

Northern District Shuffleboard Association

Minutes-January 17, 2026

ND Meeting was called to order by President Joe Inga at 10 AM.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Joe Inga – President, Tom Brown – 1st VP, Brad Simons – 2nd VP, Diana Vincent – Treasurer, Sharon Wilde – Secretary, Bonnie Radke – Webmaster, Rick Tallman –KOR, Bob Robinson – State Delegate, George Snyder – State Alternate

CLUB REPRESENTIVES:

Coronado Mainland- Bonnie Radke, Deland- Brad Simons, Hawthorne – Sharon Wilde, Holiday RV – Gloria Boring, Leesburg – Gail Howell, Mid-Florida Lakes- Steve Clark, Tavares- Rod Lewis

SECRETARY REPORT:

Minutes of the October meeting were not read out loud. The motion to accept October minutes as posted on the ND website was made by Bob Robinson and seconded by Rick Tallman. Motion carried 100%. Minutes from the Emergency Board Meeting on 12.31.25 were read and a motion to accept was made by Bob Robinson and seconded by Diana Vincent. Motion passed 100%.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Bank Balance is \$3987.05 Motion to accept report was made by Bob Robinson and seconded by Tom Brown pending an Audit Review by Chris Inga and Val Simons.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

--Bonnie Radke stated that the website is running good, and she would greatly appreciate if the pictures from tournaments could arrive faster if possible.

--Tom Brown stated that the tournaments are running smoothly and Steve Clark and Rick Tallman are doing incredible work on the new computer programs. Rick mentioned that by next season, computer registration should be ready.

--Brad Simons reported that Previews have been presented to all the clubs and everyone is very happy with the results. Previews are still only \$3. Steve Helmer is taking over the previews in 2026. It was mentioned that Clermont's preview ad was missing.

--Rick Tallman stated that the new results sheet will greatly improve and quicken the process for tournament record keeping. The roll out next year will improve everything, and this modernization makes us stand out as leaders in the state. Other Districts are encouraged and interested with the new program possibilities. The new database is fool proof and will be easy to learn. The ND has purchased 4 tablets to use for registration. All players will have to do is remember their FSA numbers.

CLUB REPORTS:

--**President Joe Inga:** The State TOC AM Tournament is being held at Coronado/ Mainland. Joe urges all club presidents to promote the tournament to all their club amateurs. We have at least 30 AM's qualified to play in the ND. Last year only one person showed up for the tournament. Bob Robinson is going to contact Glen Monroe to post on the State website that the AM and PRO tournaments will have extra sponsors in addition to state money to increase prize money payout.

In regard to Leesburg Club members – Joe said players must make a decision hopefully by July as to what club they will align themselves with for the 2026-2027 season. One form with all the players listed on it must be turned into Joe Inga prior to the season start. You do not need to list players individually.

--**Deland:** The Pickleball build-out is delayed. They haven't even sent the bid out yet. It looks promising that the club will be able to hold all its scheduled tournaments for the 2026-2027 season. Barb Allen hosted a Fun Day at the Deland courts, and everyone had a good time. Joe mentioned that the possibility exists that the Master's Tournament for this year might be able to move back to Deland since the construction has been delayed. A formal announcement to move the Masters from Hawthorne back to Deland will have to wait until the club holds their monthly meeting before a decision can be reached

--**Mid-Florida Lakes:** Steve Clark mentioned that the club is making great strides toward boosting their membership. A Cheese and Wine social was well received. The Club is also sponsoring an ARC Olympics in support of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They are working with a local school providing shuffleboard lessons, then finish the program off with an awards banquet and tournament honoring the participants. This helps with community outreach.

--**Holiday RV:** Gloria Boring reported that the club has 30 members and has opened the club to visitation on Tuesdays at 1 pm. Practice begins at 12:30 and is a social draw. Courts are running great and the club hosted 18 teams for the ND14 AM tournament. They also got new discs this year.

--**Leesburg:** Gail Howell stated that the final hope for the courts is a court hearing on Jan. 28, 2026 for the Judge to decide whether the suit will be dismissed. Club members are playing at either Tavares or open visitation at Hawthorne and Holiday RV currently while they wait out the court's decision.

--**Coronado/ Mainlands:** Bonnie Radke said they are having an exciting year. They have 120 members and they are having social events at the club in addition to shuffleboard. They had a Fun Day that was well attended. They hosted a player improvement clinic that had 30 attendees. Lots of lessons and shuffle workshops are being offered. They have a potluck planned for the near future. An ad for a company was filmed at the courts.

--**Hawthorne:** Sharon Wilde reported that the Spa project is on schedule and should be completed by the end of January. The courts will have full electricity back and construction won't be such a distraction. The club hosts open visitation on Wednesdays at 10 AM and Pin Shuffle on Saturdays at 7 PM. They have been averaging about 7-8 full courts at both. Their fund-raising efforts include Ice Cream Socials that have been well received and are a boost to the club treasury. A plan to add a regular day to the club schedule for Build a House to work on skill building is in the works.

--**Tavares:** Rod Lewis reported that the first tournament held there this year (ND13) was successful and lots of preparation for the courts and discs by the club members happened before the tournament. The club plays on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 AM. They have approximately 45 members. There was no report from Lake Point, Quail Hollow or Clermont at this meeting.

--**State Report:** Bob Robinson said that Incident Reports must follow proper procedure. If an incident happens at a ND tournament, you need to contact the director to deal with the issue. An Incident Report will be filled out if necessary and the ND board will deal with the issue. If action is taken, then the FSA will be notified as to the outcome. The ND is responsible for resolving any incidents that occur during the ND event. If the incident happens at a state event, then the State is responsible for resolving any issues. It is important to notify the director immediately of an issue if possible so that it can be dealt with properly.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

--10 Day Notice by Rick Tallman. This notice was amended to allow the Amateur Master points to count toward ND Hall of Fame. All points that have accrued from 2019 to present would count towards ND Hall of Fame points. Motion to adopt was made by Bob Robinson and seconded by Tom Brown. Motion passed 100%

--10 Day Notice by George Snyder submitted in October, tabled to January, was withdrawn.

--Election of Officers: Election Committee chair Deb Collin presented the new candidates for 2026-2027.

Only three positions were open, 2nd VP, 3rd VP and 4th VP. All the other officers elected to remain in office.

The following officers for 2026-2027 were presented to the club representatives.

President- Joe Inga
1st VP – Tom Brown
2nd VP – Steve Helmer
3rd VP – Gail Howell
4th VP – Steve Clark
Secretary – Sharon Wilde
Treasurer – Diana Vincent
State Delegate – Bob Robinson
Alternate State Delegate – George Snyder
KOR – Rick Tallman
Webmaster – Bonnie Radke

Bob Robinson motioned to accept the officers, and it was seconded by Tom Brown. Motion passed 100%

Hawthorne has offered to host ND01 for the 2026-2027 season. It will be an Any Doubles Tournament.

The 2026-2027 Tournament Schedule for the Northern District has been reviewed and the State will complete the State portion at the meeting January 24, 2026. Bob Robinson motioned to approve the 2026-2027 ND schedule and it was seconded by Rod Lewis. Motion passed 100%.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was discussed that with all the expenses the ND will be facing soon- replenishing award pins and the distribution of ND jackets – that it is time to consider raising the cost of the ND tournament entrance fee from \$8 to \$10. This would be effective for the 2026-2027 season. This would boost the treasury balance and raise tournament payout amounts. The \$2.00 increase would be split in the amount of \$1.00 to the ND treasury and \$1.00 towards increasing Tournament prize money. Bob Robinson will draft a 10-Day Notice to be presented at the March meeting.

Rick Tallman mentioned having the district run a 50/50 drawing to increase revenue. Joe Inga stated that he is not sure this would be legal. Idea was dismissed.

Joe Inga received a few complaints from the ND17 Tavares tournament about players asking to have beads added to the court during tournament play. Bob Robinson stated that the Director makes the decision whether beads may be added to a court-not the player or the club. Beads are usually not added to imbedded courts. Additional complaints were made concerning that the tournament was not played as stated on the schedule. It was supposed to be a 75 pt game and was played as a 16 frm game. A tournament must be played as stated on the schedule unless a form is sent into the district requesting a change of format and plenty of time is available to get the word out.

A new Incident form has been submitted that was drafted by President Joe Inga and reviewed by the ND board following the ND11 incident. A proper procedure must be followed. The rules, new form, and procedures will be posted on the ND website. Joe stressed that discipline is a step process, and the steps must be followed correctly. It takes time to address a situation and handle the incident correctly. Failure to contact the tournament director is your responsibility. The clubs need to direct their amateurs to take problems to the tournament director as they happen. If you have an incident that was not reported, an email can be sent to the board to investigate the incident after the fact. Steve Clark mentioned that usually if a problem is brought to the attention

of the tournament director at the time it happens, it can usually be resolved without filling out an incident report.

A motion to accept the new Incident report and rules was made by George Snyder and 2nd by Gail Howell. Motion passed 100%

The next ND meeting is March 21, 2026

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Brown and seconded by Bob Robinson. Motion passed 100%.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Wilde
Secretary – Northern District

Election of officers:

Nominating committee for 2026-2027 is Deb Collin – Chair, Gail Howell, and Gloria Boring. The following positions are still open and job descriptions are available on the ND website.

President- Joseph Inga
1st VP- Tom Brown
2nd VP- OPEN
3rd and 4th VP- OPEN
Secretary- Sharon Wilde
Treasurer- Diana Vincent
State Delegate- Bob Robinson
Alternate State Delegate- George Snyder
KOR (Keeper of Records) – Rick Tallman
Webmaster- Bonnie Radke

10 Day Notice

Submitted by Rick Tallman concerning the deletion of AM points when becoming a Pro. This 10-Day Notice was postponed to the January 2026 meeting for amendments. This motion was made by Bob Robinson, second by Rick Tallman. Passed

Submitted by George Snyder regarding shortening the number of tournaments from 19 to 18 to allow space for rescheduling due to rain delays. Tabled until January.

A disciplinary action occurred at ND11.

Next District Meeting is scheduled for

made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Wilde, Secretary
Northern District Shuffleboard Association