

## NORTHERN DISTRICT SHUFFLEBOARD GENERAL MEETING 10/26/2019

The General Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM with a prayer and the pledge to the flag led by Christine Guimarra.

The following officers were present: President Lorraine Layton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mark Engel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rod Lewis, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Sharon Johnson, Secretary Arlene Jabaut and Alternate State Delegate Jerry Jabaut. The Treasurer Mary Ann Pabst and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President/State Delegate Doris Hanke were absent.

Lorraine thanked the Board for all of their hard work over the summer.

It was mentioned that Richie and Carolyn are celebrating 62 years of marriage and everyone took a few minutes to congratulate them.

### DISCUSSION OF MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> MINUTES:

Arlene read the minutes from the March 23, 2019 meeting. Mark Engel made a motion to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Ernie Farnsworth.

Lorraine questioned whether CMSC would stick with pro-only for our tournament and was told by Tom Carbonell that it would remain a pro-only tournament.

There was discussion regarding dispensing with the lag to determine which color to play on for the last game. A motion was made by Ernie Farnsworth to keep the lag and seconded by Rod Lewis. Unanimously approved.

Arlene read a correction from the March minutes taken by Gail Howell. It was stated that the fee for State Directors would be increased to \$200. This is inaccurate, it will remain at \$100. The mileage fee for state tournaments however will be increased to .58 cents per mile. This would be for travel to a tournament outside of the Directors district.

Due to Mary Ann's (Treasurer) absence, Mark Engel reported that per the bank's statement we have a balance of \$3,799.60. This was accepted as presented by the Board. We are working on having an audit completed. Sharon Johnson is gathering information to do a reconciliation of the books. We are still waiting for info to complete this task. Mark has been taking care of paying some of the bills from his personal account and we will have to reimburse him for this.

John Guimarra questioned who was to get the club court fees for the season. It was suggested that these payments be give to Mark for deposit.

Jerry Jabaut (Alternate State Delegate) read from a report presented by Doris Hanke. The meeting was held October 12 in Sebring. It was attended by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mark Engel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rod Lewis and State Delegate Doris Hanke. Doris's report is attached to these minutes.

Arlene read correspondence from Bill Boyes. Bill has accepted the position of Keeper of Records with some reservations to the job description that will be worked out. His initial cost to date for the website domain is \$58 plus \$16 to eliminate 3<sup>rd</sup> party advertising for a total of \$74. Bill has paid for this with Canadian dollars, but would like to be reimbursed in US dollars, using \$1.33 exchange rate, coming to \$74US. This bill has been given to Mark for payment. There will be some ongoing charges every Oct for the website.

The following is Bill's website info: Website: [NDSHUFFLEBOARD.ORG](http://NDSHUFFLEBOARD.ORG); Email: [Shuffleboardbill@gmail.com](mailto:Shuffleboardbill@gmail.com); phone # 386-444-0238; mailing address – 11 Andrea Drive, New Smyrna Beach, Fl. 32168.

Bill Boyes and Doris Hanke will be sworn in at the next meeting.

#### REPORT FROM THE BOARD

Mark Engel - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – His primary duty is communications and he has been kept very busy. He is also on the Sun Trust Bank account. Due to Mary Ann having been very ill this past year with Shingles and other health problems he has been helping her with the finances for the club. He has been paying from his personal account because he has only one check. He then goes to the bank and is reimbursed for his expense. Mark mentioned that the Court fees are \$1.50 per court with a minimum of \$5.00 and he will take the checks today. Basically the same fee as last year. These are due by the end of December.

Rod Lewis - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - His first year preparing the Preview was very informative and he enjoyed contacting all the presidents and getting to know them. He distributed 153 books to the clubs, 1 free to each of the advertisers, 1 free to each of the new Directors and he had 12–13 extra that he has sold. Clermont, Holiday Mobile and Top of the World are the only clubs that he has yet to collect from.

Sharon Johnson -3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President - Her job description is promoting shuffleboard and she will be working with clubs to instruct new people on the rules and techniques for playing and encouraging new members for tournaments. Sharon is responsible for all the pins, trophies, plaques and jackets for the Masters Tournament. We are hoping to change her job description to include these items.

Doris Hanke – 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President/State Delegate - Not present. Lorraine has heard that all of the new Directors are doing well. Doris is presently in Austria for an International Tournament. Lorraine emphasized that we need State Tournament Directors. Presently we only have Lorraine and Ivan. Jeff Geesey expressed interest in learning and becoming qualified. He is presently working with another State Director. Lorraine recommended approving \$.15 per mile for Jeff for his travel. Jerry Jabaut made a motion to approve the mileage fee and Donna Lewis seconded. Unanimously approved.

Tom Carbonell recommended each club president in each county try to contact college media groups to try to get involvement for broadcast of shuffleboard to promote our sport.

Arlene was asked by Bonnie Radke (as a tournament Director) to make sure that the names of the players are spelled correct and the FSA # is correct. The list of players should include the FSA #.

The Orange City Tournament on November 21 that cannot be held at Orange City has been awarded to Mid Florida Lakes.

It was recommended that if there are clubs that would like to host more tournaments they should talk to Doris regarding this.

#### REPORT FROM CLUB PRESIDENTS:

Jeff Geesey – Representing Hawthorne- He mentioned that their clubs are coming due to be resurfaced. The lights and speakers are in good working condition.

Ernie Farnsworth -Clerbrook - They have 12 courts that need repainting. They have about 50 – 60 people and a lot of new members and needs help for training.

Alice Vandevender – Orange City - Their Courts are good, but they have a problem with their parking lot and cannot host the Nov 21 tournament, but are hoping that the parking lot will be completed by the scheduled Jan 30 tournament.

John Guimarra – Deland – They are still trying to convince the City that their courts need resurfacing. They have 20 courts and it will probably be a huge expense for the City.

Alice brought up the prospect of not being able to host the Jan 30 tournament, could she host it at Deland since John has offered this alternative. Lorraine commented that she should talk to Doris when and if this comes up.

Tom Carbonell – Coronado Mainland - Tom wanted to thank Richie and Carolyn for helping Bonnie out with her first tournament. He is looking at bringing youth into the clubs, by inviting people to come in and play.

Donna Lewis Representng – Mid Florida Lakes - Mid Florida Lakes is running an Open Tournament November 23 as a Fund Raiser for the club and the community. They have 10 sponsors for this fund raiser. They have submitted a bid for \$21,000 next year for resurfacing and are waiting for Mid Florida Lakes Management to approve this. Rod and Donna work very hard and they only have 12 members at Mid Florida Lakes.

Walt Bartels questioned whether or not anyone has approached Sanford regarding their shuffleboard club. Lorraine commented that we will be discussing this at our Board Meeting in Tavares November 17. We will be changing the job description for the board members among other items on the agenda. These items will be brought to the General Meeting in January.

Jerry Barr – Ormond Beach – Jerry mentioned that he had obtained FSA #s for all his members. They have been trying to get courts done, last year it came in over budget. They have ten courts and are still struggling to get new members.

Sharon Johnson – Holiday Travel – Sharon had nothing to offer.

Mark Engel – Leesburg - Mark commented that their President Gail & Mike Howell are having health problems. Their courts have been cleaned and sealed. They are ready for their first tournament. Mark is also a member of Parkwood Manor and Parkwood Oaks - He has helped to build it up and bring some of the people to Leesburg to be new tournament players.

Lorraine – Tavares - Lorraine had nothing to offer.

The January State meeting is going to be held at Trailer Estates. Mark has tickets to attend the banquet @ \$35.00 per person January 13, 2020. Lorraine and Ivan will attend.

Rod wanted to mention his attendance at the State Meeting. He said the State is excited about some sponsorship from NASCAR, since they have just purchased a race track in the Sebring area. They want to hire someone to seek different venues, such as contacts with FOX Sports and CNN Sports. They talked about getting open tournaments that would be televised throughout the country. Suggesting that if Corn Hole can be televised, Shuffleboard could be.

Richie questioned when we would get the schedules for next years tournaments. This will be discussed at the November 17 meeting, since Doris is not here. It will then be presented at the January meeting.

John Guimarra brought up the subject of hosting the meetings, which has been the norm for many years. John would like to have the Board consider increasing the \$25.00 stipend for donuts and coffee, picking up the supplies and preparing for the meeting. We will put this into the agenda to consider increasing the amount for cost. It was suggested that \$50.00 would be more in line with todays expenses for travel and cost. John will prepare something to present to the Board.

Jeff mentioned that as a new Director, each club try to discourage people from constantly being in the room where they are trying to organize and get all the information together for the charts, etc.

Rod suggested we consider Tournament Director Assistants to help the Directors. Lorraine said we should pass that on to Doris.

Ernie Farnsworth made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sharon Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Arlene Jabaut/Secretary