

## MINUTES

### FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION

MARCH 16, 2019, SEBRING, FLORIDA

OPENING: The president called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed everyone.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: John Brown gave prayer and Marti Noble led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL: All board members were present with the exception of John Houghtaling, president of Central District; Steve Raimondi, president of West Coast District and Roger Smith, president of Southeast Coast District (Roger arrived later).

OATH OF OFFICE: Bob Hovatter gave the oath to Herman Lansink, president of Southern District, and Jerry Jabaut, acting delegate for Northern District.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Glenn Monroe moved that item #1 under New Business be deleted, seconded by Dave Kudro and passed. Linda Rebholz stated that installation of officers was not placed on the agenda and moved that this be added, seconded by Rich Anderson and passed. John Brown made a motion concerning the Lakeland tournament and stalling by players, seconded by Steve Biaggi. The motion failed. Motion made by Bob Hovatter, seconded by Bob Smith to approve Agenda, as amended and passed.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: There were eight (8) guests present.

MINUTES: Linda Rebholz made a motion to accept the Minutes. Frank Niziolek stated that Steve Raimondi wanted a change and made a motion to amend the minutes pertaining to the increase of \$1.00 to registration fee in the West Coast District. He stated that all clubs will benefit, not just Clearwater, and wanted wording "allowing the clubs to receive \$2.00 total" to be added. Motion seconded by Bob Hovatter to accept minutes, as amended, and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeannie distributed February report. She stated that several districts have not paid court fees and preview cost. Treasurer's report is never posted on website due to possible hacking. Herman Lansink asked that receivables be listed on the treasurer's report. Motion to accept for audit made by Rich Anderson, seconded by John Brown and passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: Dave reported that the \$99.00 to support The Shuffler's web cost was declined by Stan McCormack. He thinks the Shuffler may be closing down and asked that material be sent to Glenn Monroe to be placed on the FSA website.

#### REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Bob Hovatter congratulated districts and winners of tournaments

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Marti Noble had nothing

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Bob Smith commented that Dave Kudro is celebrating his birthday.

REPORT FROM KOR/WEBMASTER: Glenn Monroe had nothing

REPORT FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

1. West Coast District: Jan Cote representing president Steve Raimondi, reported that Friday night play is being expanded. . There were 167 amateurs at the Can-Am tournament. . Frank Niziolek reported that members from Royal Palms, New York, played at Clearwater.
2. Southwest Coast District: Steve Slaughterbeck stated that numbers are down. They had a rain make up at Bradenton with 54 teams. The Hall of Fame Banquet committee has a banquet location and hotel contracted. Information sheets will be sent to all district presidents. Tickets will be available in October and information will be on the FSA website. John Brown reported on his school.
3. Southern District: Herman Lansink reported that he is new but the number is up of amateurs playing. Steve Biaggi stated that Ray Buck is working with newby tournaments.
4. Southeast Coast District: Roger Smith stated that they had record turnout of amateurs. Two clubs have refurbished their courts and their TOC went well. Ken stated that Briny Breezes is working on their courts and they run better now. Welcomes everyone to check them out.
5. Central East Coast District: Rich Anderson stated that he has a new assistant tournament director and Singles/Mingles are continuing at Vero. Phil commented on the courts and Linda reported that she is in contact with an attorney who is interested in regrouping their summer night league.
6. Northern District: Lorraine Layton introduced new members of their board and stated that they are getting reorganized. Officers will be installed at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. She needs certified tournament directors. Ocala has a new all ladies club with 58 players.
7. Central District: Judy Holloway, representing president John Houghtaling, reported that they inducted four members into their Hall of Fame. Larry Brown stated that they have a new president of Zephyrhills club. The TOC for Amateurs is a trial for this year and there is no way to predict the number of players. The courts will be open on Sunday for practice. He also reported that a local church is interested in shuffleboard as a new activity for their seniors.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

State Tournament Director: Glenn Monroe had asked that district presidents provide him with names of tournament directors at this meeting for approval, but response has not been good. Lists were given to him and Glenn made a motion to certify those for centerfold state tournaments, seconded by Bob Hovatter, passed. As webmaster, he asked that he be provided with names of district officers and their contact information.

Tournament Scheduling: Marti reported that A22 and A23, Avon Park and Clearwater, will remain as is.

Preview Editors: Stephanie explained that they are getting a lot of emails and will answer in the following week. Their email address is [thefsapreview@gmail.com](mailto:thefsapreview@gmail.com)

Executive/Finance-nothing

Publicity: nothing

Audit: Has been done

Rules/regulations/bylaws: Glenn Monroe stated that Districts are not allowed to charge more than \$6.00 for registration (Art. 6A). Districts have no separate bylaws from the state bylaws but may have their own set of rules, if they are not in conflict. A person running for office must be in good standing in the FSA. This is the year for the ten-day notices.

Advisory board: Phil Rebholz had nothing

Masters tournament (2019): A hand out sheet of master's pay out was distributed, Lunches will be available each day and anyone wishing to attend the Thursday banquet may purchase tickets for \$5.00 each. Discussion was had on selection of master's locations and condition of courts. It was noted that each qualified player must be willing to be an alternate to play.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discipline procedure: Glenn Monroe read the proposed procedure with changes. Frank Niziolek made a motion that the disciplinary committee be elected for one year, by the board, seconded by Ken Offenther. After discussion, the motion failed. Glenn Monroe made a motion that Section C shall read: "FSA shall convene the Executive Board" and delete "Disciplinary committee", seconded by Bob Smith and passed.

#### LUNCH BREAK FROM 11:25 to 12:05

Motion made by Larry Brown that the procedure be in effect as of October 1, seconded by Steve Slaughterbeck and passed. Dave stated that this document would become a part of the FSA Rules.

2. Limitation of winter agenda: Glenn Monroe made a motion that the winter agenda be limited to the election of officers and scheduling and anything else of an urgent nature, seconded by Jeannie Andrews. Discussion followed as to an additional meeting, but most felt items could wait until Spring meeting. Motion passed.
3. Installation of officers: Phil Rebholz administered the oath to all incoming officers of the board for 2019-2020: President: Dave Kudro; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Bob Hovatter; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Marti Noble; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Bob Smith; Secretary: Linda Rebholz; Treasurer: Jeannie Andrews; Webmaster/KOR: Glenn Monroe

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Mileage for tournament directors: Glenn Monroe made a motion that any tournament director authorized by the FSA president or State Tournament Director to direct a Centerfold tournament outside of their home district be compensated by the District hosting the tournament for their Tournament Director's travel expenses. Such expense to be calculated at the current IRS standard mileage rate for automobiles. Such compensation shall not apply to the State Tournament Director directing a State sponsored tournament, seconded by Frank Niziolek. Directors are being asked to fill in where districts do not have any certified directors and this is expensive for them to travel. There was discussion that this will be a burden for districts but Glenn stated that they should try to get directors certified. Motion passed.
2. Advancement of amateurs to pro status: Glenn Monroe stated that in October the "instant pro" requirement was removed from the Rules and Regulations and some amateurs feel that they are ready to advance to pro and would like the opportunity to do so. He made a motion that Article 9(a) be changed as follows: Any District Amateur who has placed in the Main event in two Preview centerfold tournaments may, upon request, be elevated to Pro status with the approval of the District Executive Board. Article 9(b)3; Any State Amateur who has placed in a Main event in two Preview centerfold tournaments may, upon request, be elevated to Pro status with the approval of the District Executive Board, seconded by Bob Hovatter. Discussion followed as to hurt feelings, etc. Motion failed.
3. Scheduling committee: Marti feels that the schedule should be studied and asked that districts keep a record of who participates in their tournaments. She feels that some districts have too many tournaments, etc. Roger Smith made a motion that a research committee consisting of Marti Noble and Bob Hovatter, co-chairmen, with all district presidents (or their alternates) be formed to meet and discuss all possibilities, seconded by Larry Brown and passed. Dave wanted this to begin as of October 1.
4. Question of membership in a district but hold office on another district board: Glenn Monroe stated that he had been asked this question and discussion followed. Glenn noted that residence does not determine which club to belong to and you can belong to more than one club. It was decided to leave it to the districts if they wish to have other players on their board. Dave commented that a Tampa club wants to play in the West Coast District instead of the Central district. Discussion was held as to tweaking the boundary slightly to allow this. District boundaries should probably be reset but it would be big undertaking.

Motion made by Bob Smith to adjourn (2:40 pm) , seconded by Jeannie Andrews, carried.

Linda Rebholz, FSA Secretary