

Minutes

FSA meeting-October 17, 2015

Sebring, Florida

The meeting was called to order by President Landy Adkins at 9:00 am. Invocation was given by John Brown followed by the Pledge.

Roll call by Secretary Linda Rebholz. Board members absent were Ron Vaughn, president, SE District and David Earle, delegate for Central District. Ruth Brown, Alternate was present for Central District. There were 9 visitors present and were welcomed.

President Adkins introduced Helen Biaggi and announced that she had reached her 200 points at a tournament they played together.

Minutes: Secretary stated that minutes had been on the FSA website. Dave Kudro made a motion to accept as posted, seconded by Jeannie Andrews and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jeannie stated that the report had been given to each board member. Dave Kudro made a motion to accept for audit, seconded by Pat King and carried.

President Adkins commented that she is excited to begin her term as president and hopes to do a good job. She will support shuffleboard and anyone can communicate with her or members of the board.

Reports from Executive Board:

1st vice president--Dave Kudro-- welcomed everyone and thanked Landy for her participation in shuffleboard. He is hopeful that we will continue to have new players and share new ideas.

2nd vice president-Pat King—stated that at a recent tournament there had been a confrontation and warned players not to put their hands on another player. He also stated that players should be more careful with hard shooting and flying disks.

3rd vice president—Bob Hovatter—stated that he had new material for the districts and asked that they let him know if they need new charts.

Report from Keeper of Records: Ed O'Neal stated that he has had this job since 2008 and after the 2015-2016 season that he will be stepping down. "There have been several internal changes in the website. About a year and a half ago, GoDaddy announced they were discontinuing their support of 'Front Page Forms' for the FSA website so I set up a link to the SOU website for tournament reports. More recently they discontinued their support of the 'Access' database, so I switched from GoDaddy to 'WinHost' as our host/server, changed the editor software from 'Front Page' to 'Expression Web 4', and developed brand new procedures for searching the database. Now GoDaddy has discontinued 'Front Page' for the SOU website so that link is gone. Temporarily, for Tournament Reports I have substituted a manual form, however, I am currently looking at a Form Builder software package and hope to have something

better soon. Also, because of this 'Front Page' problem, 10 day notices sent between April and October may not have been received, and they might need to be sent again."

Landy thanked Ed for his years of service and the good job that he has done. She thanked the board for their help. She announced that Glenn Monroe has agreed to take on the position of KOR/webmaster when Ed retires.

Reports from District Presidents:

1. West Coast District: Steve Raimondi stated that the ISA tournament will be held at Clearwater on October 26-30. Kathy Brennan has worked hard at getting things organized. He also stated that Glen Peltier will start his classes on November 4. Also, Pinellas Park has upgraded their facilities under their president and players have increased about 30%. Mary Eldridge has been promoting and teaching shuffleboard.
2. Southwest Coast: Ron Nurnberger reported that attendance has increased for their first 2 tournaments. Their webmaster has been working with Ed O'Neal. Bradenton has gone to singles/mingles on some tournaments. The district also voted to have their first Hall of Fame and Jerry Stannard is working on implementing it. He announced that John Brown is going into his 19th year of writing articles for the paper and Ron thanked him. He reported that Mel Erb, a long time player who is battling cancer will be moving north. Dave Kudro gave a report on Mel's health. Jerry Stannard stated that the district has used bunched byes.
3. Southern District: Ray Buck reported that their first 3 tournaments compare to last year. They will be using the money from the 100th Anniversary Committee for a one day open tournament in December or January for amateurs who have never played in a tournament.
4. Southeast Coast District: In the absence of the president, Ron Vaughn, who is still up north, Ken Offenther stated that their season does not begin until November. They used money from 100th anniversary committee at Pompano Beach this summer and had new people play. There are some problems with the city of Pompano Beach and Keith Sutton is working on that.
5. Central East Coast District: Dick Stonecipher reported that their first 2 tournaments had shown increase in attendance. They are going to try the singles/mingles again this season at tournaments where there are more courts to see how it works
6. Northern District: Pat King had nothing to report.
7. Central District: Don Rood stated that their 2 tournaments had shown increase in players. They were given permission by the board to try a new practice format--2/4-- and "the jury is still out" on that

REPORT OF STANDIND AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

1. State tournament Director: Glenn Monroe commented on the problem with slow play at a recent tournament. He would like to address this later.
2. Tournament Scheduling: Dave Kudro reported that the Preliminary schedule for 2016-2017 is done. There are some changes: P-03 will be Mixed; A-11 will be held at Winter Haven

and A-05 will be held at Riverwoods. There will be no lunches at Port Charlotte. He warned the District Presidents not to distribute this schedule but to check to see if there are any more changes . This schedule will be voted on at January (winter) meeting.

3. Preview Editor and Webmaster: Ed O'Neal reported that there are no over runs on the Preview. He stated that this is the 5th year and he has included the 5 year summary. Also this is the 7th year for honoring districts and he would like to try something different. He also stated that affiliated clubs should be given their free copies. He stated "I will continue as Preview Editor for the 2016-2017 season if necessary but starting now, we need to look for a replacement. We need to offer a better incentive than the current \$400.00 operating expense. It should be raised to at least \$800.00 to attract someone from within our membership. " Glenn noted that there is a misprint for Rule 8.A (tournament director fee) . Also the board had requested that the flags on the FSA web page be changed to Florida and U.S. flags only. These changes will be made.
4. Executive and Finance: Jeannie stated that there is \$45,786.64 in the treasury and we should consider some ways to use.
5. Publicity: Pat King had nothing
6. Audit: Terri Smith was absent but the books have been audited and given to Jeannie..
7. Hospitality and Banquet: Linda Rebholz reported that the Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at Rinelli's Yellow Tail near the courts. The cost will be \$28.00 with a choice of 4 entrees. There will be hors d'ouvres from 5:30 to 6:30 with dinner at 6:30. She also reported that she had contacted 2 hotels and Comfort Suites is suggested at \$79.99 plus tax. She will book a block of rooms.

Break from 10:00 to 10:20 aM

8. Rules and Regulations: George Adkins reported that there are 10 day notices on the website. These are due by January 1st and the districts should distribute to their players to look over. These will be voted on at the March (spring) meeting.
9. By-Laws: George stated that there were four 10 day notices submitted prior to October 1. These are Nos. 3,4,6 and 7 to be read and discussed today and will be voted on at the January (winter) meeting.

Notice No. 3-- Article V11-Duties of Officers(c) As promptly as possible following the election, the President shall appoint all standing committees, and become an official member of each. Change—To be added: with the exception of the nominating committee, which will be elected by the voting body of the FSA. The President shall not be a member of the nominating committee. There was a lot of discussion .

Notice No. 4-- Article IV-Election of Officials. The election of Association officials shall take place at the time of and at the place of the Annual Meeting, as set forth in Article IX of the By-Laws. Change: Election to take place at the Spring (March) meeting. The slate provided by the nominating committee shall be presented at the Winter (January) meeting and shall

be posted on the internet. Nominations from the floor shall be made at the Spring meeting at the time of the election. There was much discussion and Glenn suggested that this could be met by posting the slate on the website. There was a 2/3 vote to discuss amending this notice and Steve Biaggi made a motion to amend the notice to read: The nominating committee shall post the slate of officers on the FSA website no less than 30 days prior to the January (winter) meeting, seconded by Ray Buck and carried.

Notice No. 6-- Article IX-Annual meeting. The annual business meeting of the association shall be held on a date between January 1st and 31st of each year, and shall be set by a meeting of the association for a date and at the place and within the period of dates set for the annual state sponsored singles tournament, the tournament host club to arrange for suitable and private quarters in which to conduct the meeting. Change: Remove: and shall be set by a meeting of the association for a date and at the place and within the period of dates set for the annual state sponsored singles tournament, the tournament host club to arrange for suitable and private quarters in which to conduct the meeting. It was discussed that this does not make sense without the rule change that Steve is submitting in January. It was decided that this would be voted on at the January meeting after the rule change has been discussed.

Dave Kudro asked for clarification as to when a rule change can be brought before the board. It was explained that anyone can ask, under New Business, for a vote to discuss an issue. If 2/3 vote passes, it can be discussed.

Notice No. 7--Article VII9-Duties of Officers(g)- in the event a President or board member becomes deceased while in office, up to \$25.00 could be spent for flowers, etc. Change: Remove: \$25.00 replace with \$50.00.

10: Master's Tournament: Ken Offenther reported that Ron is hoping this will be a first class tournament at Briney Breezes on A1A. They are hoping that players will travel to the southeast coast. Ron will be working with Bob Smith who coordinated last year's masters at Lee County. It was suggested that the committee research moderate hotel prices and also check for RV parking.

12: Advisory Board: Phil Rebholz commented that it was nice to be able to sit on the side of the board. Everyone is doing an excellent job and he is happy to see officers move up.

Landy introduced Don Noble, President of the Sebring Club, who advised that there are a lot of old items in the museum and asked the District Presidents to check out the items so that the room can be cleaned.

11. Historian: Not present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Glenn Monroe stated that there had been questions regarding the district boundaries. There was a map in the 1992 Preview but the maps available are not clear. He would like to see the districts discuss this and report next spring. Landy advised that Dave Kudro will handle this.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES CONTINUED:

12. Hall of Fame (special award) Landy excused herself and Dave Kudro read letters for three nominees:

1. Jack Wooten nominated by Pat King
2. Stan McCormack nominated by Bob Marshman
3. George Adkins nominated by Jeannie Andrews. Note: George was asked to leave the room. Note: All non-voting members were asked to leave the room

Glenn Monroe stated that the by-laws –Rule 11.C—currently states that the vote may be for only one nominee with 12 votes required. Landy would like to see 2 inductees but that would take an exception to the rule. There has been 2 exceptions in our history where there had been two inductees but no one knows how this came about. Glenn stated that if this is to insure a banquet, the board could vote to have the banquet with one inductee. Jerry Stannard made a motion to discuss a change to the rule for this year only, seconded by Jeannie Andrews. After discussion, a vote was taken and did not pass. Only one nominee will be voted on. There has to be majority of votes cast (21). Ballots were passed out. There was not a majority of votes (11) cast for one person so there will be no one going into the Hall of Fame.

Break for lunch from 12:10 until 12:45

Glenn advised that Landy and George should have been in room for discussion and allowed to vote on the 2 inductees change. There must be discussion and vote must be taken over. Landy felt we would have a better banquet if there are more inductees. There was discussion that since there are three nominees, it is difficult to get the required votes for one person. Rule needs to be addressed for the future. Jerry made motion to allow 2 inductees for this year only, seconded by Jeannie Andrews, did not pass. It was discussed that we accept the highest number of votes for a nominee but we would have to amend Rule 11C-7 which requires a majority. Motion made by Ed O'Neal to discuss to amend rule to allow for highest number of votes for this year only, seconded by Don Rood and passed. Jerry Stannard says we are changing too many rules today. Landy asked for show of hands to change rule for this year only, motion passed. It was decided that the ballot vote taken earlier was legal. It was reported that the highest number of votes went to Stan McCormack who will be inducted as a special award.

New Business:

1. Ken Offenther stated that in the past, when players obtained their 200 points to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, they had to wait until the following January (14 months) to be inducted. Helen Biaggi just made her points. Ken made a motion to allow discussion to change the rule to allow Helen Biaggi to go in this January, seconded by Jerry Stannard. Motion passed. The reason

for this rule was that in the past record keeping took longer and also in the past, players were elected. It was discussed that the player should have the right to choose which date to be inducted. Ken's motion was amended to include option of the player. Motion by Ken Offenther to change Rule 11A.2 to allow eligible players making points between October 1st to January 1st to be inducted into the Hall of Fame that season, with the player having the right to postpone their induction until the following January, seconded by Dave Kudro and passed.

2. Ray Buck made a motion to discuss increasing the price of the Preview to \$2.00, seconded by Jerry Stannard. After discussion about the amount of money that is generated by the Preview, etc. , Ray rescinded his motion.
3. Dave Kudro made a motion to discuss raising the money to the Preview Editor from \$400 to \$800, seconded by Ken Offenther, passed. Dave stated that in order to get a replacement, this increase would be an inducement . Landy asked for a show of hands to discuss and received 2/3 vote 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, seconded by Ron Nurnberger and passed.
4. Jerry Stannard made a motion to discuss bunching of byes. Motion failed.

Motion made by Dave Kudro, seconded by Jeannie Andrews to adjourn at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Rebholz, FSA Secretary

Note: Winter meeting—January 18, 2016 at Ft. Pierce; Spring meeting—March 12, 2016 at Sebring