

## Central District Meeting

3/2/2024

Submitted by Kat Davis Cooke, substitute for Cindi Shidler

Nancy Sclafani, First Vice President, opened the meeting at 9:37

Glenn Monroe took Roll Call. Present were:

Nancy Sclafani, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,

Frank Pogel III, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Kat Davis Cooke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Charlie Rossi, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President

Michael Seyfer, Treasurer

Glenn Monroe, Keeper of Records/Webmaster

Don Rood, District Delegate

Ellie and Jim Crowell, Hall of Fame Curators

Bruce Nemcosky, Winter Haven Club President

John Schlaffer, representing Lakeland's Club President

Chris Downie, Avon Park President

Rick Johnson, Betmar Club President

Linda Armstrong, Sanlan Club President

Phil Martin, Sebring Club President

(Cindy Shidler, Secretary, and Bruce Shidler, President, were delayed due to an auto accident.)

Guests present were:

Maureen Schneider, Zephyrhills Club

Dean Mycklejord, Lakeland

Nick Madrigal, Sebring

Henry Armstrong, Sanlan

Agenda was approved.

Minutes were approved. Glenn Monroe moved for approval, Chris Downie seconded.

Treasurer's report by Mike Seyfer, filed for audit.

Frank Pogel, no report

Kat Davis Cooke – Preview season is upon us, please have someone at each club prepared to handle that task, all instructions are on the FSA website. Copy goes to Margaret Dear and money goes to Greg Jones (now, Mona Mapes).

Charlie Rossi – wants to focus on membership drives.

Mike Seyfer – Introduced a “Mileage” discussion: 15 Cents per mile for directors travel should be increased. Don Rood moved to increase it to 35 cents and Linda Armstrong seconded. Motion to increase mileage reimbursement to 35 cents/mile over 25 miles passed by unanimous vote.

Jim Crowell reported as Curator of the Hall of Fame. Since October they have been inviting people and donations for the Hall of Fame Classic. Walt Pickerel is gathering donations in the south. There are 3 Hall of Fame inductees: Jim Kelly, Bruce Shidler and Diane Bardsley.

Jim stated that there is confusion as to who is responsible for the various aspects of producing and running the Hall of Fame Classic and suggested that job descriptions should be made.

The Crowell’s may not return next year so they would like to get some people placed to handle the process next year.

The Hall of Fame needs some additional chair rail moldings to increase photo space.

Hall of Fame Classic Prizes will be awarded only to players with an FSA number. After discussion, it was decided that only Central District players would be eligible to play in the Classic.

Glenn Monroe announced the new pros and new state amateurs.

Chris Downie - Avon membership up 50%, March 11 is last tournament. Annual meeting is coming up and grants are being submitted and received, Jarret Ford has offered 250k and it got increased by community to 400k for Donaldson Park. Roof will be repaired. Termites are being treated in April. Sponsorship drive has started, expect a doubling. Youth events are scheduled with 15 families and 27 kids! Working on City events and cooperation. Firemen vs. Police event and some other community events are being scheduled.

Charlie Rossi asked about how Chris is increasing membership. Chris shared that some hard decisions were made and shared responsibility with the city has been integral to relationship with the city and the community. Scholarships have been offered to students at high schools and clubs and has brought younger people to the exposure.

Betmar – Rick Johnson, ready for last tournament, maintaining status quo.

Lakeland – John Schlaffer – back 16 courts at to be rebuilt starting May 2<sup>nd</sup>, ¼ million to spend on the courts by the city. Courts will be closed during construction. Closure will happen after the last national tournament. Hoping to have the indoor courts resealed before the March 18 tournament.

Sanlan – Linda Armstrong - shuffle office is going to be redone and perhaps a new restroom facility closer to the courts. The shuffle shack is coming out. New people have been joining the shuffle and looking forward to the novice tournament 3/6. Expecting more than a dozen players.

Winter Haven – Bruce Nemcosky - Hall of Fame Classic on Friday. The city is putting in the budget for all 24 courts to be completely torn out and rebuilt.

Sebring – Phil Martin reports 2 fund raisers run by Gloria Tipsword added 2K to their income. Gloria has inventoried her supplies for the Hall of Fame. Members are increasing, preparing for the Reiny's and all is well.

Zephyrhills – Frank Pogell III reports that courts are being redone and Singles will be continuing.

Old business

Frank and Phil – Reiny's are under control, courts are ready, banners are up.

Linda Armstrong requests that presidents encourage attendance to the Novice tournament.

New business

Swearing in of new officers by Bruce Nemcosky.

Glenn announces 10 day notices and by-law changes.

Submitted by Greg Jones by-law change re: voting rights at FSA meetings. Passed .

Rules:

1. An omission of points is corrected with this amendment. Passed.
2. Greg Jones – prize money for statewide tournaments institutes the no play, no pay rule. Passed
3. Marti Noble – re: how money will be distributed at the FSA Masters tournament. Passed.

4. Masters prize money – the word “suggested” to be removed as it is no longer valid. prize money. Passed
5. George Pigeon re: 100 point consolation matches being applied to statewide tournaments. NOT passed.
6. Glenn Monroe re: players keeping discs inside their box and removing the 5-point penalty for a disc touching the line. Passed
7. Glenn suggests allowing amateurs to keep pro points for amateurs in perpetuity. NOT passed.
8. Marti Noble housekeeping, \$500 annual stipend to FSA president to be discontinued. Not passed.
9. Marti Noble adding FSA tournaments on the weekend . NOT passed.
10. Trophies and prizes re: 16 or more players, that 4<sup>th</sup> in consolation be changed from 1 to one-half. Passed.
11. Marti Noble – rule states less than 8 in a walking singles division in state tournaments. Amendment asks that it be increased to 12. If not enough players it will be changed to non walking singles. Passed
12. Trophies and prizes, 5,4,3,2 M and 2111C if 8 teams or less it will convert to non walking singles. Passed
13. Ron Nurnberger, Presidents Trophy P10 to be rotated. NOT passed
14. Martin Shapiro wants to allow Mingles/Singles. NOT passed.
15. Martin Shapiro makes points joined... NOT passed.
16. Dave Kudro Presidents Trophy tournament to rotate location and split, NOT passed.

Bruce Nemcosky reported 2 new directors, Rick Johnson and Nick Madrigal.

Linda Armstrong introduces an idea to back off split tournaments. We could do it, but discussion was met with resistance and died.

Meeting dates and time approved.

Discussion ensued regarding playing in wet conditions and that accommodations must be made to insure everyone's safety and either the director or the club president can call to cease play.

Motion to adjourn by Phil Martin, seconded by Frank Pogul.