

FSA CENTRAL DISTRICT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, January 12, 2019

The Central District Board of the FSA met Saturday, January 12, 2019 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. All members and guests were welcomed and thanks was expressed to Sanlan for hosting this meeting.

Roll call was taken and all members were present with the exception of HOF Classic Director Virginia Chandler. Introductions of all members and guests followed. It was explained by Glenn Monroe that only elected officers and presidents of clubs have voting rights.

Glenn Monroe made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 3, 2018 meeting as posted. Harold Comeau seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Cash Ex-Trust	9,182.32
Cash- Hall of Fame	723.42
Cash- Reiny Trust	<u>1,877.79</u>
Total Assets	11,783.53
Net Worth-October 31, 2018	10,930.53
Net Income: November 1, 2018-December 31, 2018	<u>853.00</u>
Net Worth- December 31, 2018	11,783.53

Mike stated that 8 or 9 clubs have not yet paid their district dues. It was suggested that notices be sent to those clubs reminding them that they are delinquent with their membership dues. Cheryl Conkle will take care of sending out these letters. Mike also said that the membership certificates will be sent out soon.

Communication- Three items of communication were shared with the membership. The first two letters were from Linda Armstrong, President of Sanlan RV and Golf Resort. One letter was asking for the opportunity to host the Reiny/Top 8 Masters for 2020-2021 season. The second letter was a request to host Tournament A05 held on November 18-20, 2019. It is the Central District State Sponsored 88th Annual Singles-NW- M/L-12 frame tournament. The third letter was from Neil Percy, President of Betmar Shuffle Club asking for the opportunity to host the 2021 Reiny/Top 8 Masters.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

President Doug Stockman- Doug congratulated Bob Marshman on reaching his 100th point for the Central District HOF. He then congratulated Mike Seyfer on reaching 200 points for the State HOF. Doug reminded all members of the State HOF meeting and banquet to be held in Largo on Monday, January 14, 2019. He is very pleased and encouraged by the turnout at recent shuffle tournaments. There were 80 players at Sanlan, 64 at Woodbrook and 64 pros and 48 amateurs at Lakeland.

1st VP Jim Chandler-nothing to report

2nd VP Marti Noble- There is a box of PREVIEWS available to anyone at no charge.

3rd VP John Houghtaling-John gave an update on the Reiny /Top 8 Masters coming in March. A list of hotels will be made available for those wanting to stay over in St. Cloud. Tom Gionet and the St. Cloud Club are ready to go. John commended

the people of the Woodbrook Club for their recent tournament. The facility was excellent and much appreciation goes to the club. Tim Baker from ZSC was introduced as the new 4th VP who will be representing amateurs.

4th VP Gerrit Dykman- Gerrit has sent an email encouraging clubs to hold more seminars for beginners.

Secretary Cheryl Conkle- nothing to report

Treasurer Mike Seyfer- nothing to report

Tournament Director George Adyns- Our numbers are still down by 87 shufflers even though the recent tournaments have been better. Thanks to Cheryl Conkle and Marlene Corbeil for helping with a new director trainee.

State Tournament Director /KOR Glenn Monroe- Glenn reminded clubs to make sure their dues are paid because technically you cannot play in a tournament if your club is not a member of the Central District. Also, a person can change his/her club affiliation at any time. However, a written request must be sent to the KOR and to the club notifying them of this change.

Glenn congratulated Bob Marshman on his HOF achievement. He stated that next closest person is Richard Cron who is 15 points away. Following him his Delane Reuss and Sheila Cron. As of now, there are 11 state amateurs who are moving up to Pro next year. There are 6 players who need 1 point or less. 5 District amateurs are moving up to State Am status and 6 district ams who are within 1 point.

State Delegate Larry Brown- There is not much news to report until after this Monday night's meeting. Avon Park has a new roof and fence at their facility. Sebring has new LED lighting. Good reports were heard about the Orange Blossom hosted at Sebring. Thanks to Larry Lane and George Rosema for all their work and efforts at Sebring. Larry expressed congratulations to Mike Seyfer for achieving his state HOF status and to Keith Morton for winning his first tournament.

HOF Curators Bob/Linda Marshman- will report later

HOF Classic Directors Jim/Virginia Chandler-will report later

OLD BUSINESS

Reiny/Top 8 Masters- Doug stated that two applications have been received to host the 2021 Reiny/ Top 8 Masters, one from Sanlan and one from Betmar. David Earle commented that Sanlan is centrally located so it would make a good venue. Bob Marshman made a motion that Sanlan be granted the 2021 Reiny and Betmar be granted the Reiny for 2022. Harold Comeau seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Schedules Pro and Am for 2019-2020- Jim Chandler presented the 2019-2020 Pro and Am schedules. CDA06 (Nov. 14-15) will be held at ZSC, not in St. Cloud. The format will be 75 points/16 frames.

Doug Korfman, president of Woodbrook, expressed his thanks to all for attending the recent tournament held at Woodbrook.

HOF and Fun Day Format-March 2019- Jim Chandler said the same format will be used as in the past as long as George Adyns and Marlene Corbeil are willing to run the tournament.

Jim Corbeil said donations for gift cards for the HOF will be accepted starting at the St. Cloud tournament January 17.

Techniques for fund raising and getting sponsors- John Houghtaling said at ZSC they provide their sponsors with a 2 x 4 advertising sign for free. Every year 1-2000 people will see this ad. He said we encourage them to come and speak at our

tournaments and show them their sign. Also, he said to encourage patrons to put a note on the back of their bill thanking the company/restaurant for supporting shuffleboard. Linda Armstrong mentioned that she met with the owner of Sanlan and the park will allow them to put up temporary sponsor signs for the season. Bob Marshman also said that a verbal thanks to businesses is much appreciated.

CD Policy for uneven number of players at a tournament- Glenn Monroe stated that when both Pro and Am tournaments have an uneven number, a state am can play up to make even numbers. However, if a tournament is uneven, usually, the last person to sign up must withdraw.

FSA Report- Larry shared that the idea of signage has already been done. Avon Park was the trendsetter but now Sebring is doing it as well. Monday night (January 14) is the State HOF Banquet and Glenda Brake from the Central District will be inducted. David Earle asked what to expect at the meeting and was told there would be election of officers.

CD Policy regarding changing tournament location due to weather- Glenn said there is no CD policy, per se. However, the FSA rule states that players can only play at another place with agreement of the tournament director and the executive members present. Glenn said the CD followed the FSA rule at St. Cloud. John Houghtaling said St. Cloud was ok with the decision. It was just unplayable conditions.

Acknowledge work of tournament directors- Doug asked how many players acknowledge and/or thank the directors for the work they do at a tournament. He asked that players be mindful of this.

There will be NO lunch at the ZSC amateur tournament.

Shuffleboard seminars report- Gerritt Dykman sent out letters to all clubs encouraging them to hold seminars. Marlene Corbeil said that Winter Haven will be holding a seminar Wed. Feb 13 with Glen Peltier as the instructor.

Other- John Houghtaling said that everything is running smoothly with the Reiny preparations. He's contacted Jeff Sessions in regard to the jackets. Trophies will be ready as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Host Club for Nov 18-20, 2019-2020 Schedule: State Sponsored 88th Annual singles NW M/L 12 frames- The location for this tournament must be in place by Monday night's meeting (January 14). We have one application from Sanlan to host this tournament. David Earle made a motion that Sanlan host A05 on Nov. 18-20, 2019. Doug Korfman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Decorum Article 12-Doug suggested this item be passed and left for a future agenda.

Appointment of auditor- It was agreed that David Earle will be the auditor for the year 2018-2019.

Report of 2019-2020 Nominating Committee- The nominating committee consisting of Ruth Brown, Dean Myklejord and John Houghtaling submitted the following list of officers for consideration: President-John Houghtaling, 1st VP Jim Chandler, 2nd VP Jim Corbeil, 3rd VP Linda Armstrong, 4th VP Tim Baker, Treasurer Mike Seyfer, Secretary Cheryl Conkle, Tournament Director George Adyns, Webmaster/KOR Glenn Monroe, State Delegate Larry Brown, Alternate State Delegate Judy Holloway. Jim/Virginia Chandler will continue their role as HOF Classic directors and Bob/Linda Marshman will continue as HOF Curators. There were no further nominations. This report will again be read at the March 2 meeting.

Concept of Instant Pro-reinstatement- Glenn Monroe presented a proposal whereas any district or state 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. Glenn will present this proposal to the FSA Board for approval at Monday night's FSA meeting (Jan.14). John Houghtaling expressed concern about amateurs moving up too quickly. Glenn stated that the Board still has the final say. Tim Baker suggested the Board be careful. Glenn stated that he is the KOR for the whole state and he sees some amateurs who are playing far beyond an amateur status and should be playing with the pros but because of the points system are still playing with amateurs. Linda Armstrong agrees that a person should have the opportunity to move up. Much discussion followed as to how Larry Brown and Doug Stockman should vote on our behalf at the FSA meeting. Tom Gionet made a motion that Larry and Doug use their own judgment and vote as they see fit. Bob Marshman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Role of Club President- Doug said there are guidelines for presidents on pgs. 135-136 in the Preview. It's not necessarily *what* you do but *how* you do it.

Promotion of more modified tournaments- This will be for discussion in next year's schedule.

Increasing amateur attendance at tournaments- Doug expressed thanks to Gerritt Dykman as 4th VP for his work in helping amateurs. John Houghtaling said that amateurs still just don't want to travel. A few will travel but most of them want the tournament to come to them. Gerritt mentioned that a modified tournament is a good tournament format for amateurs. Tom Gionet suggested a Fun Day.

Player Telephone Numbers- John Houghtaling expressed difficulty in contacting amateurs when it comes to the Reiny Masters. He suggested having them put their phone number on their registration form. George Adyns agreed. It was decided that tournament directors asked the amateurs to put their phone number on their registration form at each tournament for the rest of the season. Glenn mentioned that there is an address book on the website but it is only updated by request.

Marti Noble mentioned the TOC for amateurs in Sebring. She wanted to make sure they would be made aware of this and be notified if they qualify to play.

Special Awards- CD Hall of Fame 2018-2019- Prior to this meeting, the Executive Board met in closed session and voted to induct Dick Davis and Judy Holloway into the Central District HOF this year.

Other- A discussion regarding amateur move up points took place. Glenn stated that the state gave the CD authority to reduce points. If players travel to other districts who award full points, should CD players get full points? As it stands now, they get the points awarded according to the district they reside in. Much discussion followed. Gerritt Dykman expressed the discrepancy between 1st and 4th place in the Main event. Both places receive 1 point. He's questioning if this is fair or should it be changed. Glenn concluded the discussion by saying that in the last 5 years, the FSA has made many changes.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25am

Secretary, Cheryl Conkle