

NORTHERN DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING – MARCH 23, 2019

Revised 3/29/19 10:00 AM

The Northern District General Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Lorraine Layton, President.

Lorraine asked for approval of the agenda as presented. Arlene wanted to add clarification of the pro-only description on the tournament schedule.

Ron Theriault made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by John Giumarra. The agenda was approved.

Gail Howell took the roll call: the following were present: Lorraine Layton, Gail Howell and Mary Ann Pabst and Immediate past President Ron Theriault. Doris Hanke absent.

Christine Giumarra led us in a prayer which was followed by the pledge allegiance.

Gail Howell introduced the new officers for the Board of Directors: Lorraine Layton, President; Mark Engel, 1st Vice President; Rod Lewis, 2nd Vice President;, Sharon , 3nd Vice President; Doris Hanke, 4th Vice President; Mary Ann Pabst , Treasurer; Arlene Jabaut, Secretary; Doris Hanke, State Delegate; Jerry Jabaut, Alternate State Delegate and Dennis Abbernante, Keeper of Records. All were present except Doris Hanke and Dennis Abbernante. Doris will be sworn in at a later date, along with the Keeper of Records. Pictures were then taken of the officers for the 2019-2020 Preview.

The following Club Presidents were present: Deland, John Guimarra; Hawthorne represented by Jeff Geesey, Holiday Mobile Park, Patty Foster; Holiday RV Village, Tom Basner; Leesburg Gail Howell, Mid Florida Lakes Ron Theriault, Orange City, Alice Vandevender; Ormond Beach, Jerry Barr as new President; Travares represented by Mary Jane Neumann.

Lorraine thanked Gail for her representation as Secretary in the past.

Lorraine brought up the Standing Rules and that normally any change is presented in October, once voted on it does not become effective until March of the following year. Bill Boyce made a motion to open the Standing Rules for discussion to make it possible to change , seconded by Tom Carbonell.

Item 9 referring to the Masters. The suggestion is to give a pin to anyone who qualified, but for reasons beyond their control they cannot play in the Masters, they would still be qualified to receive a pin. After much discussion any suggested changes would be open for one year and then the Board would vote to approve or disapprove at a meeting at the end of that year. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Lorraine mentioned that we have had a couple of meetings of the new board in preparation for this upcoming year.

Reports were given by the new Board Members.

Mark Engle, 1st Vice President: Mark mentioned that his primary duty is to work in communications. He really needs

contact information, phone numbers, emails, addresses, so that we can keep everyone informed with transparency within our Northern District.

Rod Lewis, 2nd Vice President: Rod's responsible for gathering the information for the Preview. He stated that there are 20 clubs within the Northern District. 13 Clubs placed an ad in last years publication. We have an additional 3 clubs placing ads. 4 clubs have completed their paperwork and checks. He would like to get most of this done by the end of the March.

Sharon Johnson, 3rd Vice President: Nothing to add.

Doris Hanke, 4th Vice President: Absent

Mary Ann Pabst, Treasurer: Her report was given at the first meeting.

Arlene Jabaut, Secretary: Nothing to report.

Jerry Jabaut, Alternate State Delegate: Report given at first meeting.

John Guimarra questioned whether we need two meetings. Lorraine explained that our meeting at 9 was just to discuss what we were going to bring up at this meeting. We all agreed to have one meeting in the future, General Meeting at 9:00.

Club Presidents were asked to give information on their clubs.

Tom Carbonell suggested that Tournament Directors instruct players to play with integrity and be polite to each other. Tom brought up the term used when listing type of tournament,

which is to be listed on the agenda at a later date. He also questioned requesting Tournament Directors for each tournament.

There was discussion initiated by Richie Burrell as to the proper procedure for obtaining/assigning Directors for Tournaments. The list of Directors should be sent to each club and they then request the Director. It is not the duty of the 4th Vice President.

There is a form to be filled out to choose your director, which should be submitted at the October meeting. Mark has been asked to contact Doris regarding assignments for Directors.

We are attempting to find all the necessary forms and put them on the website.

John Giumara, Deland; Jeff Geesey, Hawthorne; Patty Foster, Holiday Mobile all had nothing to add at this time.

Holiday RV Village, Tom Basner; election of officers stayed the same except the Treasurer.

Leesburg, Gail Howell; A little problem with the TOC tournament and heard that someone was going to the State with the problem. It was suppose to be a 16 chart, not 12. People who lost came back and played in the finals. After much discussion Ron made a motion to drop this and move on.

Ron Theriault, Mid Florida Lakes: wanted to know if there was any rule that the individual club President's position time limit. There is no state rule that limits the Term of President.

Orange City, Alice Vandevender; Alice stated they need new members, if you have extra, send them to Orange City.

Ormond Beach, Jerry Barr: Cliff Drapeau has resigned and Jerry was elected President along with all new officers.

Parkwood Manor, no representations.

Travares, Mary Jane Newmann; Mary Jane is now 1st Vice Present and Kaaren Dunlap is the new Treasurer.

John Giumarra congratulated Travares on the job they did with the Masters Tournament and dinner and everyone agreed.

There was discussion about the Keeper of Records.

Lorraine introduced Bill Boyes, CMSC. Bill will look into becoming the KOR. Further discussion will occur in October.

Hall of Fame Rules: Sharon proposed that we change the points to 200 to match the State, reduce the points to 5,4,3,2-2,1,1,0. The "Amature" points in the past have been added to their total. She is proposing that the points do not start accumulating until they become a pro. Also in the past the shuffler had to wait 6 years. The proposal is to take away the time limit. The points have to be accumulated by Dec 31.

Sharon made a motion that the points be reduced to 200, to begin once pro status is attained. (The amature points accumulated at the present will be kept.) If acquired by Dec 31 they will be entered into the Hall of Fame by March. No longer have to wait 6 years. The points are to be changed to 5,4,3,2, -

2,1,1,1/2. Bill Boyes seconded the motion as presented. The motion passed.

Lorraine made a motion that any player qualified in the top 8 for the Masters, but cannot play will still get a pin, seconded by Sharon. The motion was passed.

Deland requested that next year they would like to have frame games for their Tournaments next year. John requested that we change two of their tournaments from 75 point games to 16 frame or 75 point games. The tournaments are # 1- October 3, 2019 and # 25- February 6, 2020. It was approved that we will make these changes.

Pins for District Ams only when they have placed in a Tournament.

Any player has to play in a minimum of 5 Tournaments to be able to play in the Masters. John Guimarra made the motion, seconded by Jerry Jabaut. The vote carried.

There is a form to fill out to change affiliation also a new player should be notifying Lorraine so that they can get an FSA #.

Hawthorne and Deland have bid for the TOC for 2020.

Suggested that the TOC should be on one side of the River and the Masters should be on the other side. Hawthorne was granted the TOC for next year. The vote was passed unanimously.

Coronado Mainland was the only bid for the Masters and it was awarded to Coronado.

Clarification of the Tournaments on the schedule “Pro Only” designation for Coronado Mainland. Richie read a rule from the Preview ,” ie; page 126, Player Eligibility, General: item©.”

Lorraine stated that in the past Ams have been allowed with Pros. We have “District AM Only”. No State Ams are allowed.

Tom clarified that when Coronado has a “Pro Only” they should be only Pros playing and he would like to stay with it. If in the future we want to change it, we can. Tom will present this to his Board for a decision. In the “Pro Only Draw” and the “Am Only Draw” the club is expected to have an extra player available in case there is one player short. After much discussion, it was decided that “Only” means that only pros or only ams are allowed in that category.

All club Presidents are to be notified of the rule. If anyone know of a player not eligible they should notify the Director.

Mark brought up the possible elimination of the lag. Suggesting that the third game be played 8 frames on black, 8 frames on yellow. Richie objected saying we should continue lagging. We are going to table this discussion until the next meeting.

Ron Theriault made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Jeff Geesey. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Jabaut/Secretary

