

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING JANUARY 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Ron Theriault, President/ 1st Vice President, due to Walt Bartels resignation as President. The invocation and pledge were led by Christine Guimarra.

The following were present- President/1st Vice President – Ron Theriault; 2nd Vice President Paul Hodges; 4th Vice President – Rod Lewis; Treasurer – Cindy Wonson; Secretary – Arlene Jabaut; State Delegate – Bob Robinson; Alternate State Delegate – Jerry Jabaut. Freeda Carr – 3rd Vice President was absent due to illness.

The following Club Presidents or representatives were present: Coronado Mainland -Zak Wonson; Deland – John Guimarra; Hawthorne – Steve Smith; Holiday RV – Tom Basner; Lake Point – Patty Foster; Leesburg – Gail Howell; Mid Florida Lakes – Donna Lewis; Travares – Mary Jane Newman; Top of the World – Annette Hodges.

Arlene read the minutes from the October 22,2022 meeting. A motion was made by Bob Robinson to accept the minutes as read and Cindy Wonson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cindy read the Treasurers report giving the balance of the account as of Oct 20, 2022 as \$2050.14. Since then we have received Court dues from 9 clubs totaling \$166 and payment from 8 tournaments totaling \$432. Paul discovered he was misinformed about the amount to be paid for the previews. Consequently we overpaid the State for the Preview ad by \$750, which has been reimbursed to our club. There was \$219 received for preview sales. The total income was \$1,567.

Expenses – toner for a board member \$85.25, 60% of our Court fees paid to FSA \$125.20 refreshments for last meeting \$30.00 and payment to FSA for one page \$150.00. Expenses totaled \$440.25. The balance in the account as of Fri Jan 20 was \$3,176.69. Fifteen clubs have paid their dues. There are three clubs that have withdrawn their membership, Clerbrook, Inverness and Southern Palms. Cindy stated that according to our By -Laws an audit is required before the March meeting. Rod has volunteered to do that. Arlene made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by Bob Robinson. The motion carried.

Paul Hodges had nothing to report as 2nd Vice President.

Rod Lewis reported as 4th Vice President that he needs the clubs to submit any changes or additions to the tournament schedule for 23-24. He commented that the new Directors are doing well and are a great help to him.

Bob Robinson, State Delegate reported that he went to the State Meeting on January 16th. This was held near Miami, (4 hours and 30 mins each way). Doris Hanke was inducted into the State Hall of Fame as a Special Award and there was a 25 minute meeting. At that meeting the draft of the State Schedule was approved. This schedule will be on the Florida State website soon, along with the minutes. Please read these. Arlene made a motion to accept Bob's report which was seconded by Zak and carried.

REPORTS FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENTS:

Coronado Mainland – Zak Wonson: Nothing other than we are continuing to increase our membership and Dennis and Zak have

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trained about 132+- new members. We have several new members very interested in playing in tournaments. Zak has one of our good members doing research into getting some corporate sponsorship involved in our Northern District. We have 5 different Director groups for our tournaments and they are all doing well. Thanks to everyone for coming and playing at our club.

Deland – John Guimarra - No real hot news but appreciates everyone accepting the changes that were necessary due to weather. Some people from the Retirement Center are coming by bus and having a good time learning to play. The Club amateurs are doing well. They are getting some new members.

Hawthorne – Steve Smith - Doris Hanke is a member of Hawthorne and was acknowledged for being accepted into the State Hall of Fame. They are getting some new members, with some participating in tournaments. Feb 6 & 7 they will be hosting the State Red Line Tournament. They expect a big tournament with good payout and will be having a food truck for both days. Their Wednesday social is open to everyone in the area and they are getting a good response.

Holiday RV – Tom Basner – Starting to increase membership since COVID, when membership decreased. It's a little over 30 now and new people with lessons on Sat. morning. They expect to have the Courts resurfaced.

Leesburg – Gail Howell - Everything is going well. The Masters is coming up and it is a big job. Having the dinner at Scottish Highlands, it's a smaller space with a stage. Lasagna and salad will be served, there will be entertainment, music and an MC. (Elvis Might be in the

building). If anyone would like to volunteer to do some entertainment, please let me know. Need one extra tournament in the Northern District. There will be a signup sheet for pushers and helpers. (PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR PUSHERS ON PROPER PROCEDURE.) The Northern District will contribute \$200.00 and pays for the donuts in the morning. There will be a gluten free and meatless Lasagna. Gail needs about 3 more lasagnas. Salad and rolls will be provided. Champagne glasses will be available, BYB.

Mid Florida Lakes – Donna Lewis – Membership is growing. They have been bringing 5-6 teams to tournaments with a lot of amateurs playing and placing in tournaments. Will be changing one of their tournaments to a 16 frame game instead of 75 points. Donna expressed concern regarding a Director being bullied or threatened at a tournament. The issue of the pins came up. (Ron explained that is trying to take possession of the pins. The Masters Pins, TOC (only the winner gets this pin) and Northern District Pro pins are to be handed out at the Masters Tournament. The District Am pins and State Am pins were typically handed out at a Club Meeting or after a tournament.) (Robinson explained that the pins are under the prevue of the Third Vice President, even though it is not listed in their duties. Jack Woton established this procedure. Bob has stated that he will get the Pins and the Jackets. We need to check to see which District Ams have gotten pins and which Ams have received their pins and which haven't. The criteria for a District Am to get a pin is when they place in their first Tournament.) Donna had nothing further to add.

Tavares – Mary Jane Newman - Membership is declining. Saturday there will be an open inviting people to play. Jeff Geesey (Vice President) cannot come to FL this year. Dave Nitchie has volunteered

to be Vice President. Still working on their Courts. Al Dronsfield explained he takes responsibility. He suggested the company and the process used to spread the beads are lumpy. Al and Walt Bartels tried cleaning these, without much success. Ace Shuffleboard Court Painting is going to correct the problem. Al is providing 10 gals of oil base sealer and some beads to get it started. The City of Tavares provided a Grant from the State for this court repair. Patty requested that the 1st tournament of next year be exchanged to a later date this fall.

Lake Point – Patty Foster – Nothing to add.

Top of the World – Annette Hodges - Nothing new.

Arlene reminded everyone that when they have elections for new officers the form (which is on the website) with officer be completed and submit it to the Board.

Zak mentioned that he forgot to mention that Rex had won his Hall of Fame points. It was pointed out to Zak that Rex is .5 point short. The 200 points must be obtained by December 31 of the previous year (2022).

HALL OF FAME – A letter from Holiday RV nominating Ray Parlberg to the Hall of Fame was read. (Letter of nomination attached). Rod read from the Preview requirements for “Special Award to Hall of Fame”. “The Special Award is for those persons who have achieved outstanding records in shuffleboard in the Administrative or Promotional fields, and who have contributed significantly to the welfare and advancement of the F.S.A.”

After discussion and several people contributing positive comments Bob Robinson made a motion to vote Ray Parlberg into the Hall of Fame Special Award, Gail Howell seconded the motion. A secret ballot was taken and Ray Parlberg was approved for Hall of Fame Special Award. Bob Robinson is going to get the jacket from Freeda and have Ray's name put on it so that he can be presented with the jacket. Tom Basner stated that Ray will be leaving to go north early February.

NEW BUSINESS:

24-25 ANNUAL STATE SPONSORED RED LINE SINGLES TOURNAMENT:

Bob Robinson made a motion that the Northern District support Hawthorne's bid to host the 2024-25 Annual Meeting, State sponsored singles and Hall of Fame banquet. Gail Howell seconded the motion. Paul Hodges questioned what this was. Bob Robinson explained that this would be the same as the meeting he attended in Miami. It is a State Sponsored Red Line Singles Tournament. There is a meal where new State Hall of Fame Members are inducted and after the meeting election of officers and elected and voting. It comes to the Northern District about every seven years. All in favor, motion carried.

TEN DAY NOTICES:

Rod Lewis has two Ten Day Notices to present which can be presented throughout the year, to be read to the Board and voted on at the meeting in March. (Please see attachment to the minutes.)

There was discussion of the responsibilities of the 3rd Vice President. Bob Robinson moved that these TenDay Notices be attached to the minutes and Paul Hodges seconded. The motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEARS OFFICERS:

Joe Inga spoke. In November he was tasked with the responsibility of leading a Nonimation Committee, which included Joe, Rod Lewis and Suzanne DeRocchie. They canvased the clubs and are presenting the following nonimations:

President - Ron Theriault / Mid Florida Lakes Shuffleboard Club
Joseph Inga/Deland Shuffleboard Club
1st Vice President – Tom Brown / Leesburg Shuffleboard Club
2nd Vice President- Brad Simons/ Deland Shuffleboard Club
3rd Vice President - Open (Freeda Carr is resigning)
4th Vice President - Rod Lewis/Mid Florida Lakes Shuffleboard Club
Secretary - Arlene Jabaut/ Coronado Mainland Shuffleboard Club
Treasurer- Cindy Wonson / Coronado Mainland Shuffleboard
State Delegate – Bob Robinson /Hawthorne Shuffleboard Club
Alternate State
Delegate - Jerry Jabaut/Coronado Mainland Shuffleboard Club
Keeper of Records KOR- Bonnie Radke / Coronado Mainland

Past Presidents- Walt Bartels and Ron Theriault

Ron asked for nominations from the floor for the positions listed. There were no other nominations.

Paul Hodges stepped in to ask Joe and Ron if they had any comments before the vote took place.

Joe made some comments regarding his past experience as a volunteer fireman for 40 years, President of the Fire Company for 5 years and

Chief for 5 years. He also worked for a union construction company. Joe has worked with volunteer organizations before and feels competent to be President of the Northern District. There are some things he would like to address, such as clarifying the job description of each officer. He would like to also address the pre-registration for tournaments. He has experience with computer use and is familiar with protocol for running meetings. Joe feels he can be a help to this organization.

Ron commented that he inherited this position because Walt resigned. He was President two years ago because Pat couldn't run. Ron has decided to step down and his wife doesn't want him to be President. Therefore, Joe is our new President. We all gave Ron a round of applause to thank him for stepping in when he was needed.

Bob Robinson made a motion that the Secretary cast a ballot for the remaining officers which was made and seconded by Cindy and the motion carried.

Bob Robinson made a motion that Bonnie Radke be nominated as Keeper of Records for another year. Seconded by Cindy and the motion was carried.

Donna Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting 11:35 AM. Seconded by Arlene and the motion was carried.

ADDITON TO THE MINUTES:

Jerry Barr from Ormond Beach had sent me an email, which I received after our meeting. He wanted to let us know that his club is in desperate need of members. Also that Rita Belby passed away on

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December 28th. She was 93 and the life partner of Cliff Drapeau for the past 23 years.