

NORTHERN DISTRICT SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Joseph Inga, followed by the Flag Salute and a moment of silence for those suffering from the recent two hurricanes.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Joe Inga -President; Tom Brown- 1st Vice President; Brad Simons – 2nd Vice President; Cindy Wonson – Treasurer; Arlene Jabaut – Secretary; and George Snyder – Alternate State Delegate.

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES: Coronado Mainland and Quail Hollow – Stan Williamson; Deland – Brad Simons; Hawthorne – Katie Walker; Holiday RV – Al Wisman; Leesburg – Gail Howell and Mid Florida Lakes – Steve Clark.

SECRETARY: Arlene read the highlights of the minutes from the last meeting March 23, 2024. A motion was made by Bonnie Radke to accept the Minutes as Read and seconded by Steve Clark. The motion was carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Cindy stated that the balance from March, 2024 was \$3,550.35. Expenses of \$288 and Income of \$222. Leaving a balance of \$3,484. A motion was made by Arlene to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Tom Brown. The motion carried.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Joe Inga – The Mock Tournaments went well. During a tournament, those present and court masters are to leave the

Director alone. Other directors are to assist during a tournament only when asked or necessary. No berating of the Director, partners or any other participants at a tournament.

The Leesburg Tournament recently there were very few players. After the first day of play, one team did not check to see if they should come back the second day. Consequently, the other team that traveled 50+ miles to play for position did not have anyone to play against. The teams were assigned their position by default, however neither team got any points. ALL ELIBIBLE PLAYERS SHOULD RETURN THE SECOND DAY OR NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR AND OPPOSING TEAM OTHERWISE!!!! If two teams do not wish to return and agree to settle on position, that is acceptable.

WATCH FOR SCAMMERS, CALLS ARE BEING RECEIVED FROM SUPPOSED BOARD MEMBERS ASKING FOR MONEY. DISREGARD AND DELETE.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Tom Brown - Due to Hurricane Helene, Coronado Mainland had to cancel their tournament. Steve asked about a date to replace this tournament. The only date available is December 19. Tom mentioned that it would be good if players did not yell while playing and that they be kind to other players.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Brad Simons - Regarding the Previews, Bob Robinson is picking them up today at the State Meeting. He will distribute the books Thursday at the Hawthorne Tournament. Please make checks payable to Cindy Wonson, Club Treasurer. The Club President, Directors, and ND Board Members get a free copy, paid for by the Northern District. There are 24 free and 62 to be paid for by purchasers.

Please cooperate to get the information to Brad for next year's preview. Brad had a difficult time getting information from one of the clubs and had to fix the ad himself to get it to the publisher.

Brad will not be seeking another term and has been honored to serve on the Board.

3rd Vice PRESIDENT: Sharon Wilde – Absent

STATE DELEGATE: Bob Robinson: Bob is attending The Florida State Meeting.

ALTERNATE STATE DELEGATE: George Snyder –A Ten- day notice re pro from another state carrying that to this state. This is being voted on today at the State meeting.

KEEPER OF RECORDS: Bonnie Radke - Bonnie requested by the Director or an assistant take a picture of the sign-up sheet and text it to her. She would also like pictures of the charts and the winners when finished being text to her. She has distributed 7 new FSA #s and 3 have played in tournaments. She will be posting the Masters Pts soon. Bonnie asked about the lack of players signing up at tournaments, should it be played as singles? The decision was made to leave it alone by the Director. We need more pins, (AM, Dist AM, State AM, Pro, TOC and Masters). The price is high. 400 pins would cost \$960. We have several of some, but are lacking in others, especially Pro and Masters. A suggestion was made that the members be canvassed to see if anyone would be willing to donate their pins back to the Northern District for redistribution. Bonnie is going to send an email to the membership with this inquiry. The Board will revisit this issue in January to determine if we need to order pins.

Bonnie talked about an organization that is willing to be a sponsor (Grouper Health and Care Group, Inc.) After discussion regarding this company, it was agreed to assign them some time at the January 18 meeting to give a presentation and the Board, as well as individual Clubs, can determine if they want to be involved. We will shoot for an early meeting starting at 9:30 to hear this presentation.

REPORT FROM CLUB PRESIDENTS:

CORONADO MAINLAND – Stan Williamson- Coronado Mainland has been cleaned up since the two most recent hurricanes. There was no major damage. A City crew has secured all the metal roofing at the courts. Mike Beale and Cindy have made a nice desk area in the office to enable Directors to have privacy. Stan asked about mixing players when there are not enough teams at our tournaments. Joe suggested canvassing members for their opinions.

QUAIL HOLLOW – Stan Williamson – Everything is status quo.

DELAND – Brad Simon They have made many improvements, painting, cleaning and have two-way radios for communication between the court area and inside the Brannon Center. Pickleball is taking preferential treatment since there seems to be more interest, with many players having to wait for a court to be free. Brad is concerned about the future of Shuffleboard, since the Brannon Center appears to be leaning toward a pickleball themed complex. There was much discussion regarding the required number of courts for a tournament and specifically the Masters Tournament. Joe suggested that a Ten-Day Notice be submitted clarifying the required number of courts for hosting the Masters Tournament.

HAWTHORNE – Katie Walker commented that there was no damage to their courts, and they are ready to host the State Am on Monday and the Tournament on Thursday.

HOLIDAY RV- Al Wisman – Their club has grown, and they have 34 members. Courts are completed after some difficulty and most recently the white lines, which have been repaired. He wanted to thank all the clubs for their assistance in hosting tournaments while having theirs done. There are no canopies, they are being repaired. Tom Basner will be out for about 2-3 months due to illness.

LEESBURG – Gail Howell -There weren't many players for their first tournament. Players must listen to the announcements, and it is up to the players to check the standing to determine whether they must return for playoffs. Hurricane Milton did some damage, and 17 helpers cleaned up and did repairs. Thursday, October 31 will be the Bob Brandt tournament. Players are asked to dress for Halloween and prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

MID FLORIDA – Steve Clark – The first tournament went well. The canopy on the first courts was blown down during the hurricane. The Association is waiting for an insurance adjuster before they can do any repair. There were 19 teams for their tournament, and they used 12 courts, very little waiting. All went well.

TAVARES – Joe spoke to Mary Jane Neumann. The Am Tournament (ND-07) November 11 is canceled and may be rescheduled. There is another tournament that day, which causes a conflict.

OLD BUSINESS: Volunteers are needed to a nominating committee. All Board positions are open, specifically 2nd Vice President and Secretary. John Giumarra and Tom Brown have volunteered and a third is needed. The presidents of the clubs are asked to address this issue at their meetings. Joe and Cindy are committed to whether they will remain for another term. Joe and Bob Robinson are presently covering the 4th Vice President position. This entails

training and scheduling Directors as well as completing the schedule of tournaments.

All clubs need to have their schedule for tournaments presented by December 20 for approval by the Board at the January meeting. Once these tournaments are scheduled, there will be no changes. Gail suggested changing the type of tournament to balance more equally. Joe suggested she submit a 10-day notice for that.

Stanley would like to change the TOC to 16 frames from 12 frames. Joe suggested he put that in a 10-day notice which If approved would not take effect until the 25-26 season.

George's 10-day notice regarding the Iron Man Award has been approved. He wants this modified to include Directors as well as players. This was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Rick Tallman pointed out that the Standing Rules regarding eligibility for TOC participation were not clear, D should read as follows. Bonnie will add the following:

(D. Members placing 2nd, 3rd, 4th in Consolation in a Northern District Tournament will have one (1) year of eligibility beginning the next season.)

Joe Inga made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Tom Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Jabaut
Secretary