

MINUTES OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 1, 2018

President Bob Smith opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M. at the Lee County Club House with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance were Bob Smith, Pres.; Joyce Smith, 1st VP, John Jefferson, 2nd VP; Jerry Holbrook, 3rd VP; Rip Van Ginkel, 4th VP; Joan Buck, Secretary; Dorie Baker, Treasurer; Linda McRae, Keeper of Records; Ed O'Neal, Head Tournament Director; Steve Biaggi, State Delegate; Ray Buck, Alternate State Delegate. Guests attending were John Basque, VP Cypress Woods; Phil Boal, Pres Riverwoods and Colleen Austin, State Preview Editor.

After welcoming everyone, President Bob announced that he was pleased with tournament attendance this year. After 19 tournaments, we were down only a total of four players, primarily due to the cold weather at a recent draw tournament. He then thanked everyone for their hard work this year.

Minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting were approved as posted on the website after a motion was made by Joyce Smith and seconded by Ed O'Neal.

Treasurer's Report was given by Dorie Baker. The balance as of March 1, 2018 is \$8380.21 Recent expenses included \$387 for bricks and jackets for HoF inductees and \$250 for prize money for the Newbie Tournament held at Lee County on Feb. 10, 2018.

Reports:

None of the **Executive Board** had anything to report at this time.

Keeper of Records: Linda McRae reported that so far this year we have six new State Ams and 10 new Pros. Also 12 new FSA numbers have been given in our district.

Head Tournament Director Ed O'Neal announced that the schedule for the directors for the next season has been finalized at least through 2018, he being among those scheduled.

State Delegate Steve Biaggi had nothing to report at this time. Neither did Alternate Ray Buck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Schedules: Linda McRae pointed out some incorrect dates on various copies of next year's schedule. Ed O'Neal will make sure all corrections are made to the schedule on the website.

District Masters Lunch: Rip Van Ginkel presented the request from Lee County President John Holder to approve spending \$7.50 per person for lunch from Bob Evans. His motion was seconded by John Jefferson and was passed.

Masters Rules: President Bob announced that he heard only complaints from the Amateurs and State Ams about changing the Masters format to frame games for them. Jerry Holbrook made a motion that all Masters Tournament games in all divisions be 75 point games; Joyce Smith seconded the motion. Discussion included the possibility of allowing the players in contention to vote on the format prior to the Masters next year. After discussion, the motion as stated was approved.

Newbie Tournament: Ray Buck thanked the Board for the \$250 for prizes and expenses. He used \$225 for cash prizes and \$15 for printing, and returned \$10 to the District Treasury. Other prizes included cues donated by Allen Shuffleboard and Wally and Jan Thyssen, both of which were greatly appreciated. Ray also thanked Lee County for hosting the tournament again, and for providing the coffee and donuts. There were 54 players this year, and Linda McRae shared that seven from Harbor Lakes participated in the District Tournament at Port Charlotte the following week.

Southern District Operating Rules: Ed O'Neal asked for the following rule changes to complete the revision at this time. Motions were made to:

Delete #5, seconded by Dorie Baker and passed.

Revise #13 to read as follows: All Clubs hosting a District Tournament must file a statement of Receipts and Expenditures for each District Tournament. Financial forms will be issued to each Club. The Southern Board has revised this form to fit the Southern District Tournaments and it must be used by all host clubs in the Southern District. Seconded by Linda McRae, passed.

#14 previously revised to read: No League or Club in the Southern District shall run a Shuffleboard Tournament on a scheduled date of a Southern District Tournament.

Discussion ensued regarding a conflict of dates that requires some league tournaments to be played on the date of a spring District Tournament. Steve Biaggi's proposal that President Bob talk to the Presidents of the Clubs involved was agreed to by consensus.

Delete #25 because of duplicate information on financial forms, seconded by John Jefferson. Motion failed.

Delete from #29 the words "by the director". Seconded by Linda McRae, motion passed.

Change #17 to read as follows: The Tournament Directors fee and the trainee fee will be paid by the Host Club according to the current Financial Form. Seconded by John Jefferson, motion passed.

Joan Buck asked to change #9 to say "Should any of the above not require a ticket...". Joyce Smith suggested that the phrase "unless it is paid for elsewhere" be added regarding the lodging for the President and State Delegate. Agreed to by consensus.

Other Old Business: Ray Buck made the observation that there is an unusually high number of new players who are potentially in the Masters. Since they most likely have no awareness of what the Masters Tournament is, Ray suggested that the President should start making announcements about the Masters before March. President Bob thanked Ray for his suggestion.

Swearing in of Officers for 2018-19 season: President Bob administered the Oath of Office as the Board Members renewed their commitment to the Southern District.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rip Van Ginkel expressed concern that State Amateurs are getting move-up points too quickly. He made a motion to eliminate pairing State Ams together when needed to balance a draw tournament. Following good discussion, President Bob suggested that we think about this and vote at the fall Board Meeting. He also suggested that we have more tournaments requiring a district amateur to encourage new players. John Jefferson suggested that we promote the use of the web site for listing people looking for a partner, especially district amateurs. Joan Buck shared an idea from the January State meeting in which the District President would make a new player packet explaining things like Roll of Champion, Masters Tournament, and what information is on the web site. President Bob agreed to look into this over the summer.

Ed O'Neal made a motion to resume the inclusion of a condensed bio and picture in the Preview of all District Hall of Fame inductees as soon as practical but at least every three years, paying for extra pages as necessary. Jerry Holbrook seconded the motion, thereby giving himself another job as Preview Coordinator. Motion passed.

President Bob said that he, along with Delegate Steve Biaggi and VP Joyce Smith, will take the consensus of the District votes for the 10 Day Notices to the State Meeting March 18.

The next Board Meeting will be in October or November. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Buck, Secretary