

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2021

The meeting was held in Deland and called to order at 10:00 by Rod Lewis. Christine Giumarra started the meeting with a silent prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The following were present: President – Rod Lewis, 2nd Vice President – Paul Hodges; Treasurer – Bonnie Goetzinger; Secretary – Arlene Jabaut; and Alternate State Delegate – Jerry Jabaut.

Rod had communicated with Doris earlier and had arranged to call while we were in our meeting. He tried calling Doris, but there was no answer. She had intended to make a verbal resignation as State Delegate. We have that position open at the present time. At the present time Jerry Jabaut will be representing the District as the Alternate State Delegate. Election will be coming up soon. We need nominations by January. All positions are open for nominations.

READING OF THE MINUTES: John Giumarra wanted to have a reading of highlights of the Minutes. This was done. Rod made a motion to accept the Minutes as read. This was seconded by Al Dronsfield, and unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL RESPORT: Bonnie gave the Financial Report. February 27th there was a balance of \$2,889.94. 4 checks were written during the summer. Flowers for Lorraine, Office Supplies, District page in the Preview and Bill Boyes for a total of \$358.02, right now we have a balance of \$2,531.92. We have received some checks for deposit, so the balance will be increasing. Arlene made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by John Giumarra, unanimously approved.

Rod spoke about the difficulty everyone has been having with COVID, as well as his and Donna's experience with it and the after affects. He feels that our clubs are coming out of this and starting to host tournaments with much success. He is hoping that with the Borders opening, we will have more players. There was discussion regarding the lack of amateurs and the shortage of participants at some tournaments, which gives player an automatic advantage to gain move- up points.

1 ST VICE-PRESIDENT: Bill Jones has not come to Florida yet. No report.

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2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: Paul Hodges reported he is very pleased with the Preview. Considering there were no Tournaments in the Northern District and very few played in the remainder of the State. The Preview is very informative and attractive. Rod went on to explain that at the State Meeting October 16th it was explained that the Preview cost \$7.00 to print that is why the new cost is \$3.00 per book, also the cost for Ads has increased. This Preview keeps our records regarding the Tournament Results and has all the State Regulations available for members.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT: Rick Enright; Rod explained that Rick did the tournament at Mid-Florida Lakes October 21st. On Thurs Rick explained that he will be available for Thursdays for Tournaments, but not on Fridays. Someone will have to take over for Friday. As of next season Rick will not be a Tournament Director.

4th Vice President: Sharon Johnson; Rod has talked to her, and she is planning on coming down, we should see her at the January meeting. She is usually responsible for the pins and jackets. These are presently at Doris Hanke's house and Bonnie has a key and is going to get these items. Rod is hoping that between Bonnie and Bill Jones they can get pins to the qualifying players. Marilyn Mills will get her State Am Pin.

KOR: Bill Boyes: Rod explained that Bill is keeping up with this since it is all electronic. He will discuss the Standing Rules later under New Business. You can go to the website ND.org or Northern District and keep track of the points, forms, members, and other info.

ALTERNATE STATE DELEGATE: Jerry Jabaut; At the State Meeting October 16th, the following protocols for tournaments were presented: Venues will return to 100%

Occupancy with a start time of 9AM. Pre-registration is no longer required. Registration is to be held in an open-air environment, except in rainy weather. Clubs will be allowed to sell food, including refreshments, cooks and servers are required to wear mask and gloves. There will be no fans allowed. Each club is

required to have hand sanitizer available for players and staff. Each day of the Tournament, players must have their temperature checked. Any player with a

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temperature of 100+ or other symptoms of illness will not be allowed into the facility. Mask: Wearing a face mask outdoors is optional. When more than 50% of the facility is covered or screened, wearing a face mask is mandatory, except while eating or drinking. Frame Games: The Northern District will make the decision as to what type of game can be played. There will be no FSA Modified Tournament for amateurs this year. Jerry explained that he is waiting for the State Minutes for clarification. (Questions came up regarding Modified Tournaments. Rod explained that he felt that this refers to holding a Tournament with very few players.) Red Line Tournaments are suspended for 2021-2022. The Hall of Fame Red Line Tournament to continue for 2021 only money and points. The State has \$4,000 left in their account as of October 2021. Zak asked if that amount was down significantly, and he was told yes. Arlene made a motion to accept his report and John Giumarra seconded. Report accepted.

ROLL CALL OF CLUBS AND CLUB REPORTS

The following were Absent: Candlelight MHP, Mario Mazzola; Clerbrook, Jean Swope; Hacienda del Rio, Dick Woods; Holiday RV Village, Tom Basner; Inverness, Vern Ivey; Parkwood Manor, Richard Burchardt; Parkwood Oaks, Mike Boskovitch; Quail Hall; Dave Hall; Southern Palms, Max Kent.

CORONADO MAINLAND: Zak Wonson- Zak explained that we have had a good year and have been playing 6 days a week and 2 nights. Because of our protocols, which were approved by the City Parks and Recreation, we have remained Covid free. Because of our location it's like a Postcard, and we get a lot of interest from the public. Our membership presently is approximately 200 with about 50 new members that we have trained. We charge \$20, the city gets \$15 of that for the Parks and Rec Dept. We didn't host our first Tournament because we could not get verification from the FSA regarding protocols. The November 18th Tournament will be on as well as the December Tournament. Bonnie Radke will not be here as Director Nov 18 and Richie has offer to do it for her. Zak is looking forward to everyone coming over to play. He explained that we hosted an in-house tournament which was fun. We have 16 amateurs; several had never played in a tournament and were very excited. There were 16 State Am and Pros

to play with an amateur. We paid Bonnie to run it and it worked out very well. He thinks we will get some tournament players out of that. Zak would like to do another sometime during the year. Zak is going to play with one of the Ams in Deland. We

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will be discussing out protocols at our Nov 6 meeting. Right now, we are still playing every other court, with specific Host each day and everyone taking their cues home with them. We will be voting on whether or not to relax these protocols. Zak explained we have obtained significant price money. Sponsors are broken down into Corp Sponsors, Individual Tournament and Full Season. One of our Corp. Sponsors is H2Health physical therapy fitness. Zak recommended approaching these Fitness, physical therapy facilities to be a sponsor.

DELAND: John Giumarra explained that the courts have been redone. They are very happy with the new courts. They play two times a week and may go up to three times a week. They are still struggling to get new members. Regarding the Preview. The Club is charging \$1.00 and absorbing the remainder of the \$3.00 fee.

He intends to give out old Previews to new players to familiarize them with it and to give them to prospective Sponsors.

HAWTHORNE: Freeda Carr representing Steve Smith. The courts have been refinished and they are just like glass, so be prepared. They are getting ready for the Oct 28 tournament and excited to get back in the groove. The club plays two days a week, Wednesday morning and Saturday morning and they usually have about eight people for that. They have an in-house tournament once a month and usually get 16 people. There is money involved. There are seven people signed up for lessons.

LAKE POINT: Patty Foster; There are six courts and a lot of people have not arrived in Florida yet.

LEESBURG: Al Dronsfield; They held a State Pro Tournament, and it was a little on the lean side. They are trying to figure out how they will do lunches and not sure if they will have lunch. They have a club vote out right now about it. They are thinking of having the cook serve out the side door and keep everyone outside. May not serve prior to the 1st of the year. Wanted to compliment Mid-Florida on the wonderful job they did on their Tournament October 21st. The Club is pleased with the way the new courts are running. The back-stop hoses and the disc are running very well also.

MID-FLORIDA LAKES: Donna Lewis; They have added about 9 new players. They are very pleased with the Tournament October 21st. There were 22 teams, and everyone had a good time, and everyone felt safe. Everything was done outside.

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One of the new amateurs placed and they all want to play again. They have been told by Management that the Courts will be redone before the February 10th Tournament. They are talking with Nidy since they don't know which way the courts will be done, (courts with beads or enbeded beads). They will be talking to them to decide. There are plans to improve the Courts in other ways as well. The Management as been very cooperative. Donna and Rod spent several hours scrubbing Courts and Boards. It's a process to get members involved. Six members are not coming back to FI, 2 have passed away and some have moved to be closer to family and will not be coming back. Through resident meetings and the Church, there is a constant effort to recruit new members.

ORMOND BEACH: Jerry Barr; Constantly looking for new members. Due to their location, it is hard to recruit. They play Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1PM. They just revised their Constitution and By-Laws, which had not been done since 2008/2009.

TRAVARES: Mary Jane Newmann: They are going to have the Nov. 15 Tournament (Any Am Draw). There are at least ten people that have either moved away or they haven't been able to get back into the country. It has been difficult getting people to play. Last Sat. they had six people. She has made a lot of phone calls and has been able to get people to help with the Tournament. The city has agreed to redo the overhang. The Club is responsible for the maintenance of the Courts, except for the benches and the overhang. She does not know whether they will have food for this Tournament. Last year they only had eleven people show up for this Tournament. Several of the members are expected after the 1st of the year.

TOP OF THE WORLD: Annette Hodges; It continues to be just a Social Club. There are a lot of new people moving into the area and they are be taught by Paul. They are just not interested in competitive play. They have ten Courts and they were redone last Winter. They are very slow Courts.

Rod brought up the Standing Rules. The last time they were revised was 2015. He would like for everyone to go to the website and pull up these Rules and make whatever suggestions or changes necessary. He would like to go over these at our January meeting and at the March meeting vote on these changes and make the revisions. There are a couple points that must be changed:

The entry fee has to be changed from \$6.00 to \$8.00.

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All Northern District Amateur Tournaments must be played as Doubles.

19, The KOR shall receive \$250 per season for expenses. We have never done anything regarding this. We never received any records from Pat King. We have no history before Pat passed away, so we had to start from scratch. Bill pays for the licensing fees for our website. We have paid him for that. (Bill is also the KOR for Ontario.) We need to discuss his fee. Nothing has ever been paid, other than the cost of the website. Rod would like this to be discussed, a decision made as to an amount and a vote taken on in March.

The Hall of Fame rules change to 200 points was voted on in the past. The change in points from 5,4,3,2/2,1,1,0 to 5,4,3,2/2,1,1,.5 needs to be incorporated into the Standing rules. These were voted on in the past and were approved.

There is an increase in the entry fee to \$8.00. The extra \$2.00 is broken down by the following manner on the Financial Report form. Line 2- .50 x the number of players; Line 6- .50 x the number of players; Line 8 - .50 x the number of players and Line 11 - .50 x the numbers of players. These totals are to be added to the initial amount that would have been calculated. (Example: Line 2 - \$100 Directors Fee plus .50 x 36 players = \$18.00 – added to the \$100 equals \$118.00 to the Director). Consequently, each line item would include an additional equal amount.

Please go over the Standing Rules and have any suggestions ready for the January meeting.

There is a new Pandemic Protocol form that must be filled out at each tournament. These are for contact tracing purposes. It is on the Northern District

Website (NDShuffleboard.org) and should be copied and filled out each Tournament. It is the Director's responsibility to get these filled out.

Al Dronsfield brought up the fact that we have a limited number of amateurs. His suggestion was that new Pros be allowed to have a probationary period to be able to play at either Am or Pro, possibly one or two years. There was much discussion regarding this issue. No decision was made.

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Rod read a message from Bill Boyes. "Regarding new member, please tell Club Presidents that the KOR should be advised of any new members joining their Club.

Name, gender and if they are switching Clubs. Whether a District Am, State Am, Pro and their move-up points." In conjunction with this we need to get FSA numbers for these new people. Rod should be contacted if anyone needs a number, and he will get it. Paul mentioned that this is probably only necessary for people interested in playing Tournaments.

Bill also suggested reducing the points for Amateur Masters and TOC with less than 24 entries and 0 points for less than eight entries. He doesn't think that if we have a small amount of people, they should get the full amount of points for the Tournament. Rod doesn't think we will have any problem with the number we have been having. Rod is going to print this, and have it put on our website so that we can look at it and have some input at our next meeting. John questioned whether we can change the points and not have it be disputed by the State. Rod explained that our point structure is not the same as the State and not governed by the State.

Tournament schedules: Each club needs to start thinking about what Tournaments they want to have next year (2022-2023). We need that information submitted in January, so if you want the same Tournaments, we need to know, as well as whether you want to have a different type of Tournament. The Tournament Director needs this information to set the schedule for next year. This Schedule needs to be ready so it can be distributed at the March meeting.

Elections Preparation: All positions are open for nomination. In January we will find out what positions will be vacated, however, any applicant interested in a position should apply. John mentioned that we have very few members attending these meetings and he feels it is going to be difficult to find applicant. Rod wants us to go back to our clubs and talk to people to try to get people interested in applying for a position. Both John and Richie feel that there isn't enough interest among players to be involved. Paul suggested that the Directors at each Tournament and the Presidents of each Club explain to people that if they are interested in playing in Tournaments that they need to interest in being involved with the Board and get involved. Richie suggested a Nominating Committee.

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Christine mentioned that at past meeting she was not allowed to speak at meetings. That is not the case at these meetings. These are General meetings and suggestions, and input are welcome. Rod suggested that anyone coming to these meetings invite a guest to try to get more involvement from the membership.

Rod said he will spearhead a Nominating Committee. Rod Lewis, John Giumarra, Freeda Carr and Joe Inga volunteered to be on the Committee. The responsibilities of each officer should be copied and ready to hand out to prospective candidates. Rod made a motion that we accept the Nominating Committee, and it was seconded by Al Dronsfield.

The only Red Line Tournament, is also the Hall of Fame Dinner, January 17, 2022. Rod handed out flyers for the event. Rod has tickets for the event which includes dinner. This will be posted on the website for anyone that may be interested.

Rod had one more point. There don't seem to many Hall of Fame recipients. He suggested a special award for Carolyn Burrell to be admitted into the District Hall of Fame. That she be given her red jacket and be recognized as an Honorary Hall of Fame member. There can only be one nomination per year. Al Dronsfield nominated Mary Ann Pabst for all her services to the district in the past. This will be voted on at the March meeting.

Donna noted that the district needs to work on getting more Directors. Steve Smith, Gail Lynch, Rick Enright is part time, Mary Ann Pabst will not be Directors

this year. She would like to see more people interested in training to be a Director.

It was suggested that we advertise a training session for Directors. We also need a State Director, which Rod is training for.

Arlene made a motion to adjourn, and Mary Jane seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Jabaut
Secretary