

FSA CENTRAL DISTRICT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, November 6, 2021
Sanlan Shuffleboard Club

The Central District Board of the FSA met Saturday, November 6, 2021, at Sanlan Shuffleboard Club. President John Houghtaling called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. John offered an invocation followed by the pledge to the flag. John expressed his thanks to Merwin Backus, Dan Ritchie and Sanlan Shuffleboard Club for hosting the meeting.

Roll call was taken, and several board members were absent. Absent were Jim Corbeil, and Larry Brown. Introduction of club presidents and guests followed. Proxy authorizations for the following members were read: Jim Kelly for Tom Clayton representing Avon Park; Frank Pogel for Henry Strong representing ZSC; Brenda Dawson for Ruth Stewart representing Winter Haven; Marie Collette for Thomas Gionet for St. Cloud; Merwin Backus for Linda Armstrong representing Sanlan. Don Rood appointed as alternate State Representative so that Judy Holloway can assume the role as Treasurer of the FSA. Gloria Tipsword will assume the position of 4th VP.

Glenn Monroe asked for a Point of Order: The two voting members of the Board (Don Rood and Gloria Tipsword) need to be sworn in before they will be permitted to vote. They were immediately sworn in.

John called for approval of the agenda. With a couple minor corrections, Keith Morton moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Gloria Tipsword. Motion carried.

John moved to suspend the reading of the March 6, 2021, minutes as they have been posted on the website. George Aydns moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Glenn Monroe. Minutes were approved.

Mike Seyfer gave the following treasurer's report of the period ending October 31, 2021:

Revenue:	209.60
Expenses:	<u>1,471.67</u>
Total Profit/(Loss)	(1,262.07)
Total Assets:	10,095.55

Mike reported that membership dues are beginning to be received for this coming year (due by December 31, 2021).

COMMUNICATION

1. The Reiny incident was resolved, and the incident report was given to the secretary in a sealed envelope for filing.
2. Ruth Stewart reported that she would not be able to attend the Nov. meeting because the Canadian border is still closed. Since she will not be able to make the meeting, Brenda Dawson will vote on behalf of the Winter Haven Club (recorded above).
3. John read Cathy Renwick's resignation, thanking her for her work for the Central

- District and regret that she will not be able to serve as secretary another year.
4. John read the resignation from Jim Corbeil stating that he rejected Jim's resignation in hope that he might reconsider.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President—John Houghtaling: John called for input from each of the board members. John thanked Gloria Tipsword, Kat Davis, and for their efforts to establish a Facebook page to inform players of news, etc. in the district.

1st VP—Jim Corbeil—not in attendance. Due to medical issues, he may not be able to come to Florida this year.

2nd VP—Paul Hawkins stressed that Amateurs need to be more supported and encouraged to participate in tournaments. In some cases, they have had to wait too long to play, and are not given incentive to participate (in the form of prize monies, etc.)

3rd VP—Keith Morton—Said he would address his issues later the agenda.

4th VP—Gloria Tipsword—had nothing to report

Secretary—Cathy Renwick—Thanked the Central District and Board for their support. She reported that she had distributed as many club dues' forms as possible to people directly connected to clubs and attending the meeting. The other forms will be sent out in the mail by the end of the next week.

Treasurer—Mike Seyfer—New financial forms for both the district and the state are available online. Please be sure to use the new forms and fill out the “filled out by” section of the report before sending it to Mike. He needs to be able to contact someone if there is a problem with the financial statement filed for a particular tournament.

State Delegate—Larry Brown was not in attendance

Alternate State Delegate—July Holloway had nothing to report.

Tournament Director—George Adyns—So far this year, the numbers are up: at the State level, there have been 155 more participants; and at the Central Dist. Level, there are 208 more participants than last year. He stressed the need for more tournament directors, especially due to the resignation of Cathy Renwick. He asked (strongly) that each President go back to his/her club and ask for anyone interested in becoming a tournament director to step up. It takes at least a year to train, and the existing directors are getting older, some health problems, etc., and without directors, tournaments may have to be cancelled. The situation is particularly bad in the northern end of the Central District, and even worse in neighboring districts.

HOF Curators—Bob Marshman—We need to do some work in the H.O.F. Room. A piece of trim Bob was attempting to get someone to match came up missing. Along with that, another woodworker lost the measurements for the trim. He asked anyone who has woodworking knowledge help him with this predicament. Bob also announced that this will be his last year as curator. It is not a huge job, so he asked that members consider taking the position.

Webmaster/KOR—Glenn Monroe—reported that three St. Am. players had earned enough points to move up to Pro and three players would be moved up to St. Am. Also, several players have 90+ Hall of Fame points.

He also announced that Amateurs need to pre-register for State tournaments. Glenn's email address is available online for pre-registration. He asked to please share this pre-requisite with the amateurs at your club.

HOF Classic—Brenda Dawson stated that the Hall of Fame Classic will be held this year. More details will be forthcoming at the January meeting. She said that masks might be required for the inside ceremony.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Keith Morton mentioned that the 2021 Reiny's went smoothly. The 2022 Reiny's will be held at Betmar.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Extra pay outs by clubs are becoming impossible because the money is tight. Some suggestions included selling advertisements and accepting donations other than cash (gift certificates, etc.), and striving to get more sponsors.
2. Glenn Monroe stressed that anyone belonging to a club which has not paid club dues by December 31, 2021, will not be allowed to participate in either a State or Central tournaments.
3. Keith Morton stressed concern about the cost of all the Participation Trophies. He said that most players are not concerned with the trophies, and they are costing the district a lot of money. He felt that the Pins should be adequate to be given to all players in lieu of the trophies. This sparked some considerable discussion among the amateurs in the gallery. The consensus was that the trophies are more important to first-time District Ams than they are to State Ams. Glenn Monroe moved "Do away with participation trophies for all State Ams, giving trophies to just first place and runner-up. Only District Ams should receive participation trophies." Seconded by George Aydn's. Motion Carried.
4. Preview Report: Paul Hawkins thanked the clubs for paying for their Previews with check as requested. All Previews were distributed. Some clubs did not have to pay because they had a credit for last year's Previews they did not receive. Some discussion was made about the \$3.00 charge vs. the Preview cost of \$4.00. Glenn Monroe explained that there was not as great a loss as it appears because there was advertising money to cover some of the difference.
5. Election Of Officers (Jan. 2022 meeting). Bob Marshman stated that he would be "part of" but not "the only" member of the nominating committee. Gloria Tipsword and Harold Comeau volunteered to help Bob in this effort. All current officers are up for election.
6. George Adyn's distributed the "Unofficial" preliminary schedule for 2022-23. He stressed the word "Unofficial". No one is to copy or distribute these schedules. Some games are marked "TBD". George is awaiting confirmation for these tournaments, and some clubs are awaiting members from Canada.
 - a. George explained that so few amateurs show up for tournaments, that the distribution of points is moving amateurs to pro too quickly. The 16-chart rule is not working. He made the following motion:" If there are less than 16 players in a tournament, it should automatically revert to singles. Singles will be non-walking, 75 Pts./12 frames. Move up

points for Main 1 through 4 and Consolation 1 through 4 shall be:

1. 13-15 players: 1, 0.5, 0.5, 0, 0.5, 0.5, 0, 0.
2. 10-12 players: 1, 0.5, 0, 0, 0.5, 0.5, 0, 0.
3. Fewer than 10 players: 1, 0.5, 0, 0, 0.5, 0, 0, 0.

- b. Motion was seconded by John Schlaffer. After discussion, Keith Morton moved to amend the motion to 75/8 frames from 75/12. This amendment to shorten the game time to a more acceptable time frame. Motion for amendment was seconded by George Adyns. Both motions carried.
7. 10-Day Notice: Glenn Monroe explained that a 10-day notice is a means to make a change to either by-laws or to rules. Every two years (this year), notices can be filed with the FSA for changes in the General Rules. Every three years (next year) notices for changes in by-laws can be filed. Notices must contain the filer's name, the rule to be changed, the proposed change to be made, and the reason for the change. The Central District will consider and vote on the rule changes and the district's representatives will honor that vote when the rule changes come before the FSA Board. He also explained that there are 21 total votes by the State Board: 2 votes per district ($2 \times 7 = 14$), and 1 vote by each of the 7 board members.
8. AM Participation: Expanding Modified Tournaments. Glenn mentioned that a modified tournament involves a single mingle on day one and then the top 16 players come back on day two for a regular draw doubles format. There have been several good reviews. Since the venue has the option of choosing the format for a tournament, perhaps some clubs would like to choose this format. Any changes in format must be reported to George Adyns no later than December 31, 2021.

MOTION TO ADJOURN—John Houghtaling, seconded by Cathy Renwick. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting: January 8, 2022, at Sanlan Shuffleboard Club.

Respectably submitted by Secretary, Cathy Renwick