

## MINUTES

FSA MEETING, JANUARY 18, 2016

OPENING: The meeting was called to order by President Landy Adkins. Invocation was given, followed by the pledge.

OATH OF OFFICE: Jan Cote, West Coast District State Delegate and Bob Marshman, Central District President, were sworn in.

ROLL CALL: Absent board members were Don Rood, Central District President and Frank Niziolek, West Coast State Delegate, who sent representatives.

Seventeen guests were introduced and welcomed.

MINUTES: Motion made by Pat King, seconded by Glenn Monroe to accept as posted on the website

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies handed out. Motion made by Ken Offenther, seconded by Glenn Monroe to accept for audit.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Landy Adkins had nothing.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President Dave Kudro-Nothing

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Pat King- Thanked all for playing in the tournament today.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Bob Hovatter-Nothing

REPORT FROM KEEPER OF RECORDS-Ed O'Neal-There is a new tournament report form on the website and some seem to be having trouble with the attachment. The tournament director should keep a copy of the results and send the results to him by Wednesday if possible as he may be involved in a tournament on Thursday and cannot get results on the website until the weekend.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENT:

1. West Coast District-Steve Raimondi-stated that he is not responsible for the HOF pins. There was a misunderstanding.
2. Southwest Coast District-Ron Nurnberger stated that they have three masters. They have also started a District Hall of Fame headed by Jerry Stannard.
3. Southern District-Ray Buck stated that Dianna Allen has been inducted into their District Hall of Fame, for special award. Last week end they had their amateur tournament for those who have never played in a tournament before. They had 64 participants. This was using funds from the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee that they received last season.
4. Central East Coast District-Dick Stonecipher thanked everyone who participated or had a part in the tournament now being played at Fort Pierce.

5. Southeast Coast District-Ron Vaughn stated that they are hosting the state masters in April at Briney Breezes. He had a hand-out regarding hotels and directions to the courts. Landy asked him to look into parking for motorhomes.
6. Northern District-Donna King reported that they have 41 new members.
7. Central District-David Earle reported that we need to support the amateur state tournaments. There is never a representative from the FSA or the Hall of Fame at the welcome as we do at State Pro Tournaments . Stan McCormack would like the name of Juanita Harrell attached to a tournament in the Preview. This is a national tournament (A07) played at Avon Park . The name was approved by Sandi Quinn, National President. Landy stated that there should be a national representative at that tournament. At the Winter Haven State Amateur tournament there was no state representative and Landy stated this would be rectified.

#### REPORTS ON STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

1. State Tournament Director-Glenn Monroe -Nothing
2. Tournament Scheduling-Dave Kudro and Pat King had passed out Proposed schedules. Dave stated that there had been a problem at Boynton Beach (P-09) where the tournament director did not appear. This tournament is being given to Sebring who had wanted another tournament. He wanted the Southeast Coast District to be able to explain what happened, etc. Landy Adkins explained that this was being done because at the Boynton Beach tournament, the director did not show and since he had all the materials there was a lot of confusion. Board members who were there to play had to get the tournament started. Nancy Gruber, an assistant director, then ran the tournament with continued help. Landy stated that she called the Southeast Coast District President, Ron Vaughn, and explained why this tournament was being taken away. Ron apologized and stated that the director had health and other problems. He thanked those who had helped with the tournament. He explained that steps were being taken to ensure it does not happen again. Jay Fitzpatrick will become the tournament director with a back up and duplicate material will always be available.. There will also be training by Jay. Glenn Monroe, State Tournament Director stated that he has spoken with Jay and emphasized that materials must always be accessible for a tournament . Ron said this would never happen again and asked that this tournament be given back to Southeast Coast District but held at Briney Breezes because of other concerns at the Boynton Beach location. Briney Breezes only has 14 courts but this is a small tournament and should be sufficient. They have the necessary amenities and should have helpers. Southeast Coast District only has two tournaments and would like to keep those two. Ken Offenther stated that the Southeast Coast District once had three tournaments but was cut to two. Also with split tournaments it has created low turnout. He also requested that the tournament remain in the Southeast Coast District. Dave Kudro stated that they had made a good presentation and felt they should be given another chance. He made a motion that P09B revert from Sebring and back to Southeast Coast District to be played at Briney Breezes with the stipulation that if problems occurred again, that it would be taken away, seconded by Steve Raimondi. After some discussion, the motion passed.

Dave asked if there were any other changes to the proposed schedule and Ron Nurnberger questioned the tournament (P-13) at Bradenton starting on December 27 and A-10 starting on December 26, which is a Tuesday. Agreed that these two tournaments start on December 27. Some questioned if starting tournaments on Tuesday is starting a precedent but board agreed that this has been done before. Bob Marshman questioned A-13 starting on Thursday. Board stated that this has also been done before. A-11 is scheduled for Winter Haven again. Glenn Monroe stated that with the rotation A-11 should go to the West Coast. Steve will check to see if District wants it. If not, it will follow the rotation. Motion made by Jeannie Andrews to accept schedule, as amended., seconded by Pat King, motion carried.

3. PREVIEW EDITOR AND WEB MASTER- Ed O'Neal stated that the new preview coordinators in the district have to be approved by the district president. He asks that district presidents let him know who their coordinators will be. Ed also reminded everyone that he would not be on this board next season as he is retiring as KOR. He stated that he is supposed to get the motions from the secretary to put into the Preview.
4. EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE-Jeannie Andrews has nothing
5. PUBLICITY & MARKETING-Pat King has nothing
6. AUDITING-Dave Kudro stated that the audit has been certified
7. HOSPITALITY AND BANQUET-Linda Rebholz stated that the banquet will be in the Northern District in 2017.
8. RULES & REGULATIONS-George stated that the 10 days notices for Rules should be passed around in the districts for everyone to read. These will be voted on at the March (spring) meeting. Ed O'Neal stated that he has indexed and categorized the 10 day notices and that they are on the website. Landy stated that there are 39 -10 day notices and hopes everyone will be prepared in March.
9. BY-LAWS-George stated that the four 10 day notices pertaining to the By-laws were read at the October meeting. These were Notice # 3, 4, 6 and 7.

Steve Biaggie, who submitted these notices read #3 as follows:

Section 2, Article VII –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.

Rationale: Roberts Rules reads as follows: “On designation of Nominating Committee:-The nominating committee should be elected by the organization wherever possible, or else by its executive board. Although in organizing a new society it may be feasible for the chair to appoint the nominating committee, in an organized society the president should not appoint this committee, or be a member of it-ex-officio or otherwise. The bylaws may provide that “the president shall appoint all committees except the nominating committee”. “The president shall be an ex officio except the nominating committee”, the exception should not be omitted in either case.

Steve said that under the present rule, the president could hand pick the nominating committee with members that are only interested in gaining the favor of the president and not the betterment of the FSA. Since the president is a member of the committee, the president would have enormous control of this committee. Years ago this was the case in my district. I would like to be assured it would not happen in the state or in any other district in years to come. Roberts Rules is saying "the president shall have nothing to do with the nominating committee." George stated that we do not follow Roberts Rules because we have our own Rules. David Earle said that by not following Robert's , we leave ourselves open. Glenn Monroe stated that we do not have to use Robert's Rules unless there are issues not covered by our organization's Rules. Discussion followed and David stated that this was not personal against our current president. It is about appearance. Mike Zellner, ISA president stated that they have never had the president on their nominating committee. Discussed that the FSA board will select the nominating committee. The rule is the motion and does not need a second. A written vote was taken and the Bylaw change was accepted.

#4, Section 3, 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, set forth in Article IX of the Bylaws. Change: Election to take place at the spring (March) meeting. The slate provided by the nomination 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 and place of the election. Rationale: Having the slate presented and voted on immediately does not allow any time for anyone to consider and evaluate candidates on the slate. The slate should be made known to the complete voting body as well as to all FSA members. Having the election at the spring meeting which would be centrally (Sebring) located, would permit District Presidents and Delegates better accessibility to the election than when it is in the northern or southern ends of the state. Holding the election in conjunction with the Hall of Fame banquet at the winter meeting, imposes an undue financial hardship on voting members who would not otherwise travel so far, purchase banquet tickets and or pay for lodgings. A hand vote was taken and the change failed.

#6-Section 1, Article IX-Annual meeting—This notice was not read—will be held until March meeting as it is contingent upon a Rule change that will be considered at that time.

#7-Section 2, Article VII-Duties of Officers-g-In the event a president or board member become deceased while in office, up to \$25.00 could be spent for flowers, etc. Change: remove \$25.00 and replace with \$50.00. This change was passed unanimously.

10. HALL OF FAME-SPECIAL-Landy Adkins-nothing
11. HISTORIAN-Stan McCormack was not present
12. ADVISORY- Phil Rebholz had nothing
13. MASTER'S TOURNAMENT-Ron-Briney Breezes is looking forward to this event.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

L. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jeannie stated that the operating expense and the travel expense has not been changed for several years. She stated that Colleen Austin had been added for operating expense. Requested that the travel expense for board members who drive to FSA meetings, be increased from \$30.00 to \$40.00; requested that president's operating expense (annual) be increased from \$300.00 to \$500.00; secretary's operating expense (annual) be increased from \$100.00 to \$300.00; treasurer's operating expense (annual) be increased from \$320.00 to \$500.00. Motion made by Bob Hovatter, seconded by Dick Stonecipher, passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Ray Buck, chairman of the nominating committee stated that all officers have agreed to serve another year and presented the slate as follows:

President-Landy Adkins

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Dave Kudro

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Pat King

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President- Bob Hovatter

Treasurer-Jeannie Andrews

KOR-Glenn Monroe

Tournament Director-Glenn Monroe (note: TD is appointed and not elected)

Secretary-Linda Rebholz

Ray asked three times for nominations from the floor for each office. There being none, he asked the secretary to cast a vote. The president cast a vote for the secretary.

Motion made and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rebholz, FSA Secretary

Note: Spring meeting will be held on March 12, 2016 at 9:00AM at Sebring, Florida