

**ARIZONA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Annual Spring Meeting March 4, 2023, 10:00 AM**  
**9:30 AM District Presidents & Hall of Fame Committee**  
**General Meeting 10:00 AM**  
**SUNSCAPE RV RESORT, CASA GRANDE**

AZ President Clint Gienger called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed all in attendance. Bill Storck offered the invocation and Ruth Hugen lead the attendees in the International Pledge of Allegiance.

The sign-in sheet determined a quorum.

President Clint Gienger asked if there were any additions to the agenda and asked for a motion to accept the agenda. Brian Scott made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Gwen Gienger. Motion carried.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** President Clint Gienger introduced the Executive Board. The District Presidents then introduced their attendees.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes are posted on the ASA website. President Clint Gienger called for a motion to accept the minutes as posted. Mick McNeely made the motion to accept the minutes as posted, seconded by Deb Besaw. Motion carried. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Bill Smith presented a detailed treasurer's report. A hard copy of the report was provided to members, secretary, and president for their records. Even though Bill has agreed to the Treasurer's duties, he tentatively made his resignation noted so another Treasurer could be found by the Fall meeting. After some discussion on expenses and income, the motion was carried out. Elmer Lang made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Sylvia Smith. His complete report is on file.

**ASA PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Clint Gienger reported that all districts have been seeing a rebound in player participation. Clint addressed a couple of items for the near future, one being the cost of trophies/awards which will come up in a motion later in the meeting and two, when do we look at increasing our dues from the current \$2.00 per year. District II hosted the State Split Singles Feb. 16-17. District IV and V will be hosting the league team playoffs and mixed double playoffs in the coming weeks. Dates for 2024 state tournaments are as follows: Split Singles, Feb. 15-16, 2024, Dist. III; League Team, March 4-5, 2024, Dist. V; Mixed Doubles, March 11-12, 2024, Dist. I

Standing Committee Chairs, Al Plante and Peter Bontkes will be stepping down at the end of this meeting. Bill Storck has been asked to chair the Nominating Committee for next year and we are looking for a Rules Chairperson.

The following directors are hereby confirmed: Dist. I – Bob Colbert; Dist. II – Melva Murphy; Dist. III – Dale Crouch and Dist. IV – Al Rotariu and Doug Sanders.

Clint thanked everyone who spends time making shuffleboard and the ASA a successful organization. His complete report is on file.

**WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR:** Sylvia Smith reported the Bud Walrath Split Singles Tournament is coming up March 6-9, in Mesa Spirit, Dist. I. National President, Kathy Brennan, will be attending. Hemet California will host the National Open any doubles, April 10-14. St. Petersburg, FL will be hosting ISA World Men's and 2 Ladies' Single Championship tournament, Oct. 22-28, 2023. Information is on the national website. Schedules (former pocket calendar) have all as of today. Her full report is on file.

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S REPORTS:** Each District President gave their district's report. Dick Greek gave District V's report. These reports are kept on file.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: HALL OF FAME:** Brad Sawchuk introduced the slate of nominees to this year's Hall of Fame. Three were received in the Player Category (Joan DeLong, Cheryl McNeely and Mick McNeely), one in the Special Category (Brian Scott). The Committee reviewed with recommendation to be voted on at General Spring Meeting. Two candidates, Gale Balcaen and Nicole Corbin were nominated and qualified in the previous year and are also included in the nominations. According to the rules of election, all the players on the ballot may be elected at this time. Ballots were handed out and counted during the break. After the break, Brad introduced those Hall of Fame members in attendance. Congratulations to Cheryl McNeely and Mick McNeely, Dist. IV; Nicole Corbin and Gale Balcaen, Dist. III; Joan DeLong, Dist. II and Brian Scott, Special Category, Dist. IV. A motion was made by Brad Sawchuk and 2nd by Sylvia Smith to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Carried Clint will order the plaques to be given out at the Western States Tournament in the Fall, Nov. 10, 2023.

Brad's complete file is maintained on file.

**STATE SUPPLIES:** Brian Scott reported only Dist. III and V use the state supplies. Dist. I and IV have computerized. This will be Brian's last year. Thank you, Brian.

**WEB MASTER:** Dale Crouch reported in detail about the ASA Website and what it contains and all the Districts in AZ that it covers. The Webmaster updates and keeps backup pages for the State page and Districts 1, 3, 4 & 5. District 2 is a part of the state website but is edited by John Murray from Tucson and issues as to District 2 should be referred to him. Each district should have a single point of contact for submitting content to the website, if possible, if not, this falls on the District Presidents. Sylvia Smith was designated as authority for the State Calendar and any changes must be authorized by her. Dale posts on Sunday and spends 2-3 hours updating the website. All updates are done on the weekend unless it is an emergency.

Discussion was held regarding a backup person(s) to learn the website and make updates as it is, or to move to a more user-friendly platform that is optimized to work on mobile devices and does not rely on specific editing tools and expertise.

A motion was made by Dale Crouch and seconded by Al Plante that Dale check into another platform that is more user-friendly not to exceed \$300.00 per year. After discussion, Dale amended the motion for Dale to investigate another platform that is more user-friendly costing approximately \$300.00 per year. Seconded by Doug Kearsy. Motion carried. Dale's complete report is maintained on file.

**RULES:** Peter Bontkes reminded players are entitled to the full approach when shooting. Minimize trivial comments and remarks with referees and scorekeepers during play. Section K in special procedures 3

cropped up a few times during League Finals. Hoping to finalize ASA rules to reflect the “nonuse of board referees”. Peter’s full report is on file.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Al Plante reported he had a full slate of candidates to present at today’s meeting for the 2023 Spring election. Al’s complete report is on file.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Dick Greek in the absence of Janet Rooks, District V President, had the honor of presenting the Ambassador Award to ASA President Clint Gienger of District V. Clint was recognized for his staunch support of shuffleboard, trying to get new players and his active leadership.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Hall of Fame Criteria: President Clint Gienger asked for discussion from the floor regarding these issues from the Fall meeting minutes. Hearing no new issues, this will stay the same.

2. League Team Awards: ASA gives the district’s funds for trophies/plaques. Right now, it is:

\$600.00 for Singles/Doubles (20 trophies) \$30.00 per trophy

\$1200.00 for Team (50 trophies) \$24.00 per trophy

A motion was received from Mick McNeely as follows: Trophies and/or awards for the (1st) thru (5th) places for the tournament in an amount not to exceed \$1500.00 for fifty awards. This makes the Team awards \$30.00 per trophy. Need a 2/3 majority. Seconded by Bill Smith. Motion carried. Motion is on file.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Al Plante, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the following slate of candidates for the March 2023 elections: Clint Gienger, President; Ruth Hugen, 1st VP; Melva Murphy, 2nd VP; Joan DeLong, Secretary; and Bill Smith, Treasurer. Al called for nominations from the floor after each candidate for the ASA Board of Directors. Al asked Peggy Bullock, Secretary, to record one unanimous vote for each candidate presented. Report on file. President Clint Gienger declared the meeting adjourned.

Peggy Bullock, Secretary

**The next meeting will be held on December 2, 2023, at 10:00 AM at Sunscape RV Resort in Casa Grande, AZ. The Hall of Fame, District President’s meetings will be held at 9:30 A.M.**