

Central District Shuffleboard Membership Meeting
November 4, 2023, Sanlan Shuffleboard Club

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 by President Bruce Shidler followed by the Invocation. Pledge and Thank You to Sanlan Shuffleboard Club for hosting us.

The Oath of Office was administered to the new 4th Vice President. Charlie Rossi. This was necessary due to the resignation of Neicy McGrath. Roll call was read. All in attendance except for Gloria Tipsword and Jim and Ellie Crowell.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by John Schloffer-2nd by Linda Armstrong. Motion was passed.

Club presidents and guests introduced themselves.

The reading of the March 4, 2023 meeting minutes was waived-minutes are available on the website. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Glenn Monroe and seconded by Frank Pogel. Passed.

Mike Seyfer presented the Treasure Report for the period March 1, 2023 thru October 31, 2023.

Total Revenue 662.00

Total Expenses 875.33

Net loss (213.33)

Total Assets 14,559.91

Expenses were higher in the period due to Preview expenses, Reiny Schleier expenses. Treasure report was filed for audit.

Received a flyer for the FSA Hall of Fame Pro Singles Championship and HoF Banquet & Induction to be held at Tropical Haven, January 15, 2024. Tickets at \$25.00.

OFFICER REPORTS.

President Bruce Shidler spoke about the continuing problem of conduct at tournaments and general lack of respect for others at shuffleboard functions. He read a paragraph from the "Central District Player Decorum." These problems do not help shuffleboard grow. We are playing for fun and need to encourage players, not criticize. Our goal is good sportsmanship throughout the District. This should not be a problem but if it happens it needs to be dealt with, not ignored.

Several officers agreed with Bruce when given their chance to speak.

Kat Davis Cooke spoke that there were some minor problems with the Preview. Hoping these can be improved for next year.

Glenn reported that there is one new Hall of Fame player, Bruce Shidler, 2 are close to acquiring their last few points. There are several new State Amateurs and Amateurs moving up.

CLUB REPORTS

Avon Park reported on several key activities. Chris Downey as the new president has acquired a lease for the club and a liability insurance policy. He is working with the city on events that hope to bring in new members and publicize Avon Park Senior Center. Youth shuffling and Fireman shuffling events have already taken place.

Betmar- Betmar has low amateur turnout, but it is still early in the season. They also have the restriction that members have to be residents in their park.

Lakeland- thru hard work they are acquiring new members. Holding events such a 1st Friday shuffling and Saturday shuffling they are attracting players. They also have attending city events promoting their club. The city is working on some of their problem courts.

Sanlan- Linda Armstrong commented on the younger players that were part of the recent ISA. They are from Chicago and New York Clubs. They were quality players and were having fun. Sanlan is working to schedule a District Novice Tournament.

Sebring-courts are good. Our Amateurs are playing but as everyone states-we need new Ams.

St Cloud- Lewis spoke on the Bingo that they have at their club that is making it possible to offer large purses for their tournaments.

Winter Haven- they have lost several board members. They have a few new players and are trying to keep the club open and running. Several clubs have offered their help for tournaments,

Woodbrook-the Club reported that their courts have been redone. Their clubhouse has also been renovated and they are looking forward to their tournament in January.

ZSC reported that their courts are good. Their tournaments are good as well as their Single Mingle Shuffleboard Tournament.

OLD BUSINESS

Sebring will host the Reiney/Masters Tournament in March of 2024. Frank Pogel III will be in charge.

Wrap up report on the March 23 Reiney/Masters at Sanlan. Cindy Shidler thanked Linda Armstrong on the terrific job and she and her volunteers did. Linda Armstrong read a statement that was read at the closing Ceremony. The Reiney/Master Tournament is an honor and should be promoted as such.

NEW BUSINESS

District club forms for court dues have been mailed by Cindy Shidler.

Previews are distributed and money is collected. The Preview is printed and sold at a loss.

Amateur Tournament Format and Points Discussion—discussion on Forced singles format due to low participation numbers at an Amateur Tournament. The forced Singles are implemented when there are less than 16 players (8 teams). The amateurs of the Central District do NOT like this format. This has led to even lower participation. After discussion the Central District Board voted to suspend the requirement that amateur doubles with less than 16 players be switched to non-walking singles. They will be played as doubles as scheduled. This does not affect any matches that are scheduled as singles. A committee was formed to discuss the points that will be awarded on these occasions. The committee is Bruce Shidler- Charlie Rossi and Chris Downey.

Bruce Nemcosky spoke on the current director crisis. Directors are desperately needed. Bruce reported there is a new director trainee-he would be used in Avon Park and Sebring. He would like each club to have a trained certified director that could step in to direct the tourney if necessary. The training program is involved and needs to be started as soon as possible. They would not be scheduled for other clubs' Tournament outside of their area. A motion was made by Bruce Nemcosky that "Any club that hosts more than 3

District/State Tournaments would need to provide a tournament director that would be available for that Tournament.” Seconded by Bruce Shidler. Motion passed.

Bruce Shidler announced that Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club had applied and was awarded the 2025 Reiny/Masters Tournament.

Harold Comeau is leading the Nominating Committee for the Central District Board for the 2024-2025 year.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Nemcosky and Seconded by Linda Armstong. Motion passed.

Next meeting is January 6, 2024 at 9:30. It will be held at Sanlan RV Resort.