

Minutes of the Southern District Board of Directors

January 18, 2018

President Bob Smith called the meeting to order in the Lee County Clubhouse at 5:00. Colleen Austin led the invocation and Bob led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: The following members were in attendance: Bob Smith, President; Joyce Smith, 1st VP; Jerry Holbrook, 3rd VP; Rip Van Ginkel, 4th VP; Joan Buck, Secretary; Steve Biaggi, State Delegate; Ray Buck, Alternate State Delegate; Linda McRae, Keeper of Records and Ed O'Neal, Head Tournament Director. Excused because of illness were John Jefferson, 2nd VP, and Dorie Baker, Treasurer. Guests in attendance were Herman Lansink, President of Jamaica Bay, and Don Chalmers, President of Pioneer Village. There were also three guests with proxies from their presidents: Myrna Bilton, Colleen Austin and Allie Enos from Lazy Days, Tamiami Village and Sunny Grove respectively. Helen Biaggi also attended as a guest.

President's Communication: Bob announced that the survey following the experimental Frame Game Tournament at Jamaica Bay on Nov. 16, 2017 was inconclusive. Therefore our tournaments will remain as 75 point games.

Minutes: Secretary Joan Buck said she needed to add to the minutes of the Nov. 2, 2017 meeting a statement from Steve Biaggi during his State Delegate report. According to FSA By-Laws Section 1 Article III, the State will require a uniformity of observance of the latest approved Official Rules of the FSA. Where there is a conflict between State By-Laws and District Operating Rules, the district rule will be null and void.

Treasurer's Report was read by Joyce Smith in the absence of Dorie Baker. As of January 18, 2018, the balance in the treasury is \$8107.77. Expenses since the last report were \$538.91; income was \$1498.50

The Vice Presidents' reports were deferred until later in the meeting.

Other Board Members:

Linda McRae as Keeper of Records reported that there are four new State Amateurs and seven new Pros as of January 13, 2018.

Ed O'Neal, Head Tournament Director, announced that the Southern District web site now has a search player data provision to access information. Jerry Holbrook is now qualified to direct tournaments; Joan Buck and George Pigeon will be directing their first tournament soon. Lee County continues to have problems with help on the courts.

Steve Biaggi reported that at the State Meeting on January 15 the only business was to swear in all the existing officers for the next year. District Presidents were given the tentative tournament schedule to check for accuracy. The full business meeting will be January 27, 2018.

Other Announcements and Reports

Schedules: Joyce Smith distributed the tentative schedules, noting the changes from last year. After the final approval at the upcoming State meeting, schedules will be given to all members.

District Masters: Rip Van Ginkel reported that he and Lee County President John Holder have been working on the details of hosting the tournament and the luncheon.

Masters Tournament Rule Changes: Jerry Holbrook presented several ideas for breaking ties. During the discussion, Ed O’Neal suggested skill shots, also called speed shots, to break ties in the simplest manner, like they do for the International Shuffleboard Association. Jerry made the motion that each player in a tie for first place shoot 4 discs, total points is their score. Motion was seconded by Linda McRae and motion carried.

Ed O’Neal presented other ideas for the ladies amateur and state amateur divisions which have recently had a reduced number of participants. Following a discussion, Ed O’Neal made a motion that all divisions play 12 frames instead of 75 point games to increase participation. Rip Van Ginkel seconded the motion but the motion failed. Linda McRae made a new motion that only amateur and state amateur masters games be 12 frames; the pros would remain 75 point games. Motion was seconded by Joan Buck; motion carried.

Ray Buck announced that neither the request to Wink News to cover the Saturday lessons nor the request to the News-Press to print both league and tournament results has been successful at this point. The on-line advertising through the Nextdoor website and app has not brought any inquiries. The float for the Edison Parade did not have enough interest, but Linda McRae suggested that we consider putting an ad for shuffleboard in the Edison Parade website for \$100 next year.

The Newbie Tournament will again have a cue donated by Jim Allen. Ray thought there was some money left in the district treasury for other prizes, but Dorie has not been available to answer that question. Herman Lansink made a motion that the District provide \$250 for prize money for the Newbie Tournament. Jerry Holbrook seconded the motion; motion passed. Ray expressed appreciation to the Board for their generosity.

Old Business

Ed O’Neal reminded the Board of procedures for discussion and motions. The following changes were made to the District Operating Rules:

#2 Ed made a motion that “members of” be changed to “**guests from**”. Linda McRae seconded the motion; motion passed.

#8 c) and d) A motion was made by Ed O’Neal to change the fees paid to District Masters Tournament Director to **\$50 for each day of play-off or tournament, with a maximum of \$150 for the Tournament**. The motion, seconded by Linda McRae, carried.

#10 Joan Buck made a motion to change the wording to “A forfeiture **in the finals** will be permitted, but not encouraged, with the provision that the person forfeiting **should** notify the TD...” Seconded by Ed, the motion passed.

#28 Joan Buck moved to have this Operating Rule deleted, referring to breaks between games. Ed seconded; motion passed.

#31 Joan made the motion to add the word “District” before Hall of Fame, regarding the giving of the red jacket. Motion was seconded and passed.

New Business:**Election of Officers:**

Rip Van Ginkel, speaking as Nominating Committee Chairman in place of Dorie Baker, announced that the slate of officers is the same as the existing officers. After asking for other nominations from the floor and receiving none, he charged the Secretary with casting one vote for each existing officer. It was so recorded, and the officers will again be sworn in at the March meeting.

Question on Procedure:

Ray Buck asked for clarification on the procedure for appointing and approving an officer to fill a vacancy. After discussion, Joan Buck read from FSA By-Laws Section 2, Article VI which states that the vacancy is to be filled "by the President, with the approval of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors."

Hall of Fame Nominees:

Joyce Smith read a letter from Tom Mason, President of Tamiami Village, nominating Ed O'Neal to be inducted into the Southern District Hall of Fame. Joan Buck read a letter from John Holder, President of Lee County, nominating Ollie Thomas. The Board was reminded that they could vote for two candidates, as per District Guidelines for the Southern District Hall of Fame #6. After separate secret ballots were taken, it was announced that Ed O'Neal was elected by a majority vote; Ollie Thomas will again be considered in January of 2019.

Sweatshirts: Joyce Smith announced that she will no longer be ordering sweatshirts to lower the price of the District Hall of Fame jackets. She is looking for someone else to handle that.

President Bob Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be on March 1, 2018 at Lee County.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Buck, Secretary