

Northern District Shuffleboard Association

Minutes-March 21, 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 – absent, (3rd VP Gail Howell standing in for Sharon Wilde) Bonnie Radke – Webmaster, Rick Tallman –KOR, Bob Robinson – State Delegate, George Snyder – State Alternate

CLUB REPRESENTIVES:

Coronado Mainland- Stan Williamson Deland- Brad Simons Hawthorne- George Snyder
Holiday RV – Al Wisman Leesburg - Gail Howell Mid-Florida Lakes- Steve Clark
Clermont- Arthur Jordan Tavares- Rod and Donna Lewis Quail Hollow- Stan Williamson

SECRETARY REPORT:

Minutes of the January meeting were not read out loud. The motion to accept January minutes as posted on the ND website was made by Bonnie Radke and seconded by Tom Brown. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Bank Balance is \$ 3814.31. Motion to accept report was made by Bob Robinson and seconded by Rick Tallman. An audit was completed on Jan. 17, 2026 by Christine Inga and Val Simons. The books were found to be in order.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Joe Inga- Joe stated he attended all of the ND tournaments this year and is expressing a message directed to all club presidents that if you have an incident at a tournament requiring the director, it is to be dealt with immediately. A conflict between two individuals concerning bad behavior should be addressed between the two individuals. We are not children and should handle ourselves as adults. The state is also cracking down on record keeping and housekeeping on the district levels.

Brad Simons- Brad will be stepping down as 2nd VP. He hopes the Northern District will continue to grow. He has produced the Previews for the last three years and feels he is leaving the Previews in good hands with Steve Helmer and will be on hand to help with any assistance he may need. He complimented Joe Inga for the great job he has done as President of the Northern District and hopes to see continued positive growth in the sport of Shuffleboard.

Tom Brown- Tom would like to thank all the clubs for all their efforts this season and is looking forward to a great next season. He feels the directors have all done an excellent job.

Bob Robinson- Bob attended the state meeting March 14, 2026 and reported that the meeting went way long due to 17 10-day notices. Two passed. TDN #1: Point change for Red Line Singles TDN#6: Pro-rate Redline Prize. A Rules procedure Amendment to Article 16 (a): 2. In the event of an incident report being generated, the incident's disciplinary action shall be handled by the organization sanctioning the event.

The district board would apply "disciplinary procedures" for district events and the F.S.A. for state events.

3. The definition of egregious behaviors as written in the legal dictionary is as follows: A. Extraordinary in a bad or negative way, very noticeably bad. B. Conspicuously bad; Glaring or flagrant.

Disciplinary actions are reported in the following manor. If an incident happens at a Northern District Tournament, the Northern District reports the incident to the F.S.A. then proceeds to handle the incident, take disciplinary action and send results to the F.S.A. If an incident occurs at a State Tournament, the F.S.A. will take the appropriate action. Bob also commended Steve Clark on the great training session Steve held to prospective directors. 15 people attended.

Rick Tallman- Rick has worked very hard to automate the data for the Northern District. He is cleaning up the excel sheets and modernizing our records. He and Steve Clark are working on a way to populate and combine data from multiple spreadsheets. Their goal is to be able to enter our F.S.A. number and see a complete record of our individual tournament and point results in the near future. They are both looking forward to introducing more for the next season.

Bonnie Radke- Bonnie has been busy updating new pages on our ND website. She is posting pictures for all the tournaments. She reminded us to have our amateurs pre-register for the State AM TOC, but Bob Robinson states that you can request pre-registration, but it can't be a requirement. Shufflers may register the day of the tournament if qualified.

CLUB REPORTS:

Clermont- AJ Jordan stated that some Pro's have been less than encouraging towards the amateur players and this has affected members of his club from wanting to participate in tournaments. This has happened mostly when playing up at Pro tournaments and wishes that this animosity would quit. Pro's need to be more considerate of amateurs and coach newer players, not discourage them.

Coronado/Mainland- Stan Williamson stated the new AM's are progressing well and the two training clinics they held to teach techniques were well attended. They are repairing some courts that were cracking and the club held an open house with Hot Dogs that was attended by about 50 people. 3-4 have since joined the club.

Deland- Brad Simons said the club now has over 50 members. They are hosting the 2025-2026 Masters

Tournament and are still looking for volunteers for pushers. The banquet and awards ceremony will be held at the Chisholm Center. Next 2026-2027 season, the ND tournament schedule states Coronado/Deland under location because when the schedule came out, the city hadn't given a construction start date to the club. Coronado volunteered to be the backup if needed. The city has not even requested bids yet, so as it stands, the tournaments will be held at Deland until further notice. Any changes will be posted on the ND website.

Hawthorne- George Snyder said the fund raising at Hawthorne, Ice Cream socials, Easter Breakfast and other formats have raised awareness for the club. Saturday night Pin Shuffle has been a big hit and reaches out to those who don't or can't come to the Wednesday and Saturday morning shuffles. HSC has offered to host the 2026-2027 Masters Tournament.

Holiday- Al Wisman stated that Holiday hosted two AM tournaments that were a big success. They offer open shuffle on Tuesday's from 12:30-3:30. The club has 40 members, and their 12 courts are running well.

Leesburg- Gail Howell notes that the court docket has been refiled by the club's attorney and that the city has refiled a motion to have the lawsuit dismissed. Members of the club have been encouraged

to join Tavares. A decision must be made as to which club they are joining before the start of the 2026-2027 season or players won't be allowed to play in a ND or State Tournament. This will be the last report from Leesburg unless the situation changes.

Mid-Florida- Steve Clark said that hosting two tournaments in one week was grueling, but the club managed to pull it off. ND TOC went very smooth except for the fact that management at Mid-Florida stopped the tournament and had shufflers move their cars. They are working out the parking arrangements with management. A Directors Training session was held at Mid-Florida and went well with 15 people attending. Steve said that we have several excellent candidates for director and assistant director positions. He also discussed the new computers being used at tournaments, addressing concerns about potential power outages by assuring us that the computers have ample battery life. A situation happened at Hawthorne recently and it was easily handled and remedied. As for the coming season, Steve stated he has thermal printers and computers available for the promising new directors to hold mock tournaments over the summer to acquaint themselves with the program. Steve was able to purchase computers for club use at a fair price and is donating them to the club. Joe Inga thanked him for his generous donation. Steve also mentions that the response to the monitor screens at the tournaments has been encouraging as more people seem to pay attention to them. Bonnie stated that she gets error reports from some of the data being sent to her and Steve and Rick will look into it.

Quail Hollow- Stan had nothing of substance to report.

Tavares- Rod Lewis reported that the club has a new logo and that the club members were excited about the new shirts. They had some club members transfer from Leesburg club, but not many are showing up for practice. The club is busy fine tuning the court surfaces and working on the scoreboards. Donna mentioned that they are trying to encourage more amateur players to participate in tournaments next year. The biggest complaint is that the tournaments are long and sometimes far away. Bob Robinson mentioned that it is allowable to have district Mingles 1-day Tournaments. This is worth looking into for the 2027-2028 season. The city is working with Donna to help with the club's needs as they move forward.

Old/Unfinished Business- ND Tournament Fees in 2026-2027 will increase to \$10 from \$8. The increase will put an additional \$1 into prize fund and an additional \$1 to the ND Treasury. Motion – Steve Clark 2nd – Rod Lewis Passed 12-0

Bonnie mentioned that we need to have a clearer way to determine prorated distribution of money for directors and sponsors at tournaments. A check box will be created. Bob Robinson stated that the money just can't be prorated for prize money as the sponsors have a right to state how they want their sponsorship money distributed. Rick Tallman volunteered to monitor the distribution for tournaments.

New Business- Not much in new business. Steve Clark mentioned that we might be missing potential shufflers due to work schedules or other obligations that prevent people from shuffling during the week. He voiced an opinion that weekend tournaments might accommodate non-retired players. Joe Inga said that this was discussed several times in the past and might be worth a try. Bob Robinson stated the F.S.A. rules are flexible to allow evening and weekend tournaments and stated that St. Petersburg benefited from the change and was allowed to have weekend tournaments that have worked out well. Trying this out on amateurs makes the most sense.

Barb Allen suggested that brackets from tournaments would be nice to have posted on the ND website.

She also asked about the feasibility of having club pictures also be included under club news or contacts. Brad Simons says he is not sure if we have enough room for additional information without costing more to increase what is already on the website. Joe Inga said he thought that would be a great idea for the individual clubs to post on their websites. It was then mentioned that most clubs do not have a website but rely on Facebook page to keep their clubs informed. Steve Clark said there are several ways we can display additional information on our website and he will work on it over the summer.

Barb Allen asked about where you can find information regarding HOF points and move up points and how you know what point values are awarded for which positions. Bonnie Radke told her where to look under Points on our website. Rick Tallman explained that the information, including a breakdown, is listed under points. Steve Clark said there will be a Q & A section on the website soon.

Installation of Officers for 2026-2027

President – Joe Inga

1st Vice President – Tom Brown

2nd Vice President – Steve Helmer

3rd Vice President – Gail Howell

4th Vice President – Steve Clark

Treasurer – Diana Vincent

Secretary – Sharon Wilde

KOR – Rick Tallman

Webmaster – Bonnie Radke

State Representative- Bob Robinson

Alternative State Representative- George Snyder

Motion to adjourn meeting: Bonnie Radke 2nd Gail Howell

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – October 17, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Wilde
Northern District Secretary