

ASA DISTRICT IV SPRING MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 2020

EASTGATE, MESA, AZ

President Mike Bowden called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Peggy Bullock gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mick McNeely.

Introduction of District IV Officers and Directors:

Mike Bowden, President	Directors: Dave Crucq, Peter Bontkes and Bob Rinehardt
Al Plante, 1 st VP	Bob Kucharczyk, Executive Director
Mick McNeely, 2 nd VP	Director, Connie Borszich was excused
Debra Besaw, Secretary	
Gwen Bowden, Treasurer	

Roll Call: Taken by Debra Besaw. A quorum was determined as noted on the sign-in sheet.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the Fall 2019 were e-mailed to all District IV members and posted on the website. Mike Bowden asked for a motion to approve minutes as printed and posted on the website. Correction by Jerry Lindstrom that the Superstition League lost their Vice President from Countryside not President correction will be made. Mick McNeely motioned to accepted as printed, seconded by Al Plante. Motion carried. Correspondence from Shirley Jerome thanking for monies she received to represent District IV in the State singles. Norma Gunnarson donated her prized she had won at the Golden Vista Singles; it was a card to have 500 copies at the UPS store in Gold Canyon. 100 copies of next seasons playing schedule are at the front of the room.

Treasurer's Report: Gwen Bowden presented a detailed treasurer's report. Starting checkbook balance from 4/1/2019 was \$6,888.45. Income \$3,238.55. Expenses \$3,403.97. Balance as of 2/15/2020 was \$6,723.03. Motion by Mick McNeely to accept, seconded by Peggy Bullock. Motion carried.

President's Report: Mike Bowden asked everyone to keep Bill and Cheryl Jackson in your prayers.

Congratulations to District IV State Split Singles Champions as follows:

Lynne Sutton - 2nd place Women's Championship, Paul Endres – 3rd place Men's Championship, Shirley Jerome – 4th place Women's Consolation and Brian Scott – 1st place Men's Consolation.

District IV is a strong and viable member of the Arizona Shuffleboard Association. We owe this strength to our District's Executive and Directors Board and several key non-elected members. In addition to these individuals, we have the League Presidents and Tournament Directors.

Gwen and I have been absent for much of this season and these people have taken over and did what had to be done in a superb manner. There are no words to express our gratitude for all the time and effort you have expended in our absence. So, from the bottom of our hearts, to all of you – Thank you.

League Reports:

Cactus: Jan Sweet reported Eastgate will be playing in league championship playoffs. Eastgate won 1st place actual and handicap, 2nd place handicap was Sunrise and 3rd place handicap was Sunhaven. Banquet 2/22/2020.

Cougar: Peter Bontkes reported Viewpoint will be playing in league championship playoffs. Viewpoint won 1st place actual and handicap, 2nd place handicap was Fountain of the Sun, 3rd place handicap was Lost Dutchman. Banquet 2/20/2020.

Coyote: Dave Gettman reported Apache Junction will be playing in league championship playoffs. 1st place handicap was Golden Vista. Banquet 2/20/2020. Memorial for LeRoy Daniels 2/20 at Countryside everyone is welcome.

Eagles: Brian Scott reported Rock Shadows will be playing in league championship playoffs. 1st place handicap was Sunland Springs Village, 2nd place handicap was Roadhaven and 3rd place handicap was Rock Shadows. Banquet 3/1/2020.

Hopi: Moe Agnew reported Gold Canyon will be playing in league championship playoffs. 1st place handicap was Superstition Sunrise, 2nd place handicap was Las Palmas, and 3rd place handicap was LaHacienda RV Resort. Banquet 2/20/2020

Pima: Ralph Salhus reported The Resort will be playing in league championship playoffs. The Resort won 1st place actual and handicap, 2nd place handicap was Monte Vista and 3rd place handicap was Viewpoint. Banquet 3/18/2020.

Scorpion: Dave Long reported Golden Vista will be playing in league championship playoffs. Golden Vista won 1st place actual and handicap. Banquet 2/28/2020.

Superstition: Jerry Lindstrom reported Golden Vista will be playing in league championship playoffs. Golden Vista won 1st place actual and handicap, 2nd place handicap was Roadhaven and 3rd place handicap was Sunland Springs Village 1. Banquet 2/27/2020.

Tomahawk: Al Plante reported Las Palmas Grand will be playing in league championship playoffs. 1st place handicap was Sunhaven, 2nd place handicap was Rock Shadows and 3rd place handicap was Las Palmas Grand.

Valley Shufflers: Harold West report Sunhaven will be playing in league championship playoffs. 1st place handicap was Golden Vista, 2nd place handicap was Sunhaven and 3rd place handicap was Las Palmas Grand. Banquet 2/28/2020.

2 – Board: Ed Raffey reported no team at this time for league championship playoffs. 12 teams with two divisions this year and possibly three or four more teams for next season. Two teams are tied for 1st place handicap between Montesa and Viewpoint, 3rd place handicap was Dolce Vista. Ed will notify Mike Bowden if they have a team coming for league championship playoffs. League playoffs were held at Sunland Springs Village a big thank you to Dennis Acheson and his crew. Banquet 2/29/2020.

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Advisory Committee: Dave Gettman, nothing currently.

2. Hall of Fame: Bob Kucharczyk reported ASA has seven people nominated for HOF. HOF committee has certified five people eligible and we have one member from our District IV Karen Fodchuk and Bill Storck from District I. Voting will be held 3/7/2020 at the ASA meeting. President award we have two nominations, and this will be presented under new business.
3. Placement and Membership: Dave Long reported for the past three years, we have remained at a total of 63 teams, counting two, three and four board leagues. We have 9-four board leagues, 1-three board league and 1-two board league with 12 teams. We have a player pool of 13, participating in various leagues. Two parks requested assistance with their shuffleboard activity. The first park myself, Bob Rinehart, Bill & Cheryl Jackson, activity director and two new managers, and no residents in attendance. The second park Peter Bontkes and I met with the manager and seven interested residents, Peter explained the rules and method of play and we also answered numerous questions. I am still in touch with them about forming a league team. La-Hacienda, rejoined league plays this season and hope they enjoyed the Hopi league. I would like to urge all members, to contact their activity directors, park managers and shuffleboard clubs to appoint a contact person.
4. Rules: Peter Bontkes reported 1/4/2020 the referee training session was attended by 50 people and 30 cards being issued. Peter is available to individual parks for rules classes if requested. Reminder of two new rules changes, the rules can be obtained on the ASA website and printed copies are available today. First rules change is that you can talk to your partner at halftime, second rule is no waxing during practice shots.
5. Strategy: No Report
6. Bylaws: Al Plante, nothing currently.
7. Nomination Committee: Dave Long chairman, Lynne Sutton and Dave Crucq had approached several people and the Nominees will be announced in new business.

Special Reports:

1. Al Plante reported Western Tournament will be held November 2-6, 2020 in District I, at the following parks, Greenfield, Mesa Spirit and Venture Out. Director is Gord Pollock and the spring meeting is March 1, 2020.
2. Lynne Sutton reported a two-day tournament, single elimination which started 11 years ago. Founded by Bob Saunders. 16-men and women from District I and IV in a single elimination tournament. Cal Am is the corporate sponsor. There have been a few changes in the points calculations structure over the years. 2020-2021 season all restrictions will be lifted and winners in all sanction and non-sanction tournaments held in District I and IV will collect points. The tournament will be held Friday and Saturday starting in the 2020 season. Monthly reports are posted on the District I and IV websites. All 16 men and women will be contacted to confirm their participation in this year's tournament. In the event someone is unable to participate the next highest player is contacted. Don Martens is the liaison with Cal Am as well as the court manager for the tournament. Lynne explained the point structure.

Unfinished Business:

1. Cactus League Trophy: Brian Scott stated there never was a trophy for that league. Gloria Gartner stated the fees for this season was raised to purchase trophy.
2. Printer Update: Mike reported we are still looking for a case for the District printer.
3. Tournament Fees: Mike reported tournament fees are at the discretion of the director. Except for a couple of tournaments for next season, everyone has gone to \$10.

New Business:

1. Elections: Dave Long read bios from all nominees. Al Plante President, Mick McNeely 1st VP, Harold West 2nd VP, Debra Besaw and Peggy Bullock Secretary and Deb Wacker and Dale Schatz Treasurer. **Election results:** Al Plante President, Mick McNeely 1st VP and Harold West 2nd VP each receiving one vote recorded by Secretary Debra Besaw. Ballots were distributed and a short recess will be taken to count ballots. **Election results:** Debra Besaw Secretary and Deb Wacker Treasurer. Motion to destroy ballots/tally sheet by Lynne Sutton, seconded by Dave Long. Motion carried.
2. Al Plante wanted to thank Mike and Gwen Bowden for their hard work the past two years.
3. President's Award Presentation: Bob Kucharczyk asked Peggy Bullock to read the following bios for Dave Long and Al Plante. They were both presented plaques and hat pins.
4. Tournament start times: Al Plante wanted to focus on the tournaments from 1/15 till 2/15 about starting later if possible, keep this in mind when doing posters for next season. And wanted to thank Carol Dunn for bringing this up last year.
5. Motion for State tournament stipend: Al Plante read the following motion:

That District IV pay \$75.00 per player to a maximum of \$750.00 per team to District IV players, when representing the District. This would be in State split singles, mixed doubles or League playoff tournaments when held in District II, III and V. seconded by Mick McNeely.

Amend motion by Lynne Sutton, seconded by Brian Scott to make this in effect for the 2020-2021 season. Motion carried.

Further explanation by Al Plante 2011, the five district teams' rules were reviewed. At that time, it was decided the District would provide a subsidy of \$50.00 per player and to a maximum of 10 players for the team championship was held in District II, III and V. In 2013 increase for split singles to \$75.00 in District II, III and V. IN 2015 mixed doubles was created the subsidy would be \$50.00 per player. There is an inconsistency on how much we pay to subsidy travel cost. District I pay \$100.00, District III pay \$100.00 and District pay \$50.00.

No further discussion. Motion carried.

6. Motion for Mixed Gender League Rule: Lynne Sutton read the following motion:

Under DISTRICT IV MIXED GENDER LEAGUE RULES, Sub-Section DISTRICT IV, FOUR (4) BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF REPRESENTATIVE shall be amended to include:

Effective with the 2020-2021 league play season, each league shall determine their League Champion team for advancement to District IV League Playoffs no later than ten (10) days prior to the commencement date of the District IV Playoffs. Final, without handicap standings, will include the Friday games played on the 10th day.

Make-up games completed after the ten-day deadline will only count towards league handicap team awards.

Motion by Lynne Sutton, seconded by Dave Long

Discussion Lynne stated it will help with getting a park for the playoffs sooner. Al Plante spoke he felt the time frame is too short and might end up having an uneven number of team in the playoffs. Mike Bowden motioned to table this, seconded by Peter Bontkes. Motion carried.

7. Rich Chouinard asked where the team championship playoffs are this season. Mike Bowden responded at Superstition Sunrise. All team captains meeting next Saturday 2/22/2020 at Rock Shadows 10am Gold Room.
8. Deb Wacker questioned when does the \$75.00 stipend start, next season 2020-2021.
9. John Klinger stated he was very disappointed on the discussion of the Executive Committee to make the Snowman tournament a non-sanction tournament. Brian Scott was asked to address he stated Distinct IV made that decision. Debra Besaw stated that we had a meeting in December concerning District IV tournaments. At that time the Snowman does not meet the compliance of the ASA rules. So, the Executive committee asked if you could change your guidelines or we could not count it as a sanctioned tournament. The ASA rule states that a sanction tournament must be open to any ASA member in the state. Your tournament is very important to players that have not trophied, your tournament will still be on the calendar and flyers put out, along with paying the District IV fee. Do it and Done it, Roadhaven cash and Horse collar are non-sanction tournaments for various reasons. Cheryl McNeely questioned, Brian Scott on what a sanction and non-sanction tournament get a player. HOF points at the state level are different for sanction and non-sanction tournaments under the ASA guidelines.
10. Harold West has there been any further discussion of having at least two women on the team going to District/State. Al Plante responded that it has not been discussed recently. The way it is worded now is that you have two and active. The new board will investigate. Debra Besaw mentioned that a new 2-board team is all women and that will have to be looked at also.

Al Plante President closed the meeting at 12:02 pm

Debra Besaw

ASA District IV Secretary

Approved 11/13/2021