

Minutes

Florida Shuffleboard Association

November 21, 2020, Lakeland

Opening: President Kudro called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. He stated that everyone has worked hard to have tournaments and keep players safe. It is imperative that pandemic rules are followed.

Invocation: Led by Roger Smith, President of Southeast Coast District.

Pledge: Led by Marti Noble, 2nd Vice President, FSA

Agenda approval: President asked if there were any deletions or additions and there were none.

Oath of office: Linda Rebholz, Secretary; John Jefferson, President Southern District and Jacques Beaudry, Alternate Delegate Central East Coast District, were sworn in by Dave Kudro.

Agenda Approval: John Houghtaling made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Marti Noble and passed.

Roll Call: Officers absent: President, Central East Coast District, represented by Phil Rebholz; Lorraine Layton, President, Northern District, represented by Rod Lewis; Larry Brown, Delegate, Central District represented by Judy Holloway.

Guests: There were 5 guests present and welcomed. The president suggested that there are always openings on the district and FSA boards if anyone is willing to serve.

Minutes: President stated that the minutes are posted on the website. John Houghtaling stated that Larry Brown was not present at the September meeting. Motion to approve amended minutes made by John Houghtaling, seconded by Ken Offenther and passed.

Treasurer's report: Joyce passed out copies to everyone not present at the September meeting. There is a balance of \$10,855.40 in the checking account and \$8,684.71 in the Money Market. She also had a breakdown of all FSA expenses by category.

Communications: President reported that most communications are posted on the FSA website and suggested everyone check that site often.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1st Vice President Bob Hovatter thanked the board for all the hard work and everyone who is playing for abiding by the protocols.

2nd Vice President Marti Noble thanked Dave and Glenn for all their work on the pandemic protocols.

3rd Vice President Colleen Austin had supplies for all districts not present at the September meeting. If anyone needs anything, let her know. She stated that most forms can be downloaded from the website

and by doing so it had cut the FSA expenses from \$850.00 to \$85.00. The FSA will no longer pay for all district tournament supplies, only FSA tournaments.

KOR/Webmaster: Glenn advised that Dwayne Cross had made his 200 points. He stated that registration for tournament forms are on the website and asked everyone to use his email address listed there.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

1. West Coast District: President Steve Raimondi reported that the city of Clearwater is not allowing tournaments but they are currently in negotiations. The Senior Center at Pinellas Park is happy that FSA has rules that are being enforced. Pinellas Park has had COVID-19 cases requiring quarantines.
2. Southwest Coast District: President Ron Nurnberger reported that they lost some tournaments. Some of his players have questions about the rules and he hopes to get some answers.
3. Southeast Coast District: Roger Smith stated that they are not playing tournaments because of closed clubs. They are hoping to get an ok from the city of Hollywood to play and also Century Village. He also reported that a lot of his players are from Canada and not allowed to come back.
4. Southern District: President John Jefferson thanked the Lee County Shuffleboard Club for hosting tournaments. He needs certificates for clubs.
5. Central East Coast District: Acting President Phil Rebholz reported that they have no president and hope to have a meeting soon. They have had no tournaments because most of our clubs are not allowing nonresidents. He is hoping to keep Ft. Pierce tournament but that will have to be worked out.
6. Northern District: Acting President Rod Lewis stated that they are having no tournaments. They also do not have tournament directors available.
7. Central District: President John Houghtaling reported that they are having the same problems as other districts. Zephyrhills Club was playing but due to COVID-19 case had to stop. He is concerned about the rising spike in covid cases and fears that players will not report that they are sick. He said that most of us players have underlying conditions.

REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Robert's Rules/Parliamentarian: Glenn Monroe stated that the tournament directors keep the registration forms so that they are available. He also stressed that masks must cover the nose and mouth. He stated that close contact to someone with Covid is being within 6 feet for 15 minutes within a 24 hour period. They cannot play for 14 days. Dave Kudro stated that not wearing a mask properly is a VIOLATION. Glenn also advised that only one amendment to a motion can be heard at one time and dealt with. He addressed Ron Nurnberger's questions regarding the cutoff time for registration of 4:00 pm. That can be changed. He also stated that whether the women play on Monday or Tuesday depends on the number of courts and the chart. He advised that the 4:00 PM cutoff time for tournaments can be waived by the tournament director to a later time. They want everyone to get through the quarters, if possible.
2. State Tournament Director: covered above

3. Tournament Scheduling: Addressed under New Business #4.
4. Preview Editor: Josh Dulabaum and Stephaine Swain were absent. Colleen Austin stated that they had been given until October 17 but she does not know when the Preview will be done. Dave stated that both Josh and Stephanie work and that this is a bigger project than they had anticipated. Hopefully, it will be done by the end of the year or we have problems with ads, etc. Previews must be paid for at the time they are given out.
5. Executive/finance: Joyce had nothing
6. Publicity: Dave thought all districts were doing a good job
7. Audit: Dave reported that a full audit will be done at the end of his term in March
8. Rules/regulation/bylaws: Glenn had nothing
9. Hall of Fame (2022): Southern District will host as previously scheduled for 2021
10. Advisory: Phil Rebholz had nothing
11. Masters tournament (2021): Southwest Coast District will host at Palmetto. If that location is not available it will be moved to Bradenton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. 10 DAY NOTICES: Glenn Monroe presented the recommendations of the Rules and Regulations Committee (Bob Hovatter, Marti Noble, Joyce Smith and Glenn Monroe) as follows:
 1. Article 7(b)1-No match is to be called before 9:00 am or after 4:00 pm except 100 point consolation matches may be called until 4:30 pm. Eligible matches must be called until 4:00 pm.
CHANGE: No match to be called before 8:30 am or after 3:30 pm except 100 point consolation matches may be called until 4:00 pm. Eligible matches must be called until 3:30 pm.
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED: NO
Motion made by Ron Nurnberger, seconded by Dave Kudro to accept the recommendation of the Committee and passed.
 2. Article 7(b)(3)-The only way a match can be played beyond these limits is if all players agree to play.
CHANGE: The only way a match can be played beyond these limits is if all players agree to play if all players and tournament director agree.
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED: NO
Motion made by Ron Nurnberger to accept recommendation of the Committee, seconded by Steve Raimondi and passed.
 3. ART. 4-SCHEDULING OF TOURNAMENTS- (A) Each club having district approval proposing to conduct any statewide tournament for the next active season shall submit to the chairperson of the Tournament Assignment Committee not later than January 1st a statement showing the tournament's title, proposed dates (with alternate acceptable dates,

type of tournament: pros, amateurs, doubles or singles, and any other information needed for approval or publication. The tournaments listed in the centerfold of the preview shall be played on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. However, if a fourth day is needed to complete any tournament, then the following day is authorized. The Tournament Assignment Committee may, at their discretion, schedule tournaments for which there are no dates on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The tournament Assignment Committee shall adjust and coordinate the dates and other data and prepare a complete coordinated list of all tournaments:

CHANGE: To be added at the end of the first paragraph: "there can be only one mixed tournament when tournaments are split.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED: YES

Motion made by Ron Nurnberger to accept the recommendation of the Committee, seconded by John Houghtaling and passed.

- 4 . Article 6. Entry Fee (a) Up to \$6.00 (six dollars) may be charged for each player for all State sponsored and statewide tournaments, providing that \$1.00 (one dollar) per player goes to the FSA and \$1.00 (one dollar) per player goes to the host club. All divisions must be charged the same fee. Districts are authorized to do the same up to \$6.00 (six dollars) in district tournaments. The National Association is authorized to charge \$6.00 (six dollars) entry fee for their centerfold tournaments. All sponsor monies shall go only to the player's prizes. These changes are reflected on the amended prize money calculation form, which is to be used at all tournaments (approved October 2013).

CHANGE: Sponsors shall receive a free Preview

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED: NO

Motion made by Ken Offenther to accept the recommendation of the Committee, seconded by Dave Kudro and passed.

- 5 Rule 11(A) Hall of Fame Players- 2. "Eligible players making 200 points between October 1 and January 1 to be inducted that season:"

CHANGE: "Eligible players making 200 points between October 1 and December 1 to be inducted that season"

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED: NO

Motion made by Ron Nurnberger to accept the recommendation of the Committee, seconded by Rod Lewis and passed.

- 6 Rule Article 4(g): Scheduling of Tournaments. If there are less than 16 players in the walking division at the Tournament of Champions and State and National Singles that begin on Monday, the divisions will be non-walking.

CHANGE: ADD: If there is no Women's Walking Division, women may choose to play in the Men's Walking Division.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED: NO

Motion made by Dave Kudro to accept the recommendation of the Committee, seconded by

Roger Smith and passed.

- 7 Rule: Article 10-TROPHIES AND PRIZES(e): Points to be given in Open Tournaments listed in the centerfold of the Preview, in accordance with the FSA Roll of Champions Point System as follows:

Statewide Singles 5-4-3-2 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation

Statewide Doubles 5-4-3-2 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation

Red Line State Singles 8-6-5-3 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation

Red Line State Doubles 8-6-5-3 Main and 2-1-1-0 Consolation

Regardless of the fore mentioned provision, no points shall be awarded to any player failing to win at least one match in that tournament.

CHANGE: Change All Consolation 4th Place points from “zero” to “1” point

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED: NO

Motion made by John Houghtaling to accept the recommendation of the Committee, seconded by Bob Hovatter and passed.

- 8 Article 4(g) “If there are less than 16 players in the walking division at the Tournament of Champions and State and National Singles that begin on Monday, the divisions will be non-walking”

CHANGE: “If there are less than 8 players in the walking division at the Tournament of Champions and State and National Singles that begin on Monday, the division will be non-walking”

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED: NO

Motion made by Dave Kudro to accept the recommendation of the Committee, seconded by Bob Hovatter and passed.

- 9 Rule Article 10(e)- Point system for state tournaments-5 pts. For first in main, 4 pts. For second in main, 3 pts. For third in main, 2 pts. For fourth in main; 2 pts. For first in cons., 1 pt. for second in cons., 1 pt. for third in cons., 0 pt. for fourth in cons.

CHANGE: Give 1 point for every match a player wins in the main and a half point for every match won in consolation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED: NO

Motion made by Bob Hovatter to accept the recommendation of the Committee, seconded by Ken Offenther and passed.

- 10 Rule 8(b) In an Open Tournament, there must be a Men’s and Ladies’ or a mixed division. In an Open tournament, other than a State Sponsored or Statewide event, there may be any combination of players in a Doubles competition.

CHANGE: Add “any doubles”

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NO

Motion made by Ken Offenther to accept the recommendation of the Committee, seconded by Bob Hovatter and passed.

- 11 Playing Rule C. 2. Consolation matches will be the best two-out-of-three 75 point games in Open Centerfold tournament. In District Sponsored tournament, consolation games may be played to 100 points. (October 2019) (The rest of the rule is deleted) (a) Before the practice rounds begin, each player may shoot two (2) discs only to check the speed of the court. There shall be no setups of any kind. (b) In 100 point games, two (2) full rounds of practice with each color are allowed for each player or team before shooting for color choice. CHANGE: C.2. Consolation matches will normally be the best two-out-of-three 75 point games in Open Centerfold tournament. In situations in District Sponsored tournaments, and Open Centerfold Consolation games may be played to 100 points as determined by the Tournament Director. In a tournament with an odd bye, should the odd bye lose their first match and continue playing in consolation, the first consolation match only will consist of one (1) 100 point game. (a) Before the practice rounds begin, each player may shoot two (2) discs only to check the speed of the court. There shall be no setups of any kind. (b) In 100 point games, two (2) half rounds of practice with each color are allowed for each player or team before shooting for color choice.
- COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NO
- Motion made by Joyce Smith to accept the recommendation of the Committee, seconded by Doris Hanke and passed.

Lunch break from 11:35 am to 11:50 am

- 12 Article 10 Trophies and Prizes (f) Prize money in an Open Tournament (other than the Masters) will be determined by using the Financial Report Worksheet provided by the Florida Shuffleboard Rules in the Preview
- CHANGE: add "Players who abandon a tournament will receive no prize money or points. Prize money will go back to the host club. Additionally, the standings report will list no names for the position involved, stating only "Did not finish". Definition of "abandon"-for a team to leave a tournament when eligible to play on, and the opposition team is present to play; for a team not to return to a tournament the following day when eligible to play, and without notifying the director the previous day that the team would not be returning.
- COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NO
- Motion made by Dave Kudro to accept the recommendation of the committee, seconded by Rod Lewis and passed.
- 13 Rule Art. 10(e): Points to be given in Open Tournaments listed in the Centerfold of the Preview, in accordance with the FSA Roll of Champions Point system are as follow:
Statewide Singles 5-4-3-2 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation
Statewide Doubles 5-4-3-2 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation
Red line State Singles 8-6-5-3 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation
Red Line State Doubles 8-6—5-3 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation
Regardless of the foregoing provisions, no points shall be awarded to any player who fails to win at least one match during the tournament. (approved March 2018)

CHANGE: Alter point system as follows: one point for each win in main for top 4 teams or individuals. .5 points for each win in consolation for top 4 teams or individuals. Red Line: two points for each win in main for top 4 teams or individuals. One point for each win in consolation for top 4 teams or individuals. No points for any player failing to win a match. (Leave it up to board as to if points should be awarded for byes).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NO

Motion made by Nancy Sclafani to accept the recommendation of the committee, seconded by Steve Raimondi and passed.

- 14 Rule SEEDING AND CHART CONTROL: Art.7(a) The Tournament Director, when making up the charts, may place all byes and sub-bracket players evenly throughout the chart, or may group all byes or sub-bracket players together, consistent with the pairing of such players.

CHANGE: Add after “together” except in charts of sixteen or less.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NO

Motion made by Ron Nurnberger to accept the recommendation of the Committee, seconded by Frank Niziolek and passed.

2. Treasurer’s Recommendations: Joyce Smith reported that by changing the red line tournaments to regular tournaments this year has saved the FSA quite a bit of money. The FSA will not provide free Previews to the Districts—they must pay for their own. The Previews are now \$3.00 each. She suggested that districts send her the money for the number of courts (\$1.50 per court) that they have —she will not send a bill

3. Southeast Coast District, Registration Fee—John Houghtaling made a motion to table to January meeting, seconded by Roger Smith and carried.

4. Registration fees, State Tournaments—Motion by John Houghtaling to table to January meeting, seconded by Roger Smith and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Nomination Committee: Marti Noble nominated Colleen Austin to the committee and as chairman, seconded by Judy Holloway. It was discussed that the committee should be able to select their chairman. Bob Hovatter amended the motion to nominate Colleen Austin to the committee but that the committee elects their chairman, second by Glenn Monroe and passed. First motion to nominate Colleen to committee and as chairman, failed. Joyce Smith nominated Steve Raimondi to the nominating committee, seconded by John Houghtaling and passed. John Houghtaling nominated Ken Offenther to the committee, seconded by Bob Hovatter and passed.

2. Set Winter meeting: The date of Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 9:00 A.M at Sebring was discussed. This meeting is set by bylaws so change will be for this year only due to the pandemic. Motion made by Ron Nurnberger to change meeting date for this year only seconded by John Houghtaling and passed. Motion made by Colleen Austin to hold meeting on January 16, 2021 at Sebring (tentative) at 9:00 A.M, seconded by Dave Kudro and passed.

3. Review current pandemic season: Glenn stated that tournaments are going well with registration on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Motion made by Marti Noble to change the cutoff time on Sunday from 4:00 pm to 12:00 noon, seconded by Colleen Austin and passed. This makes it easier for people who travel. Everyone should check the website. Glenn stressed that if anyone is in close contact with someone who may have Covid they must quarantine (refrain from attending FSA State and District events) for 14 days.

4. Discussion remaining schedule (January-March): The Committee had ruled that (1) where there is a split, it would stay the same if both locations are available; (2) if only one location is available, it will remain as a single tournament, and (3) if both locations cancel, another location may be slotted in. Steve Raimondi made a motion to replace a Clearwater tournament (26a) with St. Pete. (which is against the committee ruling), seconded by John Houghtaling and failed. Dave Kudro amended the motion to let St. Pete replace Clearwater but only for this one instance and it will not set a precedent, seconded by Joyce Smith and passed. Ken Offenther made a motion that the Southeast Coast District keep the format or change to singles, doubles or any doubles for Hollywood and Century Village East (if these two locations are available). Seconded by Glenn Monroe and passed. Without the Canadian players, they are not sure there will be many women players. They will have a district meeting on December 17. Leesburg will take Tavares tournaments. Marti stated that the 2021-2022 schedule will be the same as the current schedule for now.

5. Discussion of future Pre-registration: TABLED

6. Discussion of 2019-2020 Masters: After discussion, Dave Kudro made a motion to table until the January meeting (so that participants can discuss), seconded by Ken Offenther and passed.

CLOSING REMARKS: President thanked everyone.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Bob Hovatter to adjourn, seconded by Ron Nurnberger and passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Linda Rebholz, FSA Secretary