

FSA CENTRAL DISTRICT GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Saturday, November 3, 2018

The Central District Board of the FSA met Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Sanlan RV and Golf Resort. President Doug Stockman called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Doug offered an invocation followed by the pledge to the flag. Doug welcomed all members and guests and thanked Sanlan for hosting this meeting.

Due to Marti Noble's absence at the March 2018 meeting, Larry Brown swore in Marti as the 2nd VP for the 2018-19 year.

Roll call was taken and all members were present with the exception of alternate state delegate Judy Holloway, HOF Classic director Ginny Chandler and HOF Curators Bob and Linda Marshman.

Glenn Monroe explained that only elected officers and presidents of clubs have voting rights at the CD Board meetings. Introductions of all members and guests followed.

George Adyns made a motion to accept the minutes from the March General Board meeting as posted. Harold Comeau seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mike Seyfer gave the following treasurer's report for the period ending October 31, 2018:

Cash Ex-Trust	8,513.57
Cash- Hall of Fame	723.42
Cash-Reiny Trust	<u>1,693.54</u>
Total Assets	10,930.53
Net Worth-February 28, 2018	12, 587.59
Net Loss: March 1, 2018-October 31, 2018	<u>-1657.06</u>
Net Worth-October 31, 2018	10, 930.53

The two largest expenses for this period were \$990.97 for the Masters tournament and \$441.76 for the HOF jackets. Membership dues for the 2019 year will be due Dec. 31, 2018. Mike also stated that he will no longer be receiving any cash. All transactions are to be made by check.

Communication-Three items of communication were read and discussed. The first being a thank you from Doug and Pat Stockman to the CD for providing them with their HOF jackets. The next item was from Linda Armstrong representing Sanlan RV and Golf Resort asking to host any additional district and/or state tournaments that might become available. Bob Marshman sent an email indicating that he will be having surgery but hopes to be down early in January. He would like to continue issuing the beginner packets. If someone could correct and update the packet, he would print and distribute them when he arrives in Florida.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

President Doug Stockman- Will report later

1st VP Jim Chandler- Nothing at this time

2nd VP Marti Noble-Nothing at this time

3rd VP John Houghtaling-John commented on the success of the Reiny/Top 8 held at ZSC last spring. He again thanked ZSC for hosting this tournament.

4th VP Gerritt Dykman- Nothing at this time

Secretary Cheryl Conkle-Cheryl will be mailing out the membership forms soon. They are due Dec. 31, 2018. Cheryl also asked that clubs/contact people please update your emails. Many notices are being returned as undeliverable.

Treasurer Mike Seyfer- Nothing further

Tournament Director George Adyns- George shared that attendance is down in every tournament that has been played, down by a total of 62 people. He also indicated that the northern people have been slow to arrive this year.

State Tournament Director/KOR Glenn Monroe-Glenn asked that the club presidents please notify him of any deceased or inactive players.

State Delegate Larry Brown-Larry commented that the courts are being redone in Winter Haven. The city of Avon Park is putting \$40,000 into the Avon Park courts. They've already put a fence around the courts and plan to put a new roof on the facility. Sebring is getting a bid for electric and he is 99% sure they will be getting new lighting.

The last Amateur state tournament at Sebring had only 10 teams and only 5 teams were local. The State has authorized Larry to buy a trophy for the Amateur TOC (Tournament of Champions). It is hoped that this tournament will encourage more amateurs. The State also authorized Larry to purchase a trophy for the newly named President's Trophy tournament in Lakeland. Dean Myklejord reminded everyone that CDP06 will be held at Lakeland, not Winter Haven.

HOF Classic Jim/Virginia Chandler-It was mentioned that Sebring has some old membership books from the 40's that will be placed in the HOF room.

OLD BUSINESS

New rule about players not finishing tournaments or forfeiting to play in another CD tournament in the same week-Doug Stockman stated that he and Dean Myklejord were to write a statement

concerning players not finishing or forfeiting tournaments to play in another in the same week. They had not written the statement but Glenn Monroe did write one effective October 1 which states "No Central District player may withdraw or forfeit from a Central district tournament in order to play in another District tournament in the same week."

Sponsorship money-It was said that some people wanted 2 separate sponsors when 2 tournaments are being played. George Adyns commented that people will sponsor local parks but not district tournaments. It is becoming more and more difficult to get sponsors. Linda Armstrong stated that a post from Oct. 17 said that clubs hosting state must obtain sponsors. Barb Fournier was told that clubs should allow \$150 for men and \$150 for women. Marti Noble said no dollar amount was set but it

should be substantial. Glenn commented that all of this discussion stems from the tournaments in Deland which have no sponsors. It's a long distance to travel with no sponsor.

Much discussion followed concerning ways to obtain sponsorship money. Harold Comeau said he sends out letters which work for Sebring. Tom Gionet said if restaurants donate money, their club (oud) goes there to eat. John Schlaffer from Lakeland said the only way to get sponsors is face to face contact. Larry Brown said ZSC continues to do the best job. Perhaps we should invite Henry Strong to January meeting for his input. ZSC offers free signage for each establishment that sponsors their club.

Publicity-Doug again stated that ZSC and Sebring continue to do the best jobs with publicity. He once again encourages the clubs to get press coverage whenever possible.

Reminder of Player Decorum-The statement on player decorum is now being read before tournaments and will again be read after Christmas.

Treasurer's Audit- David Earle's letter was read stating he had conducted an audit of the CD financial statement for the year ending February 28, 2018 and found it, in his opinion, to be accurate and in accordance with the accepted accounting principles. George Adyns made a motion to accept the audit. Glenn Monroe seconded it. Motion carried.

Amateur Promotion-Gerritt Dykman is preparing a letter to send to all clubs regarding a seminar for beginning shufflers. He is hoping to have some Pros and/or "red jackets" help with these seminars. Marlene Corbeil stated that Glen Peltier put on a seminar at Winter haven last year which involved 13 parks. She is hopeful this will happen again this year.

Other-Marlene then asked the CD for \$200 to sponsor another park tournament this year. It will be held sometime in February. Glenn Monroe made a motion to sponsor this tournament. Harold Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from from the FSA Meeting held Oct 13, 2018-Larry Brown thanked the CD Board for all they do. He also commented on how fortunate we are to have Glenn Monroe in the CD. Larry went on to say that the FSA needs to reach a time of healing after the recent suspension of Helen Biaggi. Much has been said and it's time to get back to shuffling. The amateurs have a new state tournament held in Sebring this year, the TOC (Tournament of Champions). Hopefully, this will encourage more players to play in state tournaments. The TOC for the pros will be held one more year in Sebring and then it will go back to Clearwater for 2020. For the year 2019-2020, the TOC will be held earlier in March. Glenda Brake will be inducted into the State HOF this spring.

FSA 2019-2020 schedule-Glenn Monroe stated that the 2019-2020 FSA schedule is out for approval but will not be approved until the March 9 meeting. Things could change.

Format for amateur state tournaments for 2019-2020-Glenn said that for the 2019-2020 season, clubs hosting amateur state tournaments may choose between a 75-point game or a frame game. Amateur single tournaments are already 12 frames. Those clubs involved need to decide the format and get this information to Doug before the January state meeting. Doug has tentative dates for Pro state tournaments. Clubs need to confirm those dates with him.

CD Member on FSA Executive Board-It was stated that when attending an FSA meeting, it's good to see the Board so well represented by the Central District.

Review of District Finances-George Adyns stated that our largest income is from tournaments and that income is steadily decreasing. We lost \$1263 two years ago and \$965 last year. At this rate, he predicts we will be broke in 8 years. Some of the reasons for this deficit are that no one leaves the tournament without receiving entry fee back in prize money and the district automatically adds \$25 to each tournament. George made the following motion: "We eliminate the automatic \$25 add back to the tournament from the district." Mike Seyfer seconded the motion. George said we have 51 tournaments which would amount to a savings of \$1275. However, some of that money would go back into making up prize money at small tournaments. After much discussion, the vote carried and line 7 on the financial sheet will be deleted. Dean Myklejord made a motion that this proposal go into effect today (Nov. 3, 2018). George Adyns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Preview 2018-2019-Marti Noble said all clubs have invoices for the PREVIEW and she just turned in \$100. You need to give her a specific count when ordering, not the number of boxes. Invoice system is working well.

Amateur Packets-Bob Marshman was going to revise the amateur packets but due to surgery he won't be here for some time. Doug asked Gerritt Dykman to look into editing these packets for future printing.

Practice procedure for Reiny Masters -Some amateurs were unsure of the practice procedure for the Reiny Masters. Some players didn't know the full setup and were questioning full setup vs. 2 and 4. It just needs clarification. Linda Armstrong said she is setting up a tournament at Sanlan in tournament style and players will learn the set up at this time. Glenn Monroe also commented that the amateur packets have the format for the complete setup as well as the PREVIEW.

Winter Haven Court Update-Nidy will start working on the courts Monday (Nov. 5) and it will take about 12 days to complete.

Location of Reiny/Top 8 Masters 2020-2021- This year's Reiny Masters will be held in St. Cloud. Lakeland will host the Reiny in 2020. Any club interesting in hosting for year 2021 needs to apply to the Board in writing.

Nominating Committee for 2019-2020- After some discussion, Larry Brown suggested Ruth Brown, Dean Myklejord and John Houghtaling make up the new nominating committee and that the chairman be decided among themselves. Glenn Monroe made a motion to accept this committee. George Adyns seconded this motion. Motion passed.

Calendar-The State tournament at Sebring (Orange Blossom) for the 2020 will begin Thursday, Jan. 2. No district tournament can be held that week. There was discussion about reducing the number of tournaments or extending the season one week and hold the Reiny Masters a week later (March 19-21). There would be a district tournament Dec. 19-20 and Jan. 9-10 with the Orange Blossom in between. Jim Chandler will put together a draft of the tournament schedule and we will go from there.

Other-Linda Armstrong commented on the Jan 4/5 and the Jan30/Feb1 tournaments at Sanlan saying they will be serving breakfast and lunch for those who are interested. The 2020 amateur tournament at Sanlan should read DRAW, not ANY DOUBLES. Tom Gionet said that St. Cloud always supplies lunch. It

was listed incorrectly in the PREVIEW. Barbara Fournier stated that St. Cloud will be hosting a Nov 15 amateur tournament.

Glenn Monroe took a few minutes to encourage shufflers to become involved in the International Shuffleboard Association. This past summer it was held in High River, Alberta, Canada. In November, 2019, the ISA will tournament will be in Vienna, Austria. It will be a singles event with a team event to be held in Australia in 2020. Apply to the USNSA to get on the roster.

Priorities for the year- John Houghtaling encouraged everyone to make an extra effort to get amateurs out and play. Tom Gionet has contacted the principal of the local high school and is trying to get seniors to come down and play. Larry thinks the format change to frame games will help. Marlene reminded everyone of the park tournaments each month rotating from Avon Park to Sebring to Winter Haven. Larry encouraged people to help shufflers along the way even something as small as reading a chart. Tom Gionet expressed thanks for a great meeting!

Closing Remarks- Doug thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He encouraged us to talk with people, get them out to play and help them out.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Cheryl Conkle, Secretary