

## Minutes of Special Meeting of Southern District Board

Riverwoods, February 9, 2017

President Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Ray Buck gave the invocation and Bob led the salute to the flag. All Board members were present except for Pat Reese. Allie Enos was the only guest. Customary reports were dispensed with in order to get right to the agenda.

Ray Buck was asked to report on the One Day Tournament that's being held Feb. 18 at Lee County. He again mentioned his gratitude to Lee County for providing the coffee, donuts and ice cream. Jim Allen has graciously donated a cue again this year and Linda McRae has offered to supply the name tags again. In addition to the \$121 left over from the tournament last year, Ray requested in the form of a motion \$225 from the Board treasury to match the prize list from last year. Steve Biaggi seconded the motion, which was followed by an admonition from John Jefferson that we look for sponsors in the future and not make this a precedent. Treasurer Helen Biaggi responded affirmatively to Linda McRae's question about sufficient funds. The motion passed. Ray asked that any Board member who would like to help that day to please see him. Jerry Holbrook, Linda McRae, and Bob and Joyce Smith volunteered.

The second item on the agenda was to discuss the proposed changes to the District Operating Rules. President Bob read Section 3 E(a) of the State By-Laws regarding Presidents of Member Clubs voting at the District meetings. He asked that our Operating Rules reflect the same information, suggesting that our OR #2 be changed. Steve Biaggi then read FSA By-Law Section 1 Article 14 on Amendments. He felt that the nine rules on the agenda was a lot of changes. A few years ago the Board voted to defer a decision on a major change until the meeting after its proposal, but there is nothing in writing. The By-Laws are to the State what the Operating Rules are to the District and we should adhere to them.

Ed O'Neal remarked that one of the proposals [#38] to be discussed at this meeting was to put in writing how the District can change its Operating Rules. John Jefferson said we should abide by the State By-Laws and make our own Operating Rules to work underneath those.

Steve insisted that we follow the State procedure of making By-Laws very hard to change, namely, only with published 10 Day Notices every 3 years. President Bob said that previous secretaries would update the District ORs every two years and post them so that all changes made in those two years would be included. [This was before the ease of web site posting.] Linda McRae brought to our attention the frequent updates to the ORs, dated when they were passed, even in consecutive years. Joyce Smith reminded us that we made one change last fall, presented by Steve. Secretary Joan Buck reiterated her desire to make at least small changes to clarify some rules, such as jackets for **District** Hall of Fame members.

There followed a discussion as to whether the President of a Club can vote in all matters or just elections. No rule could be found restricting the vote of Club Presidents to just elections.

Helen Biaggi asked to be on record as saying she would not participate in rule changes that are illegal. John Jefferson suggested we contact state officials to make sure we are amending our ORs correctly. Steve said we should at least require a 2/3 vote to make changes. It was decided to suspend the discussion of rule changes until the inquiry is made to the State.

Secretary Joan Buck made a motion that she be allowed to change typographical errors and Operating Rule 8(b) that updates the Masters Rotation and includes Pioneer Village. It was seconded by Joyce Smith and passed.

The regular spring meeting of the Board will be held on March 2, 2017 at Lee County at 5:30.

The meeting was adjourned by President Bob at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Buck

Secretary