

## Minutes of the SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD of DIRECTORS

March 2, 2017

The spring meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Bob Smith at Lee County. Bob gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** The following Board members were in attendance: Bob Smith, President; Joyce Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Pat Reese, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; John Jefferson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President; Jerry Holbrook, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President; Joan Buck, Secretary; Helen Biaggi, Treasurer; Steve Biaggi, State Delegate; Ray Buck, Alternate State Delegate; Linda McRae, Keeper of Records and Ed O'Neal, Head Tournament Director.

The following guests were present as Club Presidents or Vice Presidents in order to vote at this meeting:

Ed Geueke – VP Crystal Lakes  
Dorie Baker – Pres Cypress Woods  
Phil Boal – Pres Riverwoods  
Luke Davis – VP Port Charlotte  
Dick Schonecker – Pres Cinnamon Cove  
Lee Riggs – Pres Harbor Club  
Rip van Ginkel – Pres Citrus Park  
John Holder – Pres Lee County  
Bob Larochele – Pres Jamaica Bay  
Carol Healey – Pres Bayside Estates  
Jack Moore – Pres Holiday

The following guests had presented Proxies to President Bob Smith from their Club Presidents which were verified by Treasurer Helen Biaggi:

Chuck Wilson – Bayshore Village  
Dave Boncher – Tara Woods  
Roy Babcock – Bonita St James  
Bill LeMay – IBE  
Bob Swift – Forest Park  
Mike Wilson – Pioneer Village  
Phil Harrison – Landmark  
Richard Smythe – Sunny Grove  
Joe Messier – Carriage Village

Two proxies were rejected.

Additional guests in attendance were: Allie and Andy Enos, Mary Jo Boal, Janet Schonecker, Mike Fanning, Landy Adkins, Cecile Messier, Lenore Holder and Janet Casselman.

President Bob Smith then welcomed as a voting member of the Board Alice Enos who is now the National Delegate for Florida Shuffleboard Association.

At this point, in order to accommodate our guests, President Bob brought to the floor a motion by John Jefferson and seconded by Ed O'Neal that had been tabled from the January meeting. This was a proposal to incorporate an **experimental** frame game tournament into next season's schedule to promote greater tournament participation. It would consist of two games of 16 frames or 75, one on each color, followed by a third game if necessary of a full 8 frames on each color. Bob Larochelle had volunteered to host this tournament on Nov. 16, 2017 at Jamaica Bay, a smaller court, to see if this would help speed up the tournament.

All who cared to speak on the subject were given the floor to express their opinion. The motion to allow the experimental tournament was carried by a roll call vote of 17-14 with one abstention.

**MINUTES:** Secretary Joan Buck announced a small correction in the minutes of the January meeting. Linda made a motion that the minutes be approved as corrected. Jerry Holbrook seconded the motion which passed.

**TREASURER:** Helen Biaggi reported that as of March 2, 2017 the balance is \$7,791.08. Expenses included printing of the schedules; jacket, brick and plaque for Joe Cote; reimbursement to Colleen for her Hall of Fame jacket; \$225 to Ray Buck for prize money for the One Day Tournament held February 18 at Lee County.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** Joyce Smith had nothing at this time.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** Pat Reese reported that money is coming in well for the **Preview** ads.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP** John Jefferson said the lessons at Lee County were very successful. The number of participants grew from 20 to 30 over the four weeks, and placing the One Day Tournament after three lessons worked very well. He praised Jim Goodrich for the quality of the lessons and plans to resume the lessons next year.

**4<sup>th</sup> VP** Jerry Holbrook reported on the progress of the Masters Tournament at Citrus Park. Rip van Ginkel would like the total count of players and guests for the lunch by March 17. Cost per lunch will be \$6.15; the lunch will be free to all players, guests and volunteers. Rip asked for the precedent regarding free donuts and coffee. Helen Biaggi said the District has never been asked to pay for them. Usually the club or a sponsor has provided them.

**Keeper of Records** Linda McRae announced that we have 13 new State Amateurs and 7 new Pros as of last week.

**Head Tournament Director** Ed O'Neal has been getting signatures for the Masters Tournament. Information is on the website. President Bob read an email from George Pigeon requesting to change his mind from no to yes on the participation list. Ed O'Neal made a motion to allow him to do this; seconded by Jerry Holbrook and passed. Discussion ensued about the clarity of the rule that forbids change once signed.

**State Delegate** Steve Biaggi had nothing to report.

**Alternate State Delegate** Ray Buck reported that the One Day Tournament was very successful, thanks to Lee County's provision of all supplies as well as donuts, coffee and ice cream. He said the players enjoyed the day and praised the volunteers for being helpful and pleasant. Ray expressed his gratitude to all who made the tournament successful. Ed O'Neal announced that he put the photos taken by Joyce onto the website. Rip van Ginkel requested that the Board consider having a second newbie tournament in the southern end of the district.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Revisions to Operating Rules:**

President Bob Smith reported that a conversation with Glenn Monroe indicated that we only need a simple majority vote in our District to make alterations or amendments to our Operating Rules.

#18 Ed O'Neal made a motion to delete this rule because what we pay the Tournament Director in a State Tournament is dictated by the State on the financial form. It was seconded by Joyce Smith and passed.

#22 Linda McRae made a motion to insert the word "active" before "cell phone". Helen seconded the motion and it passed.

#38 Proposed Operating Rule would require that any change to a Southern District rule be tabled and voted on at the following meeting. After discussion, Joyce Smith made a motion to table ideas on an individual basis and not be boxed in. Pat Reese seconded it. Motion carried.

#14 Linda McRae brought before the Board that there is a current conflict with this Operating Rule. Because of scheduling conflicts, Bayshore is holding a league tournament at Lee County on the day that Tournament #22 begins at Citrus Park. It was recommended that, even though we cannot do anything about the tournament, the Club Presidents be reminded of this rule.

### **Swearing in of Board Members for 2017/2018**

Nominating Committee Chairman Rip van Ginkel read the Oath of Office as the Board Members renewed their commitment to the Southern District.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. President Bob Smith asked if the Board agreed that it is preferable to have our meetings in a private room at the Recreation Center rather than in our Club House. He paid the \$20 rental fee himself and was not asking for reimbursement for tonight. Nevertheless, Helen made a motion to reimburse Bob for the room, seconded by Joan Buck and carried. By consensus the Board agreed to rent the room when a large group is expected.

2. Five players from Indian Creek entered the Jamaica Bay Tournament last week and none were legal due to their park's refusal to pay its dues. One of them cashed. According to State and District Tournament Regulations Article 8(c) she should forfeit any prize money and be subject to suspension. The Board agreed to ask her to refund the prize without further penalty, and remind Club Presidents that dues must be paid before players can participate in District Tournaments.

3. Ray Buck asked that the Tournament Director use his discretion to speed up a match, especially when it involves the single bye. Ed O'Neal expressed disappointment that the team of new players having to wait over four hours to play left without playing at all. He had twice warned the slow players and put a referee on the court to remind them. Three warnings can disqualify a team.

After praising the Board for a good year, President Bob Smith announced the meeting adjourned at 7:25. The next meeting will be held on Nov. 2, 2017 at Lee County.

Joan Buck, Secretary