

FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSN., INC.
MEETING, SEBRING, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 14, 2017

OPENING: President Landy Adkins called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. following a special meeting of the Executive Board. John Brown gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge to the flag.

OATH OF OFFICE: The oath was given by Dave Kudro to Jay Fitzpatrick representing the president, SE District; Judy Holloway, representing Central District president; Pat King representing Northern District president; Josh Dulabaum representing president, West Coast District; Rich Anderson, new president, CECD and Doris Hanke, new Delegate, Northern District:

ROLL CALL: All board members were present with the exception of Jan Cote, president, WC District; Doug Stockman, president, Central District; Ron Vaughn, president, SE Coast District; and Ron Theriault, president, Northern District.

GUEST: There were 15 guests present and welcomed.

MINUTES: Secretary stated that Minutes were on the FSA website. Motion to accept made by Dave Kudro, seconded by Pat King and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeannie distributed the report showing checking balance of \$16,881.91, fixed CD of \$18,641.60 and Money Market of \$7,757.54 as of 9/30/17. Motion to accept for Audit made by Dave Kudro, seconded by Bob Hovatter, and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Landy Adkins thanked the entire FSA board and especially the Executive Board, Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster/State Tournament Director for their support and help during her presidency. She commented on the loss of her husband, George and her health issues. Landy then stated that she was resigning her term immediately. First Vice President, Dave Kudro took the floor and thanked Landy for her service as the first woman president. Dave stated that the other officers would advance, Bob Hovatter to 1st Vice President, and Marti Noble to 2nd Vice President. The office of 3rd Vice President is now vacant and he appointed Bob Smith, Southern District to this office. This left the southern district without a representative so Joyce Smith assumed that spot. Dave Kudro administered the Oath to Joyce.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1st Vice President: Bob Hovatter commented on how good it is to see Pat King who has been fighting health issues and welcomed Bob to the board.

2nd Vice President: Marti Noble stated that she had the supplies for each District and wondered what her new duties would be.

3rd Vice President: Bob Smith thanked the Board for their support in his appointment.

REPORT FROM KEEPER OF RECORDS/KOR: Glenn Monroe stated that he will be on vacation for 8 days and may not have easy access to WiFi. He will get reports and updates on the web as soon as possible.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

1. WEST COAST DISTRICT: Josh Dulabaum stated that there was no major damage from the hurricane on any of their courts. He reported that Pinellas has been busy during the summer and have had work done on their courts. The district is expanding play to weekends for amateurs and the young shufflers. St. Pete is still going strong with about 1,000 members. They would like to have a state tournament. They also now have a Wall of Fame with 6 members. Dave commented on how excited he is to have members of the St.

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Club board in attendance. He stated that shuffleboard really started in St. Pete, dwindled and is now having a rebirth. He hopes we can use some of their ideas to get new players.

2. SOUTHWEST COAST DISTRICT: Jerry Stannard stated that they have had two tournaments.

3. SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Joyce Smith deferred to Bob who reported that they have had 2 tournaments and attendance was up in one and down in the other. They had a little damage at their club. They will also have a new director.

4. SOUTHEAST COAST DISTRICT: Jay Fitzpatrick reported that the district has had no tournaments yet and that 70% of their members are French-Canadian. Boynton Beach has relinquished a tournament to be held at Palm Greens. There will be an Amateur tournament at Century Village East. They have the best courts in the district and would be interested in hosting a state pro tournament.

5. CENTRAL EAST COAST DISTRICT: Rich Anderson reported that they have had a couple of tournaments and that Tropical Haven has redone two courts. Vero Club has been having singles/mingles play. As with other districts, they need tournament directors.

6. NORTHERN DISTRICT: Pat King stated that they also need tournament directors. He suggested that a bill be sent for the Previews so that their treasurer knows what to pay. The Preview Coordinators should know how many Previews are ordered and have the money sent to them. They would then send the check to the FSA treasurer. Jeannie will see that districts get a bill.

7. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Larry Brown reported that the Sebring Club had some minor damage but that it will be repaired before their tournament. He stated that the courts have been redone at Lakeland. He stated that they have a problem with No 2 Pro tournaments and have eliminated them in the eastern part of the district.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. STATE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Glenn stated that with the shortage of tournament directors, he would be willing to hold classes. He also stated that he has had several complaints. One concerned waxing discs and he stated that nella seal is not a wax under the rules and new "waxing" is not required. He also stated that a tournament director had been challenged on his selection of a court for finals. The TD has 3 points: 1. Is the court playable; 2. Have the players been on that court before and 3. Have others been required to play on those courts. Also someone had complained about a director calling in blocks for rain when there were only 3 or 4 blocks to finish. Players can determine if they want to play. TD may determine if courts would be damaged by play and the TD determines when play is resumed. Players may ask the director to see a rule if there is a disagreement. If that does not solve it, they may ask Glenn. The question was asked if the same rule applied to darkness. There seems to be no written rule and common sense should apply here. Also, the tournament director can determine if it is too dark to play.

2. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING: Dave and Bob Hovatter presented the 2018-2019 schedule. Districts are to check the schedule and verify at least 10 days before the January meeting. Please report if there are any changes. There was a correction to P05--should read October 29-31. Frank Niziolek questioned the TOC being scheduled at Sebring again and thought that location was to be a trial. Members were cautioned--DO NOT SHARE THIS SCHEDULE. The schedule will be voted on at the January winter meeting in Sebring and will become final.

3. PREVIEW EDITOR: Colleen thanked Ed O'Neal for his help. He saved the Association money by changing to the lithographer. She thanked others for their help and stated that she has instructions for new Preview Coordinators, etc. St. Pete Shuffleboard Club has a full-page ad.

4. EXECUTIVE & FINANCE: The Audit has been done. The districts will get sheets on what they owe.

5. PUBLICITY & MARKETING: Dave stated that because we do not have anyone volunteering, he is appointing all district presidents and delegates to serve as this committee. He will be asking for reports as to what is being done in each district to promote the sport. He stressed that social media can be used in promoting shuffleboard.

6. AUDIT: This was done by Terri Smith. Books were ok.

7. HOSPITALITY & BANQUET: Ruth Brown stated that everything is ready. Tickets are being sold and she and Joyce Smith have them. The maximum seating is 150 and this is expected to be a big affair with 5 player inductees and one other. The cut-off date is January 2nd. The meal of beef or chicken is \$35.00. The hotel is the Quality Inn and a block of rooms are reserved. Information is on the FSA website. She has flyers for anyone who wants to post. She thanked Colleen for all of her assistance. Colleen stated that she has bio sheets for the HOF inductees. The following will be inducted in the player category: Linda Marshman, Glenna Earle, Nancy Sclafani, Tara Goldman and Dave Kudro.

RULES/REGULATIONS & BY-LAWS: There is one by-law change on the website. By-law changes can be made every 3 years and must be submitted before the October meeting. (Article 13(a) Amendments) Rule changes can be made every 2 years and must be submitted before the January meeting. (Article XIV, Amendments) Any notices are to be submitted to Glenn.

HALL OF FAME (SPECIAL): Dave had 3 nominees. Jack Wooten has been on file for the third and final year. Ron Nurnberger nominated John Brown and Landy Adkins nominated Linda Rebholz..

10:45-11:00 Break

The meeting resumed with discussion of the nominees. A closed ballot vote was taken and no one received the required majority (11) votes. There will not be a special award this year.

ADVISORY BOARD: Phil Rebholz stated that he was enjoying serving in this capacity. The board has not required much of him.

MASTER'S TOURNAMENT: Dave asked that Central District submit the name of the club to host the 2018-2019 masters at the January meeting. Glenn Monroe reported that some players had stated that they would not play in the Masters if it was held at Tavares this year. Landy appointed a committee of Glenn Monroe, Earl Ball and Sharon Upson who met with members of the Tavares Club. They proposed that Tavares use beads and different disc which would be provided to them. Feelings were hurt and Tavares declined to host the Masters. There was much discussion as to why the suitability is questioned and if players have the right to question the location when state tournaments are being played on the courts. Dave stated that they must meet certain criteria. The Masters is rotated between the seven districts and clubs bid to host the Masters. This location is accepted by the Board when the schedule is voted on. The Master's will be held at Hawthorne Club and Bob Robinson reported that they are ready. They will have lunches and an awards banquet, etc. Players will have to book their own motel, but he suggested Best Western.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. HISTORIAN: John Brown stated that he had gotten material from a former historian, Dorothy Wagasky. He would like each district to present a name to serve and then he could have a meeting. The following would be willing: West Coast, Chris Lorincz; Southeast Coast, Ken Offenther and Central District, Larry Brown. Other districts will follow up. John would like to see a publicity packet at the Florida Welcome Centers.

2. Dave Kudro: Hall of Fame, President's Award goes to an outgoing president at the end of the 3-year term. However, since Landy did not finish her term, this has to be approved by the Board. Dave Kudro made a motion that this award be given to Landy, seconded by Jeannie Andrews and carried. Landy will be inducted into the Hall of Fame under President 's Award.

Lunch: 12:00 to 12:35

3. Move up Points for Amateurs: Dave Kudro had asked that each district present their proposals at this meeting. Each district discussed how they handle this. Some felt the point system should be changed and although the points are set by the state, the board could change it. Some have tournaments and no points are given; others felt the instant pro should be eliminated. It was decided that each district is too different for the board to make a rule. Glenn Monroe made a motion to add to Article 9 as follows: Article 9(G)-Notwithstanding the aforementioned requirements, Districts may regulate the move up points issued as a result of Amateur State Tournaments and/or their district, seconded by Frank Niziolek and passed. There was some discussion as to effective date. Jerry Stannard made a motion that this rule addition become effective October 14, 2017, seconded by Marti Noble and passed. **THIS APPLIES ONLY TO AMATEUR STATE TOURNAMENTS.** We have to encourage amateurs to play. We have to be creative in the type of tournaments played to keep it fun and get players out of the parks. Bob Smith made a motion that the instant pro rule (Article 9(b)3 be eliminated retroactive to October 1, 2017, seconded by Doris Hanke and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE:** Dave Kudro had submitted a written proposal which could be used for future incidents. After some discussion, Dave decided to have Glenn post this on the website. He asked each Board member to study it. He tabled any action until January.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Smith, seconded by Bob Hovatter. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Linda Rebholz, Secretary

Note: January 15, 2018 meeting to follow the HOF banquet & induction at Sebring