

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Joe Inga, President who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Joe Inga – President; Tom Brown – 1st Vice President; Brad Simons; 2nd Vice President; Arlene Jabaut - Secretary ; Bob Robinson – State Delegate; Jerry Jabaut – Alternate State Delegate.

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Clermont – George Snyder; Coronado Mainland – Arlene & Jerry Jabaut; Deland – Brad Simons; Hawthorne- Bob Robinson; Lake Point – Patty Foster; Leesburg – Gail Howell; Quail Hollow – Stan Williamson; Tavares – Mary Jane Newmann; Whisperwood Mobile – Rich Burrell. (Bob (Mouse) Woven has assumed the duties of Jerry Barr due to illness. Arlene will get his contact information.)

SECRETARY – READING OF THE MINUTES: Joe asked if we could dispense with reading of the March minutes. A motion was made by Stan Williamson and seconded by Tom Brown. The motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Arlene read the Treasurers Report submitted by Cindy Wonson (who was absent). The balance from 3/24/23 was \$3,311.33, Income Totaled \$221 and expenses were \$376 for a balance as of 10/21/23 of \$3,156.33. There will be income from the clubs for Preview Books and Court Fees. A motion was made by Bob Robinson to accept the Treasurers Report and seconded by George Snyder. The motion carried.

Joe presented an invoice from the FSA for the previews totaling \$150.00. A motion was made by Gail Howell to pay this invoice and seconded by Chris. The motion carried.

Joe has information on the State’s 91st Annual Championship Tournament and State Banquet, which will be hosted Melbourne. The hotel is \$129 a night. Joe has tickets at \$25 each. (Reduced from last year at \$35.) It is to be held on January 15, at the Hall of Fame Banquet. Bob Robinson and Katey Walker will be presented with their Plaque for reaching 200 points. Joe has tickets and anyone interested can purchase them from him. These must be returned to Greg Jones. By December. Meal choices are Roast Beef or Roast Chicken. Hawthorne will host this event in 2025.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1st Vice President – Tom Brown: - He will be going over the proposed revisions of the Standing Rules which have been submitted to him by Zak.

2nd Vice President – Brad Simons: He has 93 copies of the Preview for the Northern District. The following are outstanding; Deland, which will be paid on Monday at the meeting, Hacienda del Rio which has 2 copies at \$6.00, Holiday RV Village 5 copies at \$15, Mid Fl Lakes. He thanked Margaret Deer, the editor for all her hard work correcting ads. He also wanted to thank Paul Hodges for all his hard work last year.

State Delegate – Bob Robinson: Item # 1 It is now legal to send people home on the first day if they have completed their quarter finals. The object is to have people return the second day for semifinals and finals.

Item # 2 -Both Bob Hovattar and Glenn Monroe are not in good health.

Item # 3 – The state pro singles at Melbourne this year is convenient for Clubs on the eastern side of the state. The State Hall of Fame Tournament is in January. This Tournament will be held in Hawthorne in 2025. It is an Open State Sponsored Tournament, (No special requirements) There is additional State Money for prizes and a plaque to have your name added. These tournaments give you double the state points you would get in a regular tournament. Depending on the numbers it could be a walking or non-walking Tournament.

Keeper of Records -Joe has some info from Bonnie: He passed out sign in sheets for tournaments with names applying for FSA #s. He is asking all Club Presidents with new members who might be interested in playing tournaments to get them an FSA number. There is info on the State Website regarding this.

REPORT FROM CLUB PRESIDENTS:

CLERMONT: George Snyder wanted to state that before COVID there were 56 members and after COVID they were down to 18. They have been working to get new members and encourage people to play. He has been working with the City and now has them more involved, they have agreed to buy all future equipment once a work order is submitted. They got a new equipment shed. There are some new members for a total of 26. George is hoping to move into the Hawthorne community. He brought Arthur Jordan (AJ), a new member and he is the Vice President. They are working on getting more tournaments. Also, on Friday nights they are playing and expecting more participation.

CORONADO MAINLAND: Arlene spoke for Zak. We are working on the Masters and anxious to have our first Tournament. The City is going to be replacing our benches. We're not sure when, but they have committed to doing this. Zak is communicating with them about other repairs around the courts and having the courts resurfaced in the near future.

DELAND: Richie spoke and thanked Brad for all he'd done. The courts have been done over and the Directors booth has been freshened up. Brad, his wife and others worked hard. He also wanted to thank John Guimarra (past president) for his ten years of service. Brad wanted to add that they have 6 new members, with 33 paid members. They have 7 new sponsors that will help with tournaments. He has been working closely with the Sanborn Center. They power washed the sidewalks and repainted the yellow edges. They have purchased two flags, one strictly for tournaments and one to be flown 24/7. Brad has a Facebook page, a web page with advertisers listed and they now have a nighttime practice. Sanborn Center has linked the Shuffleboard information on their page under sports not leisure activities.

HAWTHORNE: Bob Robinson: They are having a Northern District Tournament next Thursday,

Oct. 26. There will be a men's/ladies State tournament Nov 6. There will be a food truck at the tournaments beginning with the December Tournament.

LAKEPOINT: Patty just got here. They only have six courts. Still trying to get it going again.

LEESBURG: Gail said they have had two tournaments so far, District & State. She discussed players not following rules. Making decisions on their own when they should be contacting the Tournament Director. She emphasized that the Club President's should emphasize to the new players to read the rules from the Preview or make copies of the rules and hand them out. The players need to fill out the forms correctly and spell legibly. The club is having a huge donation made by a former player and other members for their November 2nd Tournament. Former player Bob Bandt's wife is donating \$500, his daughter \$200 and Dave Dean has donated \$500 to the Club, for this tournament and the prize money will be \$1,200. They want this prize money for the one tournament. The Club is discussing returning the \$8 entry fee to semi final players that do not win. There will be food and refreshments provided. A plaque will be presented, and this may be an annual event.

QUAIL HOLLOW: Stan said that there are more people coming down and there is more interest. In learning how to play. He is going to be giving lessons.

TAVARES: Mary Jane mentioned that they are having their first tournament coming up on November 13 (any AM Draw). The courts have been redone and run beautifully. Dave Nitchie cleaned the mold off the benches and courts. He also prepared beads and tried out the courts and was very pleased with them.

WHISPERWOOD MOBILE: Carolyn said they are waiting for the snowbirds to return.

STANDING RULES COMMITTEE: This report will be postponed to the January meeting, since Zak is not here.

SPONSORHIP COMMITTEE: Zak is researching that and as of now, there doesn't seem to be any progress. We will have his report on that at the January meeting also.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

We have a problem getting Directors for State Tournaments. Joe and Bob attended the FSA meeting Saturday Oct 21. Joe had a conversation with Glenn Monroe. If the State cannot get a Director, we can cover the State Tournaments with Directors from our District. Joe is hoping to get someone like Rick Enright to get it started and an assistant Director then take over. Glenn Monroe is very ill. We're hoping to get this started this year and if it works possibly continue next year. The State rules say the Director should be a State Approved Director, and mileage must be paid. Joe made it clear to Glenn that our District funds cannot absorb those costs. We need more Directors, and each Club should be recruiting Directors, and they can be trained.

Walter suggested that the Clubs that have backup disk use them and place them behind each court so that when one match is completed, the extra disk are available for a quicker turnover of games. Also, when teams are no longer playing, they are utilized for waxing disk. Any player who is still playing cannot wax disk. These decisions are up to the Tournament Director. Bob Robinson pointed out that in the Preview, Page 136, bottom of the page, "Disk are to be waxed by assigned personnel only." If a player is finished, the Director can assign that person to wax disk.

Joe emphasized that information is emailed to the Presidents of each Club. It is incumbent upon each Club President to get this information to each club member. If this is not done, we are not able to reach out to each of the many Northern District members. The amateurs need to know the rules, as well as the Pros. These rules are in the Preview and on the Northern District website.

24-25 SCHEDULE

The schedule for 24-25 was passed out. Each club is to go over this schedule, the dates are correct. The yellow highlighted area is the State Schedule. These dates could change depending on the FSA. Each club is to go over this schedule and confirm:

1. Is the Tournament going to be the same type on the same days. Does the club want to decrease the number of tournaments.
2. The club must clearly identify the tournament type.
3. Clarify in the last column whether lunch is available, Y or N.

A question was presented regarding ND18, Leesburg Modified Draw. Typically, this is men playing men and ladies playing ladies. For the finals the men draw a lady partner. This must be explained on the schedule. There was much discussion regarding this type of tournament.

The TOC and Masters host need to be determined.

Bob Robinson has opposition to the date of the 1s tournament ND01, 26 Sept, 24 Any Doubles in Deland. He suggested it be moved to March 6 before the TOC and Masters. His reason is anyone playing on the 26th who gets move up points, those points apply to 23-24 not 24-25. Our season is supposed to start on or after October 1. Joe and Brad are going to discuss this at the Deland meeting on Monday, October 23.

Deland ND01 is suggesting the 18th and 19th of January as substitute dates for the canceled tournament September 28. Coronado Mainland is also looking for a date to replace ND03 which was canceled due to the weather. This could be done on a Monday and Tuesday. if it is over 75 miles from any State Redline Tournament. December 28 and 29 are the only other available dates.

This new schedule must be approved by the January meeting. There will be no changes after that.

John Guimarra asked about pre-registration. A motion was made by Brad Simons that we go back to pre-registration, the motion was seconded by Jerry. There was much discussions for and against. Arlene questioned who would be taking pre-registration. This would be Bonnie and she is overloaded right now. After much discussion back and forth, Brad withdrew his motion and Jerry seconded that. The subject of pre-registration was withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS:

Last year at a tournament, there was a problem, and an amateur was given their points. This amateur had a problem at Leesburg and was told that he should have been playing as a pro not as am and he should be disqualified. The gentleman in question is an amateur not a pro. It is important that each player keeps track of their own points and not be dependent on the Keeper of Records. The Keeper of Records is overloaded. If club has a member proficient in computer and they are willing and ready to learn, contact the Board.

If there is something that happens in this District that involves or stems from a tournament, Joe as President should be notified before anyone else so that he can address it and handle it.

Bob Robinson explained that any desire to change a rule a "Ten Day Notice" notice must be submitted for review and approval. A "Ten Day Notice" form is on the website.

Bob Robinson made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Gail Howell.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Jabaut
Secretary