

Minutes of Saturday, November 16th Central District Meeting

Attendance:

Bruce Shidler
Nancy Sclafani
Frank Pogel 111
Kat Davis Cooke
Charles Rossi
Mike Seyfer
Harold Comeau
Phil Martin
Glenn Monroe
Rick Bailey
Bruce Nemcosky
Gary McLean
Marti Noble
Rosemary Comeau

Bruce Shidler was given oath of office to swear in as President of Central District by Glenn Monroe.

Agenda was approved.

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Treasurer's Report: Current Statement Provided by Mike Seyfer and filed for audit. Mike slated that all funds paid to the Central District should be by check from a bank in the USA. Cash is not acceptable, nor is using a check from another country.

Reports of Officers:

- President Bruce Shidler — 2 hurricanes caused damage to several clubs causing changes in tournament locations and one tournament was canceled. Avon Park club is closed until further notice, needing many repairs. Sebring took Avon's first tournament. Secretary Cindi Shidler has been ill with various ailments, but will be invoicing clubs for dues shortly.
- 1st V.P. Nancy Sclafani — no report
- 2nd V.P. Frank Pogel III — retired a plaque and bought a new one for the Reiny's.
- 3rd V.P. Kat Davis Cooke — no report. Informed by Marti Noble that at the recent FSA meeting the Preview process was discussed and all Preview Information and funds will funnel thru the Preview Coordinator of each district.
- 4th V.P. Charles Rossi for Lakeland — gaining new members is challenging. The club is open to Friday night shuffles again and will be looking into that.
- Treasurer Mike Seyfer — no report
- District Delegate Harold Comeau — players complain about travelling, noted added pressure on Sebring with Avon Park out of play. Frank Pogel III stated that travel has been a complaint since the 70's.
- Assistant Delegate Phil Martin — no report
- KOR/Webmaster Glenn Monroe — no report
- HOF — no report

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Club Presidents Reports

- Linda Armstrong, Sanlan — thanked Winter Haven for hosting CD meeting. Stated that Sanlan is in chaos with damage in the park. Has had good attendance
- in the park. Players don't get to move up fast enough.
- Bruce Nemcosky, Winter Haven — Played over the summer with fans and tents, got a dozen new members over the summer. Winter Haven City has released funding for the first 11 courts to be refinished this year.
- Gary McLean, Zephyrhills — no report
- Rick Johnson, Betmar — Milton left the club under water for a few days and ZSC hosted their first tournament for them. The club is up and running again and the amateurs are returning.
- Phil Martin, Sebring — The club suffered minimal damage and has been repaired. Courts have been recoated and are running well. 18 ams played at first tournament, club membership numbers 300, club is growing and trying to help Avon Park during their closure.
- Charlie Rossi, Lakeland — hurricane damage was minimal, outdoor courts have been refinished and thanked members of other clubs for helping with that process.

Old Business —

1. Prize Money equal to entry fee

Linda Armstrong moved that the minimum payout for winners placing in all categories should be equal to the entry fee. Harold Comeau seconded

Linda amended her motion to include that the hosting club pick up the added expense to make up the difference in funds as needed. Frank Pogel III seconded. Amendment passed.

Phil Martin moved for a second amendment stating that if a club picks up a tournament not originally scheduled the now hosting club will be absolved of the obligation to meet payout = entry fee. Passed.

Vote held on amended movement — Passed.

2. Small Tournament move up points

Glenn moved that the minutes of 1/6/2024 under new business, new point format line reading 8 players or less be amended to 8 teams or 8 players for singles. Charles Rossi seconded. Passed.

New Business

1. 2024-2025 schedule

- a. All Avon Park previously scheduled tournaments will be picked up by Sebring including all District, State, Pro & Am events.

- i. Rec. Club. Each event was moved separately by Glenn Monroe, seconded by Linda Armstrong and each move passed.

2. Nominating Committee: Bruce Shidler and Linda Armstrong volunteered. Lynne Meeks was nominated by Charles Rossi.

3. Marti Noble noted that the HOF event scheduled for January, 2026 is the Central Districts turn to host and a club within the district needs to be assigned both the red line tournament and banquet.

4. Frank Pogel III felt that the Reiny's should have defined and individual "places" instead of having 3 first place winners. Some discussion ensued about how to go about breaking ties and Glenn Monroe moved that a committee was formed to review and advise on this process. Frank Pogel and Nancy Sclafani volunteered to be on that committee.

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5. Phil Martin questioned the Reiny's top 8 pin procedure. Glenn Monroe clarified that only the top 8 qualifiers get a top 8 pin whether they play or not. If a player is an alternate, they get a participant pin only.

Glenn Monroe moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank Pogel seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Kat Davis Cooke