

## FSA CENTRAL DISTRICT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, January 9, 2021

The Central District Board of the FSA met Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Lakeland 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 Dean Myklejord and Lakeland Shuffleboard Club for hosting our meeting after Sanlan's withdrawal from having guests in their park during the Covid crisis.

Roll call was taken, and several board members were absent. Absent were: Jim Corbeil, Linda Armstrong, Margaret Dear, George Adyns, and Linda Marshman. Introduction of club presidents and guests followed. A quorum of 13 was met.

John called for approval of the agenda. With no additions, Keith Morton moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dean Myklejord. Motion carried.

John moved to suspend the reading of the November 7, 2020 minutes as they have been posted on the website. Glenn Monroe moved to amend the 11/7 minutes to indicate that district Master's points for small tournaments should be reduced as follows: 5 points to , 4 points to 2, 3 points to 1, 2 points to 0.5, and 1 point to zero. Bob Marshman moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Dean Myklejord. Minutes were approved as amended.

Mike Seyfer gave the following treasurer's report of the period ending December 31, 2020:

Revenue:	1,540.00
Expenses:	<u>368.52</u>
Total Profit/(Loss)	1,171.47
Total Assets:	11,548.26

.Mike reported that membership dues have be received by most clubs.

### COMMUNICATION

1. Bailey Johnson of Betmar reported that Betmar remains members only. Tournaments scheduled for Jan. 28-29 and Jan. 29-30, 2021 cannot be held there Betmar will reassess mid January for the Feb. 25026, 2021 tournaments. 2) At the Dec. 9, 2020 meeting, Betmar's membership voted for Central District tournaments to be 75 points or 16 Frames for next season.
2. Ruth Steward wrote that Winter Haven will permit tournaments starting the first of the year with the provision that the senior center is off limits, but the Hall of Fame and restroom adjacent to the HOF will be open. No food is permitted to be served inside or outside the senior center. Since she will not be able to make the meeting, Brenda Dawson will vote on behalf of the Winter Haven Club
3. Keith Morton will address the Reiny Pin distribution later in the meeting.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President—John Houghtaling: John called for input from each of the board members.

1<sup>st</sup> VP—Jim Corbeil—not in attendance

2<sup>nd</sup> VP—Linda Armstrong—wrote a letter to John Houghtaling and the board with her resignation citing family issues. She expressed her regret and said she enjoyed her time working with the Central District Board and on the Preview. She will forward, as soon as possible, all the Preview Coordinator information.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP—Keith Morton—reported that last year's Reiny Pins will be distributed next week, January 14, 2021 at the tournament in Lakeland. Those expecting to receive pins from last year should plan to attend that tournament.

4<sup>th</sup> VP—Margaret Dear—Not in attendance..

Secretary—Cathy Renwick—Reported that she had sent out all the membership dues before the end of November. She received three back due to addresses sent to Canadian residents. They were re-sent as soon as she could find an alternate address for these clubs.

Treasurer—Mike Seyfer—Mailed out certificates for all clubs paid by the end of Dec. He handed out some certificates to people in attendance, and the remainder of late arrivals will be sent out.

State Delegate—Larry Brown—Larry stated that he has been in constant contact with the President of Sebring Shuffleboard Club, Larry Lane, regarding the status of shuffleboard at Sebring and in the State. He arrived just in time to host the Ruth Brown Memorial Orange Blossom Tournament which was held last Monday, January 4-6. It was a great tournament, and he commended the State for its' commitment to maintain shuffleboard during the Covid Pandemic.

Alternate State Delegate—Judy Holloway—Judy said that she had made arrangements with the newspaper to cover the tournament, but the reporter came down with Covid, and an interview had to be held via FaceTime. The story will be covered in the Sebring paper as soon as the reporter is able to get back to work. Judy will forward the articles to both the Central website and to the FSA. She also commended Glenn for his great work with State tournament registration.

Tournament Director—George Adyns—Other than the change in a couple tournaments, George recommended that the name of the Hall of Fame Classic be changed to “Hall of Fame Open Classic” in order to make it clear that everyone is invited to join in the fun day—not just the inductees. He also recommended that the HOF be canceled for this year since it does not carry points, and the CDC recommends that large gatherings not be held unnecessarily.

HOF Curators—Bob Marshman—Will talk later in the meeting.

Webmaster/KOR—Glenn Monroe—reported that four St. Am. players had moved up to Pro: Dave Stoops, Jim Kelly, Paul Hawkins, and Rae Schneider. He also announced that Gabby

Gabbard recently made it to the Central District Hall of Fame. Close behind him with over 90 points are: Barbara Fournier—95, Keith Morton—94, Richard Cron—93, and Robert Conkle—91, and Paulne Murphy—90.

HOF Classic—Brenda Dawson stated that the Hall of Fame Classic will be canceled for this year. Tournaments can be held there but there will be no access to the Senior Center. The Hall of Fame room will be open with access to the restrooms adjacent to it.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of the 2021-22 schedule with the wording change for the HOF: All agreed.
2. Wording change in last month's minutes was covered earlier in the meeting.
3. FSA Report—John commended Colleen for the great job she does with posting everything to the website. Most forms can be downloaded from the FSA website. The FSA will no longer pay for district tournament supplies, only FSA tournaments. Glenn announced that Dwayne Cross had made his 200 points. John gave a brief summary of the FSA Report: West Coast District--Clearwater is not allowing tournaments. Pinellas Park is happy that FSA rules are being enforced; Southwest Coast District: Lost some tournaments; Central East Coast District: no tournaments because most clubs are closed; Northern District--no tournaments, and no tournament directors at this time, they are hoping to be able to have tournaments at Fort Pierce and Leesburg if possible; Central District: John reported that he is pleased that fears that players would come to tournaments and not reveal that they are sick has not happened so far. The tournament scheduled for Palmetto had to be changed to Bradenton. Under 10 day notices, #3 was the only one that passed.
4. Bob Marshman stated that the HOF Fun Day will not occur this year.
5. Previews: There will no longer be any free Previews given to Districts. Previews must be ordered and paid for before delivery. The State determined that there would be only ½ the normal number of Previews printed at this time. 207 books were ordered by Central District, but only 90 will be allocated. All clubs will be allotted ½ of their order. The State recommended that reimbursement checks should be sent to each club for those Previews not received. This would put undue work on the treasurer, so Central District will issue a credit to each club which will be used to pay for next year's Preview order. Motion to approve issuing credit vouchers for Previews was made by Bob Marshman and seconded by Bailey Johnson. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Bob Marshman was appointed as auditor.
2. Glenn Monroe reported that, in the past, there was a progression of VPs from year to year allowing each person to learn the various jobs of each VP ultimately becoming President after four years. This has not been the case in recent years due to resignations. 3<sup>rd</sup> VP was in charge of records; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP was in charge of Reinsys; 1<sup>st</sup> VP was in charge of schedules, so that by the time a person became President, they would have a working knowledge of each position. We need to seek commitment of each person sitting on the Board as VP knows that they will be expected to take their turn as President when the time comes. (were given the choice to stay in their position for a second year). This was how the progression got messed up. A new person must be chosen to replace Linda Armstrong. A nomination committee will attempt to find qualified people to run for the

vacant positions. Two names were suggested for the vacant position: Diane Foley and Dan Richey. There will be two VP positions to find people to fill. Voting should have taken place at this meeting, but will have to be postponed until the March meeting. Anyone who accepts VP should be willing to move up the ranks to President. John said that he will stay on for a third term so that the progression can be reestablished. The nomination committee will find candidates to be voted on at the March meeting.

3. Since there will not be a HOF ceremony at Winter Haven this year, anyone earning HOF status will be awarded their jacket and plaque this year, and a ceremony will be held next year to acknowledge their accomplishment. Each candidate should provide 2—5x7 photos for the wall and scrapbook. Motion made by Glenn Monroe to award jackets and plaques at the March 4-5 tournament in Winter Haven. Seconded by Larry Brown. Motion carried.
4. Earl Ball, Cindy Wood, Bailey Johnson and Gabby Gabbard proposed a plan to (hopefully) increase the number of Amateurs participating in tournaments by having preliminary rounds played at Betmar and Avon Park, and then having the finals played in Zepherhills. A18B and A20A (Nationals) could be a test for this proposal for this year. To move forward with this idea, a proposal must be put forward (by next week) to be voted on at the State meeting. A18B is a regular any doubles State Amateur Tournament. ZSC is the host Club and will host half the chart on the 1<sup>st</sup> day; Avon Park and Betmar will host one quarter each of the chart. ZSC will qualify 4 teams for the main and 4 teams for Consolation. Avon Park and Betmar will qualify 2 teams for the main and 2 teams for consolation. All teams will convene AT ZSC for the quarters, semis and the Championship round on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Those 16 teams will utilize all 8 courts available at ZSC. In the case where someone who qualifies decides not to take part the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, that slot will be offered to the next team in line. There would have to be three directors involved in these tournaments. Bailey Johnson moved: We should move forward with this proposal—seconded by Keith Morton. Ayes were 16, Nays were 2. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN—Bailey Johnson, seconded by Bob Marshman

Next meeting: March 7, 2021 at Lakeland Shuffleboard Club.

Respectably submitted by Secretary, Cathy Renwick