

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 26, 2022

The meeting was held in Deland and called to Order by Rod Lewis. Christine Giumarra started the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present: President – Rod Lewis; 2nd Vice President – Paul Hodges; Arlene Jabaut – Secretary; Doris Hanke – State Delegate; Jerry Jabaut – Alternate State Delegate. The following Clubs were represented Clerbrook - George Snyder; Coronado Mainland - Zak Wonson; Deland - John Giumarra; Hathorne - Freeda Carr; Lake Point - Patty Foster; Leesburg - Chuck Gabriel; Mid Florida Lakes – Donna Lewis; Ormond Beach – Jerry Barr; Tavares – Mary Jane Newmann; Top of the World – Annette Hodges; Whisper Wood – Rich Burrell.

Rod mentioned that the schedule is ready and will be on the website soon. There is a change by Deland to a full 75 point game as opposed to 16 frames.

Rod mentioned that he had sent an email asking everyone to review the minutes of the last meeting so we could dispense with the reading today. Arlene highlighted the balance of the budget \$3,430. Thanks were given to Freeda Carr and Joe Inga we have new officers Walt Bartels, President; Ron Theriault, 1st Vice President; Freeda Carr, 3rd Vice President; Rod Lewis, 4th - Vice President, Cindy Wonson, Treasurer and Bob Robinson, State Delegate. These officers will be sworn in today. A Motion was made by Christien Giumarra to accept the minutes as published and was seconded by Patty Foster.

Rod gave the Treasurers Report the balance as of March is \$3024. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by John Giumarra and second by George Snyder.

Reports from the Executive Board: Paul Hodges, 2nd Vice President: The Previews are due today. He has received payment from 5 clubs and will have to collect from the remaining clubs. The cost of advertising in the Preview has increased and will be \$150 per page. The State is giving us one page, any additional will be at the District's expense. Until Bill Boyes submits the results for the year, there is no way of knowing how many pages there will be. The State previously gave us 3 pages. There was discussion as to whether we submit the same number of pages as previous years. Pre COVID the District did 5 pages, which included Tournament results, Pictures of TOC winner and Masters Players. John Giumarra made a motion to keep the number of Preview pages as they were seconded by Jerry and passed.

Rod further explained that the FSA is in need of funds, that is why they are increasing the cost of publishing and the fee per Preview.

Rod Lewis, President/ 4th Vice President talked about Tournament Directors. He has been talking to the clubs about providing their own Director for their Tournament. Rod needs to have the clubs notify him by September if they have a Director for their Tournament. He will be available after May to train new Directors. Walt asked if someone could be a Director and not be a player. No decision was made. Deland, Tavares, Hawthorne mentioned they are covered for next year. Walt mentioned that the Directors should know the rules and be tested on the rules.

The President/Representative of each club gave a brief summary of what is happening with their clubs and there was very little to offer. Clermont will have a State Tournament November 21.

Coronado Mainland , Zak mentioned that we have 263 members. We presented Charlie Jones with his Hall of Fame jacket Rex Galusha is thrilled to have won the Master Tournament.

Deland, John Giumarra is proud to have Carolyn Burrell as a Hall of Fame recipient. They had a good turnout for the TOC and look forward to next year.

Hawthorne, Freed Carr wanted to thank everyone that was a pusher and helped with cleaning the courts. Hawthorne has Tournament Directors. Rick Enright will be training Freeda and Ron and they also have Bob Robinson and Steve Smith.

Leesburg, Chuck mentioned that they will be having Singles Mingles every week and anyone who wants to come is welcome. This will be a draw on the 3rd Thurs of the month starting 9AM. They have changed their by-laws and are now accepting youths, membership \$5.00 per year with a parent member and an adult with them to play.

MidFlorida Lakes, Donna stated that they are waiting for the courts to be redone. They had a couple new players this week.

Tavares – Mary Jane, they have a few new members but are losing Dwayne and Katie. Walt gave her the name of another company to redo the courts. The government gave the City a grant for the amount they need, but they need three estimates.

Whisper Wood, Rich Burrell our newest club is welcomed to the Northern District. Rich stated that they have 4 courts that were just redone, however there was a -10 placed next to the 10+ triangle. In removing the – sign, it has left a spot on the courts where the disk stops. They are attempting to remedy this. He will be giving lessons and has a lot of people interested in playing.

The following clubs had nothing new to comment on: Lake Point, Top of the World and Ormond Beach.

Unfinished Business: The FSA has lifted all protocols for COVID. Therefore all play can be returned to normal. It is at each persons discretion whether or not they want to wear a mask.

TOC and Masters scheduling; there were four clubs that requested to host the TOC, Leesburg, MidFlorida Lakes, Deland and Hawthorne. The TOC is scheduled for March 9 -10, 2023. Leesburg, Deland and Hawthorne withdrew their bid for the TOC and it was awarded to MidFlorida Lakes. Leesburg is the only club to apply for the Masters and will be hosting on March 23 - 24, 2023. John Giumarra wanted to thank Hawthorne for hosting the Masters and commented that they did a great job. Everyone gave a round of applause.

STANDING RULES:

Rod, Zak Wonson, Bill Boyes and George Snyder worked on revisions of the Standing Rules. These Standing Rules are posted on the Northern District website. (Everyone should look at these and remember them).

THE FOLLOWING WERE DISCUSSED, AND CHANGES AGREED UPON :

Item 6 in the Standing Rules. There was discussion regarding the pros and cons. Rod made a motion that we accept pre-registration as written. The motion was carried.

Item 7: Walt made a motion to change TOC from 12 frames to 16 frames. The motion did not pass.

Item 9: The submission of a form to change the type of a Tournament must be submitted to the 4th Vice President/ND Tournament Director.

Item 10: The 4th Vice President/ND Tournament Director will assist with the training.

Item 16: HOF points must be accumulated by Dec. 31st and the player will be admitted into the HOF in March.

Item 18B: A motion was made by Donna Lewis to strike this from the Standing Rules and it was approved.

Item 19: Keeper of Records shall receive \$250 per season for expenses. Everyone approved.

Rod mentioned that Bill Boyes as KOR has expressed that he needs help.

Joe Inga sent a letter suggesting changes to the Standing Rules. (Copy Attached). Joe was addressing the matter of finishing a match (which is 3 games) later in the day. His request is that once a match is started that it be allowed to be finished on the same day and the players not have to return the second day. His request is that the players be allowed to make the decision whether they want to return or finish that day, NOT THE DIRECTOR.

The other issue in his letter was that a Director should commit to being the Director, not be a player and Director in the same Tournament. Rod explained that this has not been a perfect season and hopefully we will have more Directors in the future.

A break was called. Walt thanked Doris for bringing cookies.

Rod asked me to call the officers up front. Walt Bartels- President, Ron Theriault – 1st Vice President, Paul Hodges – 2nd Vice President, Freeda Carr – 3rd Vice President, Rod Lewis – 4th Vice President, Treasurer – Cindy Wonson, State Delegate – Bob Robinson, Alternate State Delegate – Jerry Jabaut and Secretary – Arlene Jabaut. Doris Hanke led us in the Oath of Office. A group picture was taken and then individual pictures were taken of the new officers for the preview.

Bob Robinson moved that the Northern District thank Doris Hanke for her years of service to the Northern District, everyone agreed. Paul

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moved that we thank Rod Lewis for stepping up during the Pandemic and for doing a good job during very difficult times, everyone agreed.

The meeting was turned over to Walt as new President. Walt told us that the FSA has made a new ruling that any FSA player in any tournament will be assessed \$10.00 per year as an annual member. Walt asked Rod to explain what went on at the FSA meeting and further explain the \$10.00 annual fee. This is a fee to help keep the FSA functioning. This takes affect October 1 and will probably be best processed through the Treasurer of each club. This fee will then be sent to Jan Cote, Treasurer for the FSA. The finer elements of this process have not been worked out yet. Each club may have to set up their own method of collecting this annual fee. Bob Robinson pointed out that if someone goes to a State Tournament before they go to a Northern District Tournament payment will have to be made at that time. There may have to be some documentation to verify payment. This will all be worked out in the future.

There were 18 – 10 day notices presented and voted. The FSA minutes have not been posted yet, therefore no further information is available.

Walt suggested that Rich Burrell help with training Directors on the East side of the River. He said he does not mind training if they are really serious. Rod has said he will go to any club at any time to train.

Walt talked about 10 day notices and he does not think that we need them. Gail Howell has two ideas for changes that are on the website as 10 day notices.

- (1) All finalist must return the second day to complete the Tournament or they will not receive points or prize money. (Rod pointed out that this has always been done through agreement between the players. Bob Robinson pointed out that even if you

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do not come back the second day, you have earned the position that you were at and are entitled to that position even if you do not come back the second day. Walt asked for a motion to change the rule. The motion was denied. The existing process will stay the same.

- (2) Gail had another Motion. When the match is tied at one game each. Each team will get a hammer on both sides of the court, with eight frames on each side. At the end of the eight frames the winner will be the team with the highest points. If tied another eight frames would be played using the same process, each team would get to play eight frames on each side. Seconded by Chuck Gabriel. Discussion was held regarding this motion. After a vote the motion was denied.

Donna discussed the protocol for the pins. She commented that she has been taking care of this for the past two years since Sharon returned to Canada. The Club President is responsible for watching their own members progression. When a player qualifies for a pin by winning a tournament, the President is then responsible for requesting the pin from the 3rd VP and presenting it to the player. This should not be up to the Director. This will be Freeda's job as well as getting the HOF jackets.

Bob Robinson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Jabaut

Northern District Secretary.