

ARIZONA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION, INC.

December 7, 2024, Annual Winter Meeting

Sunscape RV Resort, Casa Grande, Az

9:30 am District Presidents, Hall of Fame Committee and Rules Committee

10:00 am General Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

ASA President Ruth Hugen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and thanked everyone for attending. Bill Storck offered the invocation and Melva Murphy led the International Pledge of Allegiance. After taking attendance, the Secretary confirmed a quorum. The agenda was accepted as presented.

The President introduced the Executive Board, and the District Presidents introduced their attendees.

Draft minutes for the Spring 2024 meeting were posted on the website. The statement “The National Executive Committee passed a new rule requiring a player to earn two hundred points to qualify for the National Hall of Fame in the player category” is incorrect. Sylvia Smith asked that the minutes be amended to say that the new rule is still in draft form and has yet to be adopted. Amended minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasurer Judy Maddox presented her financial report for April 1, 2024, to December 7, 2024. ASA opening balance was \$6856.07. With no income and expenses of \$252.86, the current balance is \$6603.21. The savings account balance is \$601.90. There is an ASA debit card for use in purchasing trophies. The statement was audited by Cheryl McNeely and accepted as read.

State President Ruth Hugen read the President’s report and asked all players to encourage new players in fun play in the parks and then in competitive play, always following the Golden Rule of “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”. She congratulated District V for State League Team Playoffs and District I for State Mixed Doubles. This season the State Split Singles are February 20-21 in District IV, the State League Playoffs are March 3-4 in District I, and the State Mixed Doubles will be on March 10-11 in District II. She presented one of the two Hall of Fame plaques at this year’s Western award banquet in November to Mark Hankins. Dave Easton is standing in for Secretary Jo DeLong who resigned this summer. Ruth encouraged members to search for a new State Secretary.

Western States Regional Director Sylvia Smith reported that the National Western Team tournament concluded November 8 with A.J. Gold Diggers winning for the second year in a row with three new members who received their National Team pins. The 41st International

Shuffleboard Association championship tournament recently concluded in San Benito, Texas with 84 players from around the world. The next international event will be in Hohenroda, Germany from September 28 to October 4, 2025. Watch for information on the website. Hemet, California will host Open any singles and Open any doubles April 7 – 10, 2025. Locally, the Bud Walrath National Split Singles will be held March 3-6.

The National Executive committee proposal to require 200 national points for induction into the National Hall of Fame will be voted on at the next national meeting which will be in January. All member state presidents and delegates will receive a ballot for voting on this proposal. Sylvia will be emailing these members and recommending a “no” vote as this requirement is detrimental to anyone in the west who might be recommended for induction into the National Hall of Fame.

Each District President reported on their activities. Reports from Districts I, IV and V are on file. Dolly Greenleaf of District II has 22 teams with 208 players in total. Dale Crouch in District III on behalf of Brad Sawchuk reported they currently have 249 members and expect to have 346 by the end of the season. They have four leagues with six teams each playing October 26 to March 11, 2025, plus eight sanctioned tournaments and five non-sanctioned tournaments.

Treasurer Judy Maddox reported that membership numbers for the 23-24 season are as follows: District I-287, District II-208, District III-346, District IV-537, and District V-63. She will generate invoices for ASA membership fees and email them to the district presidents.

For State Supplies, Lynn Freeman directed members to the website. Currently there are no referee cards and no rule pamphlets in stock. The rules are under review and pamphlets will be printed when the revised rules are approved. A digital copy of the current trifold pamphlet is available on the District III website.

Web Master Dale Crouch repeated the information he shared in the Spring 2024 meeting. He updates and maintains the backup pages for the State as well as Districts I, III, IV and V. Website sections are executive, governance, events, league play and miscellaneous. Members should submit information in PDF format before Sunday for posting that day. District III is starting to list their tournament results on the website. Districts I and IV have a single web page each listing tournaments, costs and contact information. Members thank Dale for his efforts and valuable contribution to shuffleboard.

Dale Crouch also presented Hall of Fame news for Brad Sawchuk. Nominations should be presented by mid-January for consideration in the ASA Spring 2025 meeting.

The Nominating Committee’s Bill Storck is looking for interested people for the ASA secretary position. Please contact Bill if you have any suggestions.

Chair of the Rules committee Mick McNeely communicated that the last revision to ASA rules was in 2019. Their objectives are to simplify, clarify and encourage more players to take part. The committee wants to have a draft copy for consideration at the ASA Spring 2025 meeting with a step by step guide which includes the original section of the rule book, rationale for changes and the proposed revised wording or editing. The three main topics under consideration are lagging, waxing and penalties. All District presidents and committee members have received the proposed changes for review. The notice of motion for the rule changes should be distributed ten days to two weeks prior to the next meeting, which is March 1. Ruth Hugen thanked the chair and committee members for their good work.

The ASA pocket calendar is important to players in determining their future schedules for the 2025/2026 season. Districts should have their information to Sylvia Smith by early to mid-February so that she can forward to Dale Crouch by mid- to late-February. Supporters who wish to advertise in the pocket calendar will pay a fee (to be determined).

Pat Wilson from Alberta, Canada promoted summer shuffling in Edmonton at the Ottewell Curling Rink. They currently have 65 members on 24 courts and would like to see more people involved. He thanked Rob Robinson for his support and said that each of their current members has been asked to recruit at least one new player. New players could coordinate a vacation trip with play at several tournaments in Alberta over the summer. Their website is shufflewithgesa.ca.

Ruth Hugen presented Melva Murphy with a plaque and pin upon her induction into the ASA Hall of Fame. She also presented a plaque to Clint Gienger for his outstanding work as ASA president from March 2022 to March 2024 and thanked him for his service.

The next ASA meeting will be March 1, 2025, at Sunscape RV Resort in Casa Grande, 9:30 am for Hall of Fame and District Presidents and 10:00 am for the general meeting. Refreshments are by District I.

The motion to adjourn was moved by Jim Sammons, seconded by Marty Busch, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

Dave Easton, Secretary