

FSA CENTRAL DISTRICT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, November 2, 2019

The Central District Board of the FSA met Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Sanlan RV and Golf Resort. President John Houghtaling called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. John offered an invocation followed by the pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken and all members were present with exception of HOF Curators Bob and Linda Marshman and HOF Classic organizer Virginia Chandler.

John thanked Linda and Henry Armstrong and Sanlan RV Resort for hosting this meeting. Introduction of members and guests followed. Glenn Monroe explained that only elected officers and presidents of member clubs have voting rights.

George Adyns made a motion to suspend the reading of the March 2, 2019 minutes as they have already been posted on the website. Larry Brown seconded the motion and motion carried.

Mike Seyfer gave the following treasurer's report for the period ending October 31, 2019:

Cash Ex-Trust	7,725.02
Cash-Hall of Fame	704.92
Cash- Reiny Trust	<u>1,948.04</u>
Total Assets	10,377.98
Net Worth-February 28, 2019	12,624.46
Net Income-March 1, 2019-October 31, 2019	<u>-2,246.48</u>
Net Worth-October 31, 2019	10,377.98

Mike stated that there is always a loss of income at this time of year due to a small number of tournaments played and more expenses early in the year.

**Communication**—The first item of communication was a letter from Bob Marshman withdrawing his original letter from last year asking Betmar if they would consider frame games as opposed to 75 points games. It has been determined that the venue hosting the event may choose its own format.

Sue Krynak shared that Kay Buchanan, a longtime friend and shuffler, has passed way. Glenn has this posted on the website.

The last item of communication is a letter from Paul Hawkins, a district amateur in the Central District. He is asking the Board to consider moving him from District Am to State Am status with immediate effect and bypass the normal Oct 1 waiting period. He gained 4.5 points last year in his first year of tournament shuffle and has 2.5 points this year. He would like to use .5 point from this year to gain State Amateur status and that would leave him 3 points to achieve pro status.

Much discussion ensued. Tom Gionet said that if we do it for one, then we do it for all. Glenn Monroe said according to the current points system we can do nothing. However, Article 8 states that each district shall *evaluate* their players. Does that allow us enough "wobble" room?? Glenn says, personally, he does not have a problem with it but that's not the rule. It was suggested we go to the FSA and ask

them under Article 8 if this is ok. Dean Myklejord said we're opening up a can of worms. Tom Gionet said he doesn't think it's right. The question was asked if the membership wants us to bring it up to the FSA. Tim Baker, in support of Paul, states that certain individuals have the capability to advance. George Adyns commented that with the small numbers at tournaments, one can easily get points to advance. Glenn said that this decision will affect many people so be cautious. Bailey Johnson commented that Paul went through the proper channels and we appreciate his letter. Glenn said if we go to the FSA we need to go with a specific recommendation. Tom Gionet made a motion for Glenn to go to the FSA. Glenn amended that motion to read that a representative (s) go to the FSA with a proposal for early advancement of players. Larry Brown seconded the motion. Tim Baker asked if we were moving Paul from DA to SA or from SA to PRO? It was stated that a concrete proposal must be written to the FSA. Dean Myklejord said he should not carry the 2 points with him. Glenn finally stated that there is not enough information to take to the FSA. Glenn made a motion to table Tom Gionet's motion until a specific proposal can be developed. Judy Holloway seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**President John Houghtaling-** John commented on how the Central District is the largest and best shuffleboard district. He has great people on the CD Board and is proud and humble to be a part of it. He shared that his heart is with amateur play. Great progress is being made at Zephyrhills, Avon Park and Sebring. John also is trying to convince the State Board to promote amateur play as well. State President Dave Kudro feels the same in regards to amateur play.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Jim Chandler-** Jim will have a proposed tournament schedule for 2020-21 at the January meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jim Corbeil-** Nothing at this time

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP Linda Armstrong-** Linda mentioned that Sanlan will be hosting an amateur State tournament Nov. 18-20. Snowbird Heating is the sponsor. A lunch truck will be available. Sanlan has new lighting. Also, the PREVIEWS are here so let Linda know how many you want. PREVIEWS are to be paid for when received.

Glenn mentioned that Jeannie Andrews is no longer our State Treasurer. She has resigned and Joyce has accepted the new position. Accounts are in the process of being switched so until Glenn posts it on the website, please continue to send all monies to Jeannie until we receive notification.

**4<sup>th</sup> VP Tim Baker-** Tim is working to encourage amateur play. So far this year, after five district tournaments we have increased from 75 -78 players (up 3).

**Secretary Cheryl Conkle-** Cheryl asked that those who speak in this large meeting room, speak louder or come closer to the recorder. It's difficult to hear all that is said. She will be mailing out CD membership forms this month. Also, if you have new/different contact people in your parks, please let her know so she can update the address/email lists.

**Treasurer Mike Seyfer-** Nothing further

**State Delegate Larry Brown-** There was a misspelling on last year's TOC nameplate. He sent for a new one and just received it. Last Thursday ( Oct. 31) was a good day for shuffling. 140 players participated in the district. Larry offered thanks to Betmar for hosting last year's Masters. It was handled very professionally and well done overall. Larry mentioned Jeannie Andrews's retirement with Joyce Smith as her replacement. Bob Smith dropped off the Board and Colleen Austin is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP.

Larry commented about using the "the shuffler" website. If you send your club news to Glenn, he will forward it on to this website. It's a good way for people to hear what you're doing in your own clubs. A new committee is being formed, comprised of each district's president. The goal of this committee is to realign some of the tournaments to cut down on travel. This could possibly lead to a few more 3-way tournaments starting in the year 2021-22.

John Houghtaling has tickets for the HOF Banquet in Bradenton this year. Mike Seyfer and Dean Myklejord will be entering the HOF from the Central District.

Larry encourages all of us to attend the State meetings held in Sebring.

John Houghtaling asked if the Dec 7 meeting was just for the district presidents and Larry indicated yes.

**Tournament Director George Adyns-** George stated that in the district tournaments we are up 4 players from last year and in state tournaments we are plus 44. However, that is due to the extra tournament held in Sebring this year.

Nov. 18 is a red line singles M/L tournament at Sanlan. This will be 75 points or 12 frames. According to Linda Armstrong and the Sanlan Club, the format for the third game will be to go back to original color, play 6 frames and switch color, switch the bar and play all the way down 6 more frames. One man and one lady will be recognized as amateur State Champs for the FSA. Their pictures will be in next year's PREVIEW.

At this time information regarding lodging for the Orange Blossom tournament in Sebring was given. The Seven Sebring Raceway Hotel is offering a rate of \$69 during this tournament. Just mention Sebring Recreation Club to get this rate. The flyer is on the CD website for further information.

**Webmaster/KOR Glenn Monroe-** John Houghtaling offered a big thanks to Glenn for ALL he does for the Central District. Glenn stated that Paul Hawkins and Dave Stoops have moved from District Am to State Am. Leland Welch and John Schlaffer have moved from State Am to Pro status starting next fall.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Monetary Contribution Guidelines for CD Clubs who established tournaments-** John Houghtaling stated that Woodbrook with the help of Glenn and David Earle do a wonderful job with the Amateur tournament they host each year. Doug Korfman, President of Woodbrook, said he only asked for \$200 last year because he was encouraged to do so. No money was ever received anyway. Jim Corbeil commented that the money Winter Haven receives goes for food for the players. They have no sponsor and the prize money comes from their entry fee. Doug said it is no problem. Woodbrook can get along without the money and he understands the difference between the 2 types of tournaments. Larry Brown said that Sebring would not ask for \$200 this year. In the last 6 or 7 years only 1 or 2 players have come out to play as a result of the parks tournaments. They are not going to host a park tournament this year and see if it is missed. Marlene Corbeil commented that Winter Haven's new president is a new member and came from a parks tournament.

**Review of Amateur TOC at Sebring-** Larry Brown stated that last year was the first year for the Amateur TOC and it was well attended. The Pro TOC has moved to Clearwater for this year. Hopefully all the Ams will go to Clearwater. In the past, amateurs have not always been in great attendance at Clearwater. The TOC may return to the central part of the state in future years.

**Other-** Glenn stressed the importance of club presidents attending the district meetings and especially now that both meetings are combined. A quorum is 25% . We have 47 clubs in the district with 18 in attendance today. Every club president may have written authorization for a representative to act on his/her behalf at the meeting.

Jim Corbeil made a motion to propose giving Winter Haven \$200 for their parks tournament to be used for food. Larry Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim indicated that 13-15 parks attend and 6 new memberships were received from this tournament.

Bailey Johnson, president of Betmar, reminded people that Betmar is hosting an Amateur Any Doubles tournament Nov. 11-12.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Review of Reiny Master—capping of expenditures for 2020-** Mike Seyfer offered information regarding the expenditures at the Reiny Masters since 2013. He hopes these expenditures can possibly be controlled. In 2014, the cost was **\$341** for food and coffee. In 2016--**\$738**; 2017-**\$657**; 2018-**\$991**; 2019--**\$1287**. Glenn says the State caps their expenditures at \$500 (for a 5 day tournament). John would like to see it capped. Mike Seyfer said that this continued spending is just not sustainable. George Adyns commented that the district is feeding 48 shufflers and officials whereas the state feeds 16 shufflers and officials. Glenn suggested putting a cap of 300 or 500 dollars and letting the club spend it how they wish. Glenn made a motion that the Central District limit financial responsibility to the Reiny Masters host club to \$500 and they would determine how the money is spent. Jim Corbeil seconded motion. Motion passed. Receipts are still needed and should be forwarded to Mike Seyfer.

**Reiny Masters Pin Appropriation Request- Jim Corbeil-** Jim stated there are not enough Reiny pins for the season. He has checked around and they are not cheap. Jim quoted the following prices from Fred's Awards in Ft Myers: \$3.36 per pin when ordering 100; \$5.00 per pin when ordering 50. By ordering a 100 of red, yellow, blue and white, the total would come to \$1431.36. Jim said the company would need 50% down at the time of the order. This would be enough pins to last until the year 2024. After some discussion and realizing this is the best price, Dean Myklejord made a motion to spend \$336.36 times 4 (\$1431.36) for the Reiny pins. Linda Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Special FSA HOF Award 2020- Larry Brown-** John Houghtaling announced that Larry Brown will be entering the State HOF this year under the Special Award category. He and Ruth have given their lives to shuffleboard and he is well deserving of this honor. Also, congratulations to Mike Seyfer and Dean Myklejord as they enter the State HOF under the Player category having reached their 200 points.

**State Meeting –October 12, 2019—**Nothing further

**2019-2020 PREVEWS-** One PREVIEW is free for each club. Make checks payable to CD Treasurer, Mike Seyfer.

**Other-** At this time John Houghtaling read 2 letters for nomination into the Central District HOF. Larry Brown nominated George Adyns and Doug Stockman nominated Cheryl Conkle. Both of these nominations are under the Special Award category.

**Adjournment-**Judy Holloway made a motion to adjourn. Ruth Brown seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.

Cheryl Conkle, Secretary