins and failed.

George stated that TD2 only applied to the Northern District and TD3 which requested a change in the state meeting date would be a change to the bylaws. This will be studied by the Bylaws committee and presented in 2015.

4. Ed Oâ€™Neal had requested that the Southern District be permitted to use bunched byes under the pilot program being used by the Central District. President felt his request should be discussed. Ed stated that under this chart, most players had no wait the first day of a tournament. Bob Marshman made a motion that all districts who wanted to use bunched byes in their tournaments be allowed to do so, seconded by Landy Adkins and passed.

Officers were installed by Ken Offenther.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rebholz

MARK YOU CALENDAR: FALL MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 18, 2014