

The USA National Shuffleboard Association Annual Meeting was called to order by President Jim Bailey at 7:00 P.M. on January 24, 2011 at Trailer Estates in Bradenton, FL.

John Brown gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken of the Presidents and Delegates either present or on the teleconference call. Jesse Dunlap, 1st Vice AZ and Leo Dodd, AZ; Liz Medley, CA and Rosie ElRite, CA; Landy Adkins, FL; Bob Weber, ID; Dolores Brown, IN; Robert Rinehart, IA; Bruce Pimentel, MA; Charlie DeVries, MI and Walt Wedel, MI; Carol Howell, MO; Lee Wastell, NV and Bon Vanhorn, NV; Ray Buck, NJ; Steve Raimondi, NY and John Brennan, NY; Stan Quinn, NC; Sue Krynak, OH; Arnie Anderson, OR and Roy McNeal, OR; Kay Buchanan, PA; Brian Sullivan, TX and Wilma Rudolph, TX; Shirlene Wilde, UT and Earl Wilde, UT; Rob Robinson, WA and Chuck Crouse, WA; N/E Reg. Dir. John Brown; W/States Reg. Dir. Jan Crouse; S/E Reg. Dir. Jeannie Andrews; Webmaster Colleen Austin.

A roll call of the Executive Board in attendance or as part of the teleconference included: President Jim Bailey, 1st Vice Gus Bondi, 2nd Vice Bob Zaletel, 3rd Vice Sandi Quinn, Pres. Emeritus Joe Messier and Secretary Ninfa Bailey. Many other members of the NSA were in attendance.

President Jim Bailey asked for a motion that since the minutes have been available on the internet for the past five months that they be accepted as written. Motion made by Landy Adkins and seconded by Joe Messier. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Carl Howell gave the Treasurer's Report. He discussed the decision to move \$7,000 into the Church Fund since we have received \$15.17 from Dec. 15 - 31 compared to what the other funds were paying. President Jim Bailey mentioned that a questionnaire went out to all the Presidents and Delegates but not all answered. A decision was made to put half of it, not all, into the fund like the majority of the members that did answer suggested. Questions were asked about a few of the items missing on the report. Walt Wedel questioned monies not shown on the report as received from Lakeside, Ohio and Hendersonville, NC. Representatives from those clubs were to check to see if the amounts were paid. After checking, Carl said that they had been bundled in with other paid monies. Bob Weber then asked about the monies from the East/West Games held at Clearwater in September. He asked where the \$700 difference between what was paid in and the itemized numbers shown was. A lengthy discussion followed. With so many questions, George Adkins made a motion that the report be redone in more detail. The motion was seconded by Sandi Quinn and Landy Adkins. Motion carried. Carl agreed to prepare a new more detailed report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Jim Bailey said that due to the death of Don Dehart, Dolores Brown was now the Indiana President and Jerry Jensen was Delegate. He welcomed them.

Questions have been asked for explanations about points. Here are the questions and answers.

(1) Don Norris on July 24, 2001 said the point system would remain the same (8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1).

Question: Should we keep Pro points only? Wooly Wolf started a point book years ago and it is in the Hall of Fame in Clearwater, FL.

2) The Point System was then brought up. Several people have asked about whether or not it is fair. The people who go to the ISA tournaments receive eight points just for attending the tournaments. Bob Weber brought it up at the East/West Goodwill Games and there was much interest in how and why the

points existed. In checking, it was found that President Emeritus, Don Norris (in the 2003 minutes), explained that each player would get eight points each time they are on a team. President Bailey asked: **Question: Should the points be kept separate from regular tournaments or do we want to do away with them all together ?**

(3) Don Norris received a call from a sports writer from NY wanting to know the name of the Champions for that year. President Norris said that in the future a man and women with the most national points will be named National Champions (from the minutes of Jan. 21, 2002). To be fair, there are 10 tournaments East of the Mississippi and only 5 West of the Mississippi.

Question: Is it fair to the West to name National Champions since they don't have the same advantage as the East? Should there be East Champions and West Champions or what?

The President then asked if anyone had any ideas regarding the ISA Points or the National Champions? Landy Adkins said they should keep the points whether anyone wins a game or not. Bob Zaletel said as the points mean nothing, why bother. Bob Weber made a suggestion "of making them Travel Points." Wilma Rudolph said they should be kept but be changed to the number of games an individual wins (one point for each game won). Many others had comments. After much discussion regarding pros and cons, Rosie ElRite asked why they were having the discussion because it was not on the agenda. It was explained that it was under the President's Communication. He told her several people had asked him about it and after researching it, he is passing the information along for discussion. Joe Messier said if we have East and West Champions, they would have to play off against each other at the East/West Goodwill Games. Jeannie Andrews suggested it be run like the Florida Masters. Steve Raimondi, NY President, suggested we eliminate the ISA Points and the National Champions. Kay Buchanan, PA President, suggested that we table the discussion. President Bailey suggested that we weren't going to solve anything tonight and that everyone submit a 10-day notice with their suggestions. Bob Zaletel said a 10-day notice should only be used to change the Constitution. In this case, we are getting suggestions to change the Rules. If people send in a suggestion, it can be voted on by the majority. The President appointed Rob Robinson to set up a committee to look into a point system for out West.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Reports from Executive Board:

Gus Bondi: Nothing new to report.

Bob Zaletel: The new form for new states to fill out. It has been designed and printed by him and it was decided that it will be used for all new states entering the National Shuffleboard Association. It is located on the National Web site. He is also on the Publicity Committee along with Rob and they are looking for people to help with Publicity. At the July meeting, John Brown said, as Regional Director, he was willing to help. Please let him know if you are willing to help out. Bob and Ray Jones will be working on cleaning up the Constitution spelling errors, etc.

Sandi Quinn: Reminded everyone about the rule that you must resubmit a letter every year. It just does not continue.

Colleen Austin: Our Webmaster reported that all of the postings are now up to date and hopefully the problems with the site are corrected.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORTS:

John Brown: Reported he has nine states now with the new states added. He has done his best to spread the word of shuffleboard by holding clinics and visiting some states in his District. It is difficult to visit that many states but he will be available and do what he can to help.

Jan Crouse: From the West, she is working on the upcoming East/West Goodwill Games in Arizona in September. They just finished the First National Team Tournament and it was a success. They also have some of the only people who have 2 National Pins, one for Regular Tournament play and one for

Team play. Congratulations to you all!

Jeannie Andrews: Just announced tonight she will be taking over as the Southeastern Regional Director. Good luck Jeannie and welcome aboard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. A donation to the ISA to help them keep the ISA Web Site going: A letter was sent out to all the District Presidents and Delegates asking for their opinion and the results were from \$0 to \$200. We averaged it out to \$150. Joe Messier clarified his statement that the U.S. would pay the average amount paid by all of the participating countries which came to \$68. President Bailey asked for a vote of \$150 or \$68 which would be a one-time-only contribution. The vote was for \$150. The President asked the Treasurer to cut a check for that amount and send it to their Treasurer, Beth Allen.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update for the East/West Goodwill Games: A hotel has been chosen with an excellent rate per night. Other information will be forthcoming. As soon as it is received, it will be passed on to you.

2. Committee to count the votes consisted of Landy Adkins, Ken Offenther and Ann Wedel. Jan Crouse had voted and it needed to be removed. Bob Zaletel said that in the Constitution, it says they have the vote. Joe Messier explained that was changed so that it would be flexible if the Executive Board wanted them to have a vote, then the Executive Board would vote. Now we don't need to vote with the 10-day notice if passed. They could vote.

3. The results from the Hall of Fame voting. Players for the National Hall of Fame are Sandi Quinn from Texas and Stan Williamson from Florida. The three 10-day notices passed that were submitted by Bob Zaletel. One was submitted by Rosi ElRite of CA. While checking the ballots, it did not pass by the 2/3 majority needed. Ann Wedel, Ninfa Bailey and President Jim Bailey recounted the ballots. 14 Yes and 12 No with 2 Abstaining. The President thanked the committee and congratulated the winners.

4. Applications to the NSA are Idaho, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, Oregon and Utah. President Jim Bailey welcomed them into the organization.

5. The decision on the six men and six women was made by the Executive Board on Sunday at the meeting. They will be attending the World Singles in New Brunswick, Canada. The rest of the names will go to Michael Zellner, President of the ISA, to be used if needed by other teams or to be added to the U.S. number of participants.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The nominating committee chairperson will be Sandi Quinn, 3rd Vice. John Brown and Chuck Crouse have agreed to be on her committee. All nominees will go to them. Also, Sandi Quinn is to receive Hall of Fame Nominees and 10-Day Notices.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Landy Adkins and seconded by Joe Messier. Motion carried.

NOTE: The Semi-Annual Meeting will be held at Lakeside Ohio, July 19, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. EST in the Aigler room of the Fountain Inn at Lakeside, Ohio. **All Presidents and Delegates** will be notified of teleconference numbers so there is no need to contact the secretary.

Respectively Submitted,

Ninfa Bailey, Secretary

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USA National Shuffleboard Association Board Meeting Discussion of Agenda - January 23, 2011

Present at the meeting: President Jim Bailey; 1st Vice Gus Bondi; Treasurer Carl Howell; Secretary Ninfa Bailey; Guest John Brown and via teleconference; 2nd Vice Bob Zaletel and 3rd Vice Sandi Quinn

The ISA Tournament in Dieppe, New Brunswick was discussed. The individuals who applied were voted on with six men and six women chosen to attend and represent the United States.

The ISA Web site was discussed. The decision was made to make it a one time dollar amount. An average of what the Presidents and Delegates voted on, which ranged from \$0 to \$200, was reached.

Issues to be discussed at the meeting tomorrow evening include: Who would do the changes to the Constitution should the 10-day notices be accepted, Sandi Quinn agreeing to lead the Nomination Committee, the booklets containing the Minutes for the Executive Board, the National Champions and the National Point Systems and ISA Points.

The meeting was closed since no one had any problems, concerns, or questions.

Ninfa Bailey, Secretary

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