

**ARIZONA SHUFFLEBOARD
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2016 MEETING

SUNSCAPE RV RESORT, CASA GRANDE

President John Houser called the meeting to order. Vice President Dale Monday gave the Invocation and Peter Palko lead the International Pledge of Allegiance.

President John introduced the Executive Board and requested the District Presidents to introduce their attendees.

Roll call was held by Secretary Shirley and a quorum was noted.

President John asked all present if they had received and read the "Addendum to Minutes of March 14, 2015". A correction was noted that the concern was expressed by Peter Bontkes from District IV and not Peter Palko of District II. There was a motion to except the addendum with the noted change. That motion carried. President John, then asked all present if they had received and read the minutes of December 12, 2015. Betty Bradfield noted that the new tournament charts cost \$1.20 versus \$1.30 and that she had not be able to get a better price or an alternate to the shiny copies. President John then asked if there was a motion to accept the minutes with the change on the cost noted. The was a motion, it was seconded and it carried.

Treasurer Helen Scott presented a very detailed Treasurer's report as of March 31, 2016, as to revenues, expenses and bank balances. Helen additionally presented an audit performed by Barb Carney and dues statements for each District. There was questions and discussions about this last year revenues/expenses and the upcoming year with membership numbers going down. President John indicated he would work with Helen on a budget that kept our expense within projected revenues. It was then moved, seconded and passed to accept the reports as presented

John then gave the President's report stating his concern for the lesser numbers in league teams and tournament entries this season. On a more positive note, he noted the outstanding play at the state finals for Singles, Team and this year's first Mixed Doubles championship. All of these Championships were exciting, some with a few challenges and he congratulated all of those volunteers that made them successful and fun.

Each District President was then asked to give a District report. These reports are maintained on file. Brian Scott specifically reported on an available program for tournament charting. He presented several examples of the program results and its successful use in District Lv. He stated the program is available for a cost of \$0.25 per player in the District as a one-time cost. Training will be made available. If you have interest, please contact Brian.

Committee Reports:

Betty Bradfield- State Supplies: Betty reported that she had been unsuccessful in obtaining a better product (less shiny) or cost on the large tournament charts. She stated she still had several of the blue charts. Discussion ensued on using one chart for both championship and consolation, if entries are limited. Others present stated that they would check with local printers for quotes.

Sheila Monday- State Historian: No Report.

Sheila Monday- Web Master: Shelia stated that the Web Site was up to date, however she encouraged all to get their 2016-2017 changes to Secretary Shirley so that changes can be implemented to the various lists and postings before next fall.

Rob Robinson for Western States Regional Director- Jan Crouse: Rob stated that the ISA Team event will be held in Kissimmee, Florida from October 23-28. Applications can be made online but must be made for Canadians by March 15 and USA by April 15. He advised that there usually are great opportunities for Western members to get on a team.

He announced the officers of NSA for 2016-17 were himself as President, Rich Phifer, 1st VP, John Houser, 2nd VP, Kathy Brennan, 3rd VP, Shelia Monday, Secretary, George Adkins, Treasurer.

Leo Dodd - Rules Committee- Charlie Garrett. Leo stated that several questions or proposals to change had been presented to the Committee. A copy of the Committees report was included in the Agenda package. The first was to change the rules such that a player would not be allowed to refer to written or charted materials that outlined how a court played during a match. Leo stated that the Committee had reviewed this request and unanimously agreed not to bring forth any change with the rational that the monitoring and enforcement of such a rule would be impossible to manage.

The second request involved how to manage late or no shows at state tournaments. Should they be penalized or not be allowed to participate in those tournaments next year or permanently was discussed. The committee unanimously agreed to take no action on this request. The rational was that there might be good reasons for not showing and it would not be correct to penalize them beyond the scope of that tournament and the Special Procedures presently covers each tournament.

The third request was for consideration for the defining of the width of court lines. It was noted that there were not any National rules considering Shuffleboard court lines size. Size has varied up to one and one/half of an inch. The Committee unanimously agreed to not require any parks in this state to comply with a rule that would require them to change their court lines. The committee recommended that we encourage parks to use a ¾ inch line when putting in new courts or repainting older courts.

The fourth item was a proposal to update and grammatically correct all of the ASA documents. These changes would be cosmetic and verbal and do not affect any policies, rules or procedures and as such do not require approval or a vote of the Board. All of these changes will be submitted to the Secretary and will be forwarded to the Web Master for inclusion to all web documents.

Leo stated that one more item for discussion is that on March 2014, a motion was made and passed that all Presidential Appointments on Standing Committees have a vote at ASA Board Meetings. The Committee unanimously recommended that the amendment be withdrawn as it is illegal. Firstly, you cannot give a vote to an individual, only a position. Secondly, the Western States Regional Director is not a state position and could not apply if the Western Director is from another than Arizona. There was a motion and second to rescind that previous amendment and it carried.

Leo asked that we consider changing some terminology from “game” to “match” or vice versa as appropriate. Leo asked that we change Rules of the Game D-4, to a “game”; G-7 “match” to “Game”; E-4 “match” to “game”; and I-2 “match” to “Game”. The rationale is that “game” describes a single competition and “match” could describe more than one game. There was a motion, second and the motion carried.

Leo asked that we consider one more Rules change. This motion reads, “Should there be a tied score after completion of the specific number of game frames, play is continued until two full frames are completed with each color having one hammer shot in singles and two in doubles. After the first overtime frame, players will switch sides and take their color with them. 1st overtime frame - yellow out from black side, black hammer from yellow side. 2nd overtime frame - black out from the black side, yellow hammer from yellow side. If Score is still tied, play continues as noted above until the tie is broken.” Leo stated that the Committee had no recommendation on the motion. No practice shots would be allowed. The motion was made, seconded and carried by a vote 15 to 13. Leo stated that the Committee will be discussing a clarification of the description of the shooting area and rules on waxing.

Leo addressed a question of since there is no ASA Rule preventing some player of referring to some form of charting court play, can the District or a tournament director prevent this action. Leo stated that that was up to the District or Tournament director but that players should be made aware of any requirement in advance.

Brain Scott asked the Rules Committee to review the recent problems with replacing single players, doubles or league teams that qualified for the state tournament and to establish some order of selection of appropriate alternates.

President John requested that the Board consider splitting the Mixed Doubles and the Team state tournaments to two separate districts. After significant discussion there was no objection to separating the tournaments to two separate districts and the changes will be made to schedule.

Stan Prime- Hall of Fame Committee- Stan reported that there was three newly nominated Candidates. Ballots were distributed to eligible members. Stan the reported that the balloting required a 50% vote for each candidate to be selected. Stan reported that all candidates were elected to the Hall of Fame. The following members were elected, Lynn Bell- District IV; Fred Neumann- District II; and Frank Stokowski – District III.

Dennis Stockman – Nomination Committee: Dennis reported that there were no vacancies on the Board for the year 2016-2017. A motion was made and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for the Committees recommendations. The Motion carried. Dennis expressed his thanks to all, for the cooperation and friendship extended to him and Shelia for his years of service to his District and ASA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Electronic Board Communications: President John asked the Board members to consider receiving all Board communications, minutes, attachments and agendas on the web site (not emails) starting with the next meeting. After some discussion there was a consensus expressed to have the Secretary send emails to all members with the documents attached necessary to cover the agenda and to send the same to the Web Master for posting.

Sylvia Smith- Pocket Calendars: Sylvia gave out copies to the Districts of the latest calendar and requested that dates to be included on next year’s calendar be submitted by Early February. She requested the information be submitted in the same format as the calendar, i.e., Date/Tournament name/location per District.

Dates for 2016-2017-

State Split Singles	District II	January 16-17, 2017
State League Team Playoffs	District IV	March 6-7, 2017
<u>State Mixed Doubles</u>	<u>District V</u>	<u>March 9-10, 2017</u> Note change.
ASA State Meeting	Casa Grande *	December 3, 2016
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*Sunscape RV Resort

Shirley Houser- ASA State Meeting Location- Shirley state that She and John had visited several RV Parks as well as the Library in Casa Grande. The library was nice but a \$75 clean up deposit was required and we would have to bring our own coffee pots. The other parks were of similar quality as this park. There was a question as to the cost of the Palms Resort

and Shirley stated it costs \$200 for four hours. She has requested a refund for the last cancelation. John announced that coffee and doughnuts will continue however we will rotate the acquisition amongst the District Presidents. The Meeting will continue at this location, Sunscape RV Resort for at least the next two meetings.

President John requested consideration for an ASA Patch/ logo. No consideration was expressed for the need for patches. Discussion the ensued as the State Tournament awards at to Pens versus trophies. The consensus gathered was to try and offer both pens and trophies within the monies budgeted for state tournament.

Dave Frasier stated there was a problem with a State Singles player from a District V. The player had played the first two days successfully, however he had received an email indicating a different schedule of play for day three than was posted at the courts. He did not show for the third day game on time and ended forfeiting all of his matches. Dave thought the decision made was unfair. The mistake was verified by John Houser prior to play starting for the Mixed Doubles and was corrected immediately, however he did not know what we can do, other than extend an apology. Dale Monday stated he was not aware of the error during the Tournament, however he certainly will send a letter of apology to the player involved.

Good of the Order:

Pat Lane offered a Shuffleboard Teaching devise that was used by herself in teaching many of the District II players to their present greatness in shuffleboard. It was graciously accepted by District IV,

NEW BUSINESS:

AMBASSADOR AWARD - Brian Scott: Brian read a lengthy letter of nomination from Lynn Bell nominating Peter Bontkes for the Ambassador award for 2016-2017. A long list of servitude to District IV and ASA was noted. Peter thanked those present for the award.

There was then a motion and second and to adjourn the meeting which carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Houser