

## Northern District General Meeting January 26, 2019

The Northern District General Meeting was called to order by President Pat King at 8:58 on the morning of January 26, 2019. Pat led the flag salute and Christine Giumarra said the prayer.

Pat then stated that our 4th. VP, Donna King had resigned the day before and that he was resigning as president immediately. They both then left the building. Our third VP, Richie Burrell then stated that he, too, was resigning. Since our first VP had sent in a letter of resignation and there was no 2nd. VP, that left only the Secretary, Treasurer and State Delegate on the executive board. It was the beginning of a very long meeting. Secretary: Gail Howell read the minutes of both the executive and general meetings from October and both were approved as read, the first by John Giumarra and seconded by Doris Hanke and the general meeting was approved by Doris Hanke and seconded by Lorraine Layton. Communication: Doris Hanke then suggested that all the resignations be voted on as to whether they would be accepted or not. For president, Pat King, Gail Howell motioned to accept his resignation and it was seconded by Steve Smith. All votes were favorable. For 1st. VP, it was voted to not accept the resignation by Lorraine Layton and she agreed to accept the responsibilities of the presidency. She then used the agenda which is printed in the Preview and the meeting continued. For 3rd. VP, Richie Burrell, it took a long time to convince him to continue. Everyone spoke favorably about Richie and Caroline. Richie said that it was not nice to work in a negative environment. We all said we would try to amend some of the unfavorable comments and continue in the way he likes. Finally, Richie said he would continue to work the tournaments, except for the TOC in which he needs help, but would not remain as 3rd. VP. Our 4th. VP Donna Kings resignation was accepted after a motion by John Giuramma and a second by Gail Howell.

Treasurer: Mary Ann Pabst stated that at the last meeting we had \$3,858.97, with \$70.60 in disbursements and \$823.00 in deposits, leaving a balance of \$4, 611.30. Her report was approved with a motion by Gail Howell and seconded by Steve Smith, the representative from Hawthorne. Mary Ann also noted that many teams had not paid their dues by January 1st. A certain amount is charged to each club, depending on the number of courts each club has. Clermont, Holiday Mobile, Clerbrook, Holiday RV Village, Inverness, Parkwood Oaks, Quail Hollow and Parkwood Manor were

the unpaying clubs. There were many complaints that the reps did not know about this. However, this fee is the same year after year. Gail Howell stated that if we had a rep present at these District meetings, they would all "know the rules". John Giumarra stated that we all had to work together. It was suggested that at the October meeting invoices would be given out to all reps and sent to anyone not attending. This makes much more work for the treasurer so please, all reps, try to make the meeting.

CLUB REPORTS: There were 13 out of 19 clubs represented today. Clermont: Jean Swope, no report Coronado: Tom Carbonelli stated they are busy preparing for upcoming tournaments, especially with Richie. Deland: John Giumarra, no report. Hawthorne: Steve Smith stated they just held a State Amateur tournament Holiday Mobile: Patty Foster said that elections are being held and she will notify us of the results. Holiday RV Village: Tom Basner stated that their District and State Amateur tournament went well and they want to swap two tournament dates for next year. Inverness: Vern Ivey said all is well. Leesburg: Gail Howell stated that they have had successful meets and that they enjoy their monthly "fun" tournaments. Orange City: Alice Vandevender said they are happy that Richie will be tournament Director for their tournament on Thursday. Ormond Beach: Cliff Drapeau had no report Parkwood Oaks: Mark Engel said that they only have three courts but enjoy their inhouse tournaments. Quail Hollow: Stan Williamson had no report. Tavares: Mary Jane Neumann said that the Masters will be held there this year and that they are planning a leap year tournament for February 29th.

Open Business: Walt Bartel suggested that we have one table for the board, another for the reps and one more for guests. This would alleviate questions about voting. Jean Swope, Clermont, said please send something to Pat and Donna Lorraine Layton, regarding the schedule change at Holiday RV Village, said she would organize the schedule and post it. Elections: We want to thank Doris Hanke for chairing the elections and her assistants, Freda Carr, Jeff Geesey, Caroline Burrell and Christine Giumarra. President: Lorraine Layton and Ron Carr were presented. Lorraine stated that she had 24 years as a player and administrator and 12 years as a player and board member in the Northern District. She attended 90% of the District and State meetings and is banking on her reputation to be elected. Ron made many statements about what was wrong with the district and what he would do to fix them. Lorraine Layton was elected as president. 1st. VP: Mark Engel, who was

presented as 2nd. VP, became our 1st. VP. 2nd. VP: Rod Lewis, who was presented as our 1st. VP, became our 2nd. VP. Rod will be in charge of the Preview. 3rd VP: Sharon Johnson was elected as our third VP. 4th. VP: Doris Hanke will represent us as our meet director chief. Secretary: Arlene Jabout was elected as our new Secretary. Treasurer: Mary Ann Pabst will remain as Treasurer. State Delegate: Doris Hanke will remain as our State Delegate and Jerry Jabout will be our alternate State Delegate. Keeper of Records: Although he wasn't present, Dennis Abernathy was elected to keep the records for the Northern District.

New Business: Allen Dronsfield stated that he was still willing to purchase trophies for the winners of the Masters, both pros and amateurs. After some discussion it was approved and he will get the trophies for this year. Lorraine will get the new schedule organized and printed. Lorraine will also organize a meeting for the new officers to discuss plans for next year. At 12:45, there was a motion for adjournment. Respectfully submitted, Gail Howell, Secretary.