

## MINUTES

### FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 16, 2021---SEBRING

**OPENING:** President Kudro called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. He stated that box lunches have been provided by the Sebring Club and are available for members to eat while proceeding with the meeting. He thanked Marti Noble, Judy Holloway and the Sebring Recreation Club for hosting and for their work in sanitizing the facility. He stated that he would like this meeting to move along as quickly as possible so that traveling members could get home safely.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE:** Prayer by Roger Smith, followed with the pledge led by Marti Noble

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** John Houghtaling asked that a proposal from the Central District (Earl Ball) regarding the scheduling be added to the Agenda (new business #2), seconded by Steve Raimondi and passed.

**ROLL CALL:** John Jefferson, President of Southern District was absent; Rod Lewis represented Lorraine Layton, President of Northern District; all other officers were present.

**GUESTS:** There were seven (7) guests present. President Kudro welcomed them and stated that it is good for players and district vice presidents to attend these meetings.

**MINUTES:** Secretary Linda Rebholz made a motion to accept the minutes as posted on the website, seconded by Glenn Monroe and passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Joyce Smith passed out report for September 1-December 31, 2020. There is a balance of \$8, 240.02 in checking. (Joyce noted that she has not paid for the Previews). There is a balance of \$8,685.00 in Money Market for a total of \$16,925.02. Motion to accept for audit, made by Dave Kudro, seconded by Ken Offenther and passed.

**COMMUNITON:** Dave reported that a company named MWM Productions, out of Texas, will be doing a documentary film on shuffleboard and will be interviewing players.

#### REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Bob Hovatter thanked the board and clubs for well run tournaments.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Marti Noble also thanked Judy Holloway for preparing the lunches.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Colleen Austin had nothing.

Keeper of Records/Webmaster: Glenn Monroe had nothing

#### REPORTS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENT:

1. West Coast District: Steve Ramondi had nothing

2. Southwest Coast District: Ron Nurnberger had nothing
3. Southern District: Ray Buck, district delegate, reported that Chuck Wilson has done a wonderful job with the tournaments. They have added 8 new amateurs.
4. Southeast Coast District: Roger Smith stated that they are excited to have a tournament in February.
5. Central East Coast District: Tom Winkelspecht stated that they only have two open clubs, Vero and Wickham Park which are holding fun tournaments. Wickham Park has increased their membership by 25%. They are having training tournaments to help new players.
6. Northern District: Rod Lewis, Vice President, reported that most of their officers are from Canada and not here. They have seen new players come out to play for fun, probably to get out of the house. They are also having players interested in board positions.
7. Central District: John Houghtaling welcomed Larry Brown back. He also stated that they had 30 amateurs playing in a District tournament last Thursday.

#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Roberts Rules/Parliamentarian: Glenn had nothing.
2. State Tournament Director: Glenn stated that draws are made by tournament directors. No draws are to be made the night before a tournament. Also, a tournament director should not honor a request for a different court unless: (1) the assigned court is in an unplayable condition, (2) no other players have been required to play that court during the tournament, or (3) any of the assigned players have played on that court on that day.
3. Tournament Scheduling: refer to new business.
4. Previews: Colleen Austin reported that the Previews are not back from the printer. Dave will pick them up when they are ready and divide out for each district. He will take them to Trailer Estates on January 25 (P17A). Colleen reported that the previews cost \$8.50 (\$3.00 being charged for member purchase) and the FSA is paying the difference. No previews will be distributed without payment.
5. Executive/Finance: Joyce Smith stated that the treasury is in good shape at present. She stated that the Preview made a profit and the FSA saved money on the redline tournaments.
6. Publicity/Marketing: Venue Magazine interviewed Dave and had a small column.
7. Audit: Was done through January 31 and will be done again in March after a new president is installed
8. Rules/Regulations/Bylaws: Glenn Monroe had nothing
9. Hall of Fame (2022): Ray Buck noted that this will be in Southern District. There will probably have several inductees. Dave advised that a large room will be needed. Linda Rebholz reported that she has ordered the plaques for the inductees (three players and president's award). Joyce Smith reminded that we have to select a special award nominee (two letters have been received). Nominations for special awards must be in to the FSA before September 1.
10. Advisory Board: Phil Rebholz stated that Dave will be ending his presidency and thanked him and the board for a job well done during this pandemic.

11. Masters Tournament (2021): The tournament will be held at Bradenton instead of Palmetto. Ron reported that the City is doing a lot of work on the building, etc. He reported that they now have lights and can have night play. One of their projects is to contact the schools for youth. He also stated that this will be a “no frills” masters. It was reported that St. Petersburg is not able to hold this tournament, as originally suggested, because of lack of help.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. SE Coast Request on Registration fee: tabled to March
2. Registration fees state tournaments: tabled to march

3. 2019-2020 Masters: (This item was tabled from the November meeting): Dave stated that he wanted the three (3) new players who did not get to participate, because of the cancelled Masters, be invited to participate in the presentation of jackets, etc. at the 2021 Masters. It was suggested that protocols might be amended to allow spectators, pushers, etc. It was also suggested that box lunches might be provided.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Message: Tabled to March

2. Tournament Scheduling (2020-2021): Dave stated that P18 and P23 are open. He would like P18 to be held at Sebring and P23 to be held at Lakeland. Coleen made a motion to hold P18 at Sebring and P23 to be held at Lakeland, seconded by John Houghtaling, and passed. Roger Smith stated that they are not sure of the number of players for P19 at Century Village and would like to change the format. Ken made a motion to waive Rule, Art. VIII and change format to “any doubles”, (for this tournament only), seconded by Roger Smith, and passed. It was noted that Leesburg had requested to replace the Tavares tournament (P20) and the Northern District board did not want to have responsibility for expense of a tournament director. Leesburg Club and Glenn Monroe are working this out and there will be no expense to Northern District. P24 and P26A will have answers within two weeks. Lakeland will host A18A (Pioneer Village is closed). It was noted that 25 players are needed in order to cover the cost of a tournament director. Dave reminded the board that this schedule is not to be distributed—the official schedule will be on the website.

John Houghtaling presented a Proposal to Maximize amateur participation in State and National Tournaments as follows: A18B is a regular, any doubles, State Amateur Tournament. ZSC is the host club and will host half the chart on the first day. Avon Park and Betmar will host one quarter each of the chart. ZSC will qualify four teams for the main and four teams for consolation. Avon Park and Betmar will qualify two teams for the main and two teams for consolation. All teams will convene at ZSC for the quarters, semis and the championship round on the second day. These 16 teams will utilize all 8 courts available at ZSC. In the case where someone that qualifies decides not to take part the second day, that slot will be offered the next team in line. This tournament will give us chance to learn of any glitches or problems that need to be corrected before the National Tournament. The Nationals will have a men’s and women’s field to further try to draw additional amateurs, especially women. ZSC will qualify two

men's teams and two women's teams in main and consolation. Avon Park and Betmar will qualify one men's and one women's team in main and consolation. All 16 teams will convene at ZSC on the second day to play the semi's and championship rounds in the men's and women's fields. The prize for a National championship is the "once in a lifetime" Pin. Several people are donating to the prize money. Additional tournament directors will be paid by Earl Ball. Motion to accept this proposal as a trial was made by John Houghtaling, seconded by Bob Hovatter, and passed.

4. 2021-2022 Schedule: Port Charlotte is closed so P01A and A13 will be held at Lee County. P01B will be the Gus Bondi Memorial at Zephyrhills. Bob Hovatter made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 schedule, seconded by Steve Raimondi, and passed.

5. Slate of Officers: Nominating Committee, Joyce Smith, Ken Offenther, chaired by Colleen Austin presented the slate of officers as follows

President: Bob Hovatter

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Marti Noble

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Colleen Austin

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Jan Cote

It was noted that the Committee is to present one person for each office, although there may be other candidates. (Roberts Rules). Nominations may be made from the floor. Eleven (11) votes are needed to win. The vote will begin with the president's office.

6. Election of Officers: President Kudro asked Bob Hovatter if he accepted the nomination for president. He then called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none, the nominations were closed. The secretary cast the final vote. Bob Hovatter was declared president.

President Kudro asked Marti Noble if she accepted the nomination for 1<sup>st</sup> vice president. He then called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none, the nominations were closed. Marti Noble was declared 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

President Kudro asked Colleen Austin if she accepted the nomination for 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president. He then called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none, the nominations were closed. Colleen Austin was declared 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

President Kudro asked Jan Cote if she accepted the nomination for 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president. He then called for nominations from the floor. Ken Offenther nominated Jerry Stannard. President Kudro asked two more times if there were any nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. The two candidates then gave their debate as to why they should be elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. Questions were asked of the candidates and their answers given. Supporting remarks were made. A ballot vote was taken and Jan Cote was declared the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

Keeper of Records: Glenn Monroe

Treasurer: Joyce Smith

Secretary : Linda Rebholz

The President asked each candidate if they accepted the nomination. He then called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none, Glenn Monroe was declared Keeper of Records; Joyce Smith was declared Treasurer and Linda Rebholz was declared Secretary.

3. Revisit 10 Day Notice #12: Nancy Sclafani stated that she contacted Tom Winkelspecht about his original 10-day notice, which she read. Nancy made a motion for the notice eliminating the wording "and without notifying the director the previous day that the team would not be returning", seconded by Tom Winkelspecht. Bob Hovatter then amended the notice to add "without notifying the tournament director", seconded by Frank Niziolek. A vote was taken on the amended notice and passed. "Art. 10- Trophies and prized 10(f) will be as follows: Players who abandon a tournament, without notifying the tournament director, 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."

Hall of Fame Special Award: Dave has a letter of nomination for Ron Prevost from last year. He read a letter nominating Jeannie Andrews submitted by Colleen Austin and Joyce Smith. It was noted that two awards are permitted. A ballot vote was taken and Jeannie Andrews will receive the Hall Of Fame Special Award.

There was a moment of silence for Sue Minnich, Hall of Fame player who just passed away, and a prayer for Dave, her husband. Sue will be greatly missed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Colleen Austin, seconded by Doris Hanke. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Rebholz, FSA Secretary