

MINUTES

FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION

SEBRING, OCTOBER 12, 2019

OPENING: President Dave Kudro called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. He welcomed everyone and commented on the new faces on the board. He hopes information will be exchanged between board and districts and vice versa.

INVOCATION: Given by John Brown followed by the Pledge

OATH OF OFFICE: Bob Hovatter conducted the swearing in of the following: Frank Lamb, Southeast District representing President Roger Smith; Jerry Holbrook, Southern District, representing President Herman Lansink; Ray Buck, Southern District representing Delegate Steve Biaggi; Jan Cote, West Coast District representing Delegate Frank Niziolek; and Mark Engel, Northern District representing President Lorraine Layton.

AGENDA APPROVAL: There being no changes, Glenn Monroe made a motion to accept, seconded by John Houghtaling and passed.

ROLL CALL: Officers absent were Marti Noble, Herman Lansink, Lorraine Layton, Roger Smith, Frank Niziolek and Steve Biaggi.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: President welcomed four (4) visitors. Stephanie Swain and Josh Dulabaum, Preview Editors, arrived late.

MINUTES: Motion to approve was made by Linda Rebholz, seconded by Jeannie Andrews and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's monthly report was distributed. There is a balance of \$11,923.14 in the checking account and \$10,682.94 in the Money Market Savings for a balance of \$22,606.08. Jeannie asked Dave to speak for her and he stated that due to health reasons, Jeannie had submitted her resignation to be effective immediately. The Audit will be done before the new treasurer takes control. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, JOYCE SMITH WAS APPOINTED TO FILL THE OFFICE OF TREASURER. Joyce was sworn in and took her seat with the official board. Jeannie was thanked for her years of service.

Dave presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 (which was the attorney's retainer fee) and returned to the club by the attorney. It was noted that the association has been losing money with the lower attendance at tournaments. The Preview has not been producing as much money either. Dave suggested that the Preview money be made a separate account so that we would have a clear picture of income and expenditures. After some discussion, motion to make a new account for the preview was made by Bob Hovatter, seconded by Steve Raimondi and passed.

Motion made by Glenn Monroe to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Rich Anderson and passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: Dave asked that clubs, districts, etc. share their experiences and tournaments by posting pictures, etc. on the FSA website and The Shuffler. Glenn Monroe asked that all material be sent to him.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Bob Hovatter welcomed everyone for the new season. He encouraged everyone to have fun and be courteous, etc. to each other.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Marti Noble was absent but sent her proxy to Dave Kudro. She also sent her scheduling information by Bob Hovatter.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT: Bob Smith stated that he had the supplies for all the districts. He commented that he had some serious health issues this summer and submitted his resignation to be effective immediately. With the approval of the Executive Board, Colleen Austin was appointed to fill the term. She was sworn in and took her seat with the board. Bob was thanked for his service on the board.

KEEPER OF RECORDS/WEBMASTER: Glenn had nothing to report.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

WEST COAST DISTRICT: President Steve Raimondi commented on low attendance at early tournaments. There were 18 new players at Clearwater for the Friday night play but there was not enough help from the club. Dave suggested that St. Petersburg might change the Masters tournament play for Tuesday to be held during the evening. This would allow more people to watch as so many of their members are still part of the daily work force.

SOUTHWEST COAST DISTRICT: Steve Slaughterbeck stated that the Nokomis club, with 20 to 30 members, might be returning to the district. They also need new tournament directors. He has tickets for each district president for the Hall of Fame banquet to be held in Bradenton in January. Flyers are also available.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Jerry Holbrook reported that attendance at their first tournament was down but the second was better. The district will have two newbie tournaments.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT: Ken Offenther commented that Frank Lamb (filling in for Roger Smith) is a cancer survivor and past president of their district. He reported that the City of Pompano Beach is moving a 100-year-old historical building and have plans to place it in the location of the current shuffleboard courts. He and the club are petitioning the City and fighting to keep the courts. Dave Kudro sent a letter in support of the shuffleboard club. Glenn reported that the Senior games are scheduled to be held in Hollywood on December 14 & 15th.

CENTRAL EAST COAST DISTRICT: Rich Anderson reported that the covers for the shuffleboard courts at Fort Pierce were removed by the City this summer. The tournaments are still slated to be played there.

Phil Rebholz commented that it is usually cool when the tournaments are played in December. Rich also stated that Spanish Lakes Fairways might be persuaded to return to the district.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Mark Engel stated that they have had 10 deaths in their district, including past board member, Pat King. The Ocala ladies club all got FSA numbers. Bill Boyes is currently working on a website for the district. Doris Hanke reported that they have 10 directors who will soon be able to handle tournaments. It was noted that directors must be certified by the FSA.

CENTRAL DISTRICT: John Houghtaling told the board that Marlene Corbeil, Winter Haven, has resigned due to health concerns. He stated that membership is up in Avon Park, Betmar, Zephyrhills and Sebring. His passion is for amateurs and getting players out of the parks.

Break

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

1. ROBERT' RULES/PARLIAMENTARIAN: Glenn Monroe had nothing to report.
2. STATE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Glenn stated that we must encourage people to become tournament directors. He is available to help with training. An assistant receives \$25.00 at a tournament.
3. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING: Bob Hovatter distributed a PROPOSED schedule for 2020-2021. This is to be discussed but not made public until after it is published on the website. This schedule will be voted on at the January meeting. They are also working on the 2021-2022 schedule. Marti is keeping track of attendance at all tournaments.
4. PREVIEW EDITORS/LITHOGRAPHERS: New Previews were given to board members.
5. EXECUTIVE/FINANCE: Nothing
6. PUBLICITY: Already covered.
7. AUDIT: A full audit will be made after the transition between outgoing and incoming treasurer and submitted at the January meeting.
8. RULES/REGULATIONS/BY-LAWS: Glenn Monroe told the board that Article 9(C)(1) should be eliminated (instant Pro rule), a housekeeping item. He reported that there are two (2) 10 day notices relating to by-laws and this is the first reading. Glenn read the notices but reminded everyone that they are on the FSA website. The second reading will be in January at which time they will be voted on. There is a by-law (Article XII) relating to tenure of the president which needs to be addressed with a Memorandum of Understanding. This will determine if Dave Kudro's term ends in October. Glenn will do a 10 day notice for next October. After discussion, Bob Hovatter made a motion that the wording in the FSA By-law, Article XII, is understood and agreed to mean "One (1) year, and ineligible for more than three (3) successive 'ELECTED' years", seconded by Colleen Austin and passed.

9. HALL OF FAME BANQUET (2019): This has been covered but Colleen stated that she has bios for all Hall of Fame inductees. There are currently three (3) but others who are very close. Steve stated that he has tickets for District Presidents to sell. Linda Rebholz will distribute tickets to the official board and the Hall of Fame inductees.

10. ADVISORY: Phil Rebholz had nothing to report.

11. MASTERS TOURNAMENT (2018): Steve had nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing.

Note: Larry Brown told the board that there is a new hotel in Sebring offering a good price to shuffleboard players.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. HALL OF FAME-SPECIAL AWARD: There are three candidates. Letters were read for Ron Prevost by Jan Cote; for John Brown by Steve Slaughterbeck and for Larry Brown by John Houghtaling. Ron Prevost and John Brown were presented last year. Each voting member may vote for none or up to two. There can be two inductees elected. A closed ballot was taken and John Brown and Larry Brown were declared to be the new Hall of Fame inductees.

Lunch

2. ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Larry Brown nominated Marti Noble, seconded by Glenn Monroe; John Brown nominated Ken Offenther, seconded by Frank Lamb; Joyce Smith nominated Larry Brown, seconded by John Houghtaling; Bob Hovatter nominated Ray Buck, seconded by Jerry Holbrook; and Dave Kudro nominated Phil Rebholz, seconded by Bob Hovatter. Motion to accept these five (5) made by Frank Lamb, seconded by Glenn Monroe and passed. The committee will select a chairperson.
3. PREVIEW REVIEW AND DISCUSSION: Stephanie Swain and Josh Dulabaum were applauded for the great work they did as new editors of the Preview. They commented that the size of the font is different where there was too much material for a page. They stated that they will be checking their emails and doing updates monthly. All ads, etc. are due to them no later than May. They also need the names of all District coordinators and they will work with them. They prefer that all coordinators be computer proficient if possible. There was discussion regarding pricing of the ads, the Preview and digital previews. It was decided to table further discussion until the March meeting.
4. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING: All District presidents (or representative) are to meet with the scheduling committee to discuss proposals and changes to future schedule (2021-2022). This meeting will be scheduled before December and all club presidents will be contacted with proposed dates. This meeting will take place in Sebring with expenses (mileage/meals) paid.
5. CORPORATE SPONSORS: Dave Kudro would like someone to be in charge of soliciting corporations, such as Nascar) to sponsor the FSA. He feels that the publicity with such a

partnership would be profitable for all. He was contacted by Rick Clover, a New York advertiser who is interested in promoting shuffleboard. Discussion was held on this and will continue at a later date.

AJOURNMENT: Motion made by Bob Hovatter and seconded by John Brown to adjourn at 1:05 pm.

Linda Rebholz

FSA Secretary