

CENTRAL DISTRICT SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 5, 2022, 9:30 AM at Sanlan Shuffleboard Club

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Paul Hawkins, followed by the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of office was given to new President Paul Hawkins by Secretary Cindy Shidler. This was due to the resignation of Jim Corbeil.

Agenda was approved. Motion by Don Rood, 2nd by John Schlaffer. Motion passed

Roll call was read by Secretary Cindy Shidler. Not in attendance were George Adyns, Gloria Tipsword and Jim & Ellie Crowell.

Introductions of club presidents and guests were conducted.

Motion to accept the minutes from the March 5, 2022, as posted on the website was made by Bruce Shidler, seconded by Glenn Monroe.

Treasurers Report was read by Mike Seyfer and filed for audit.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Greg Jones is the new FSA Treasure. He is working hard to provide clarity to board finances.
- 2) FSA membership proposal is on hold. State Tournament fee of \$10 is now in effect.
- 3) HoF Banquet is January 16 at Century Village East. Cost is \$35 and Paul has tickets.
- 4) George Adyns has submitted his resignation for Tournament Director due to health Issues.

OFFICER REPORTS

2nd Vice President Bruce Shidler has nothing to report.

4th Vice President Kat Davis Cooke presented her report representing Amateurs in the Central District. Reduced numbers playing often means reduced points. There have been several new events and some new players have joined. Changing formats-penalties for forfeiting games so they don't have to return a second day was discussed. Unsportsmanlike conduct is a continuing problem as is not knowing the rules. Hopefully, by printing out Amateur packets and distributing them some concerns will be addressed, Paul wants to continue with the early teaching meeting with the Amateurs. Glenn said that the disciplinary action report is on the website for directors.

Treasurer Mike Seyfer informed us that the meeting agenda needs to be posted on the District Website 10 days before meeting.

Keeper of Records Glenn Monroe reported tournament players are up by 10% over last year at this time.

State Delegate Don Rood had nothing further on FSA meeting.

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Alternate State Delegate Harold Comeau had nothing to report.

Webmaster Glenn Monroe reported that the Central District has a new Pro. Ross Roberson and presented the new certificate that will be given to new Pros. Glenn also reported on the almost new Pros and almost new HoF players. Glenn also encouraged the distribution of Amateur Packets to help with understanding of rules, tournaments and points.

CLUB REPORTS

Lakeland- John Schlaffer reported the courts were sealed and beaded this summer. Courts are good.

Winter Haven-continuing to work on courts. The city is working on some courts that have a problem as well as awning damage from storm. New Friday Night Shuffle is on the schedule. Tickets are being sold and is posted on website.

ZSC- Frank Pogel had nothing to report.

Betmar- Bailey Johnson reported all is good. Discussed transition from player to tournament player.

Woodbrook- Presented their concerns for their scheduled tournament. Moved to New Business.

Avon Park- no representative present,

Sebring- Courts are good. Working on screens. Pickleball courts are not going to be added to old shuffleboard court area but perhaps horseshoe pits are. Successful program on acquiring sponsor and banner money to support club. Some ideas given on how to do this.

St. Cloud- Courts are good. This year they are concentrating on higher payouts for tourneys. Added bingo to their club as a new activity and to add to prize money for tourneys. Hoping to attract new members. Added Glow Shuffle too. The first night was successful.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Auditors report--Needing a volunteer to complete audit. John Schlaffer will do this.
- 2) Preview Profitability-Cost of preview and income of preview was presented. The total cost was \$4300.00. This is made up from printing \$3500.00, software \$100.00 & Preview Editor fee of \$800.00. Advertising-\$8000.00 and sale of Preview \$1700.00. This generated \$8000.00. This brings the total income to \$9700.00. The generated net profits for the FSA are \$5400.00
- 3) FSA finances were commented on by Paul. The last 2 seasons have yielded a profit. Moving forward with these profits and the new fee structure should provide stable finances.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Discussion was led by President Paul Hawkins on increasing District Tournament Fees to \$10.00 or remaining the same fee of \$8.00. Increase could be applied in different areas. Many Club Presidents and attendees expressed their position. Paul made a motion that District Tournament Fee be increased to \$10.00 with the \$2.00 being added to prize money. Discussion on motion. Motion failed.

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- 2) Glenn Monroe made a motion that starting next season -host club assures that all players who place will receive at least their entry fee back in prize money. 2nd by Linda Armstrong. Motion passed.
- 3) Facebook page- New District Facebook Page is available. Please encourage all to sign up. This is a useful tool for promoting our clubs -members and sponsors. Our memberships on this page can encourage sponsors to work with us. Please support the page with comments-likes etc. Facebook algorithms recognize 4-5 word comments!
- 4) Tournament Directors Needed- the need is especially serious after the resignation of George Adyns and the injury to Jeanette Harvey. Ideally, each club needs to have a trained director in case of emergency. Glenn may have a group class.
- 5) Board members needed--2 positions are available. Perhaps we need to redo the roles of board positions. Add ongoing positions for some jobs. More on this later.
- 6) Scheduling for 2022-2023--Usually the job of the 1st VP but with this year's unusual circumstances Paul is working on the District Schedule. See him if you have problems.
- 7) Woodbrook club shared concerns of their scheduled tournament. Participation may exceed their courts available. Glenn will work with them on a solution.
- 8) Lakeland presented a problem that occurred during the summer schedule. This is part of the summer program and the clubs that participate. We understand the problem, but it is not part of the District Shuffleboard Club.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- 1) Attendees discussed how to support clubs in their efforts to procure sponsorship for their individual clubs.
- 2) Discussion on possibility of District Sponsor. Companies have money available -how to acquire this sponsorship.
- 3) Possibility of having a District Board Member be at each tourney.

Motion to adjourn was made by Frank Pogel, 2nd by Bailey Johnson. Motion passed.