

Minutes of the SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD of DIRECTORS

November 1, 2018

President Bob Smith called the meeting to order at Lee County at 5:00 p.m. Bob led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The following Board members were present: Bob Smith President; Joyce Smith, 1st VP; John Jefferson, 2nd VP; Jerry Holbrook, 3rd VP; Rip Van Ginkel, 4th VP; Joan Buck, Secretary; Dorie Baker, Treasurer; Steve Biaggi, State Delegate; Ray Buck, Alternate State Delegate; Linda McRae, Keeper of Records (via phone conference) and Ed O'Neal, Head Tournament Director.

Guests attending were Phil Boal, President of Riverwoods, and his wife Mary Jo; Luke Davis, President of Port Charlotte, and his wife Regina; Bill Hamilton, Colleen Austin and Kathy Holbrook.

President Bob was happy to announce that once again attendance is up from last year over the first five tournaments.

MINUTES: Rip made a motion that the minutes of the March 1, 2018 meeting be approved as posted online; seconded by Jerry Holbrook. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dorie Baker announced that as of October 31, 2018, the balance in the treasury was \$7333.58. The district pages in the Preview was the major expense at \$301. Dorie also presented the annual summary as of September 30, 2018: Total income from dues, tournaments and Preview sales was \$3338.50. Total expenses were \$3280.80 which included \$1592 for the Masters Tournament.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:

1st VP Joyce Smith had nothing to report at this time.

2nd VP John Jefferson and **3rd VP** Jerry Holbrook had nothing to report.

4th VP Rip Van Ginkel stated that he has made initial contact with Pioneer Village to plan for the 2019 Masters Tournament.

KoR Linda McRae announced that there are four new State Ams and two new Pros so far this season. She also reminded us to consider putting an ad in the **Edison Parade** Program. Bob will look into that.

Head Tournament Director Ed O'Neal announced that he is moving March 1, 2019, and since Linda McRae is not here yet, they have swapped tournaments to cover the season. Rip will take over the website when Ed moves. He also reminded the Board to utilize the data on the "**player search table**" which contains many interesting statistics.

State Delegate Steve Biaggi did not attend the last two meetings, having recused himself because of personal reasons, but he gave a report on the March 17, 2018 FSA Board Meeting. For the State Sponsored Singles Tournament in Clearwater, January 14, 2019, the courts will be open from 1:00-4:00 on Sunday. Also, rooms are available at the Holiday Inn for \$109. Glenn Monroe announced that he is willing to help train any director. Any **injury** during a tournament should be reported to the Tournament Director. Regarding the **Hall of Fame Special Awards**, both at the district and state level, board members may vote for up to two nominees each year.

Alternate Delegate Ray Buck attended the Oct. 13 FSA meeting but had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Pairing of State Amateurs in Draw Tournaments. The concern is that this team is more likely to earn a move-up point and cause State Ams to become Pros too quickly. To alleviate the problem, it was suggested that there be more "must have Dist. Am" tournaments. President Bob reminded the Board that each Club has the option of naming the type of tournament they want. Discussion will be continued in

January regarding move-up points given at State Am Tournaments held in Southern District. President Bob asked Joan to put a copy of the draw tournament guidelines on the website.

2. **Bunching of byes.** Jerry Holbrook pointed out that fewer people have to wait to play when all the byes are grouped together. The tournament directors seem to prefer this method.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bill Hamilton raised a point of information. He questioned whether a check written by the State Treasurer for \$3000 was actually unaccounted for. Bob said he would look into that.

2. **Schedules** for the 2019/20 season. President Bob announced that Port Charlotte was giving up PO1 and P06. Luke Davis was asked if Port Charlotte was still able to host the District Masters in 2020. He replied they would keep doing the District Tournaments as long as possible. Membership is down, which makes it difficult to get help, and they have no sponsors for tournaments. Steve Biaggi made a motion for the District Board to allocate money to help Port Charlotte continue hosting tournaments. The motion was tabled temporarily, while the Port Charlotte Board determines what they need to continue hosting State Tournaments. Luke will report at the next meeting.

3. **District Masters Lunch.** Rip discussed with VP Joe Helling of Pioneer Village a brief outline of what would be needed to host the Masters for their first time. He will share with them the checklist that was prepared to help clubs plan the event.

4. **Newbie Tournament.** Rip had expressed interest in having a Newbie Tournament at Citrus for the southern clubs. Ray Buck agreed to organize two for the District. He hopes to “buy one get one” from Jim Allen to supply a new cue as first prize for each. Jim Goodrich will be approached to teach lessons the first three Saturdays in January at Lee County only; tournaments will be held January 26, 2019 at Lee County and February 2 at Citrus. Colleen Austin agreed to print the flyers when ready. Again, the Board will provide **up to \$250** for each tournament according to the prize list and the number of participants.

5. **Masters Rules.** Ray Buck made the motion that when there are five or less players in a division, they would play 3 games against each opponent. Jerry Holbrook seconded the motion and it carried.

6. **Nominating Committee.** Joyce Smith nominated Dorie Baker, Rip Van Ginkel and Regina Davis to serve again. They agreed.

7. Jerry Holbrook made a motion to use \$150 for each of two district tournaments to **help Port Charlotte.** John Jefferson seconded the motion which passed.

8. Secretary Joan Buck distributed a **job description** page to each officer for their revisions and additions. She requested that they be returned to her by Dec. 1 so she can have new packets ready for the incoming officers at the election in January. She also made a motion to spend \$40 for a **new tape recorder** for the District. John Jefferson seconded the motion and it carried.

9. Joyce Smith announced that she has tickets at \$35 for the Hall of Fame Banquet in Clearwater on January 14, 2018.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 10, 2019. Bob Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Buck, Secretary