

ASA DISTRICT IV FALL MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2021

ZOOM

President Al Plante called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Roll Call: Taken by Debra Besaw. A quorum was reached.

Introduction of District IV Officers and Directors:

Al Plante – President

Director – Marcy Lindstrom

Mick McNeely – 1st VP

Mike Bowden – Executive Director

Harold West – 2nd VP

Directors: Dave Long, Dave Crucq and Marilyn Sanders

Debra Besaw – Secretary

were excused

Jim Maddox – Treasurer

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the Spring 2020 meeting were e-mailed to all District IV members and posted on the website. Al Plante asked for a motion to approve minutes as printed and posted on the website. Debra Besaw motioned to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Mick McNeely. The motion carried.

Correspondence: None currently.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Maddox presented a detailed report. Starting checkbook balance as of 10/12/2021 is \$4,225.55. Al also reported that the District has purchased wax for the season; the cost was \$1,086.25 that will be paid soon. Bill Smith conducted an audit of the 2018-2019 season's finances, and everything was in order. Judy Dally conducted an audit of the 2019-2020 season's finances, and everything was in order. Copies of both audit reports are on file. Motion by Mick McNeely to accept, seconded by Harold West. The motion carried.

President's Report: Al Plante reported primary goal of trying to bring back organized shuffleboard this season; we are committed to leagues, league playoffs, and tournaments. District leadership had a meeting with the league presidents on 10/05/2021. At this meeting it was decided that District IV would have a two-board league and three-board league this season. Using the three-board leagues will give the captains more time to reorganize with a shorter season and having fewer members per team. Three-board leagues will not use handicap this season. All leagues will be made up of only four teams. Leagues will be organized using a blind draw, or if a current league has four teams and want to stay together, they can. For example: Hopi League has four teams and if all teams are returning, that league can stay intact. Everyone else will be entered into the blind draw for this season only. We would like to keep the league structure in place, including the finances. At the end of this season, we will survey the teams and see what to do moving forward regarding three board teams and the shortened season). In previous seasons we have had 14 tournaments; this season 11 tournaments are planned. Early indications from the District I tournaments is that people are ready to come back and play. Tournament posters are available for the parks in District IV along with the electronic versions. Go to the website and check our [tournaments](#) along with the other districts, no blue schedule will be available this season. If you have not signed up for electronic notifications for tournaments, please do so. Tournament notices and

draws will be on the notices. The pandemic is still with us, and we have set up [guidelines](#) that are located on the District IV website. The league presidents, team captains, tournament directors and parks will try to keep everyone safe during this season.

Open Discussion:

Karen Fodchuk asked everyone to sign up for email notifications. Need to go to District IV website at initial draws area and go down to bottom right hand corner and sign up thru the follow icon.

Dave Gettman asked if the league has five teams, how do they determine which teams stay together for the league? Al stated all teams will need to go into the draw for this season.

Moe Agnew asked about the Pandemic guidelines; they are available on the website. These have been sent to team presidents, tournament directors, and team captains. These are guidelines, and some parks are implementing their own guidelines.

Al Plante stated there will a meeting with team presidents and captains on December 1, 2021, meeting place TBD. Ed Raffey stated they are having the two-board meeting November 17, 2021, at Sun Valley. Possible ten out of the 12 teams will be coming back at this time.

Mick McNeely noted that District I tournaments guidelines started out strong and then changed as the tournament went on. Discussion with other tournament directors about coffee and donuts in the morning, and they will be doing it if their park allows it, but several parks will have their own guidelines. Everyone should have a mask with them if the park requires them. District IV guidelines do suggest we do away with score keepers, as this results in fewer people on the courts. The players will determine who will be scorekeeper for the entire game and the other player will be the referee. Al stated, we are not Covid police, but we are encouraging presidents and tournament directors to keep people safe.

Unfinished Business:

Lynne Sutton had a motion in the Spring 2020 meeting regarding the mixed gender rule. She was not parliamentarian for District IV at the time of the motion and requested that the motion be withdrawn. Karen Fodchuk seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business:

Al Plante made an appointment for Treasurer. Deb Wacker had to resign due to personal reasons, and Jim Maddox was appointed and has accepted. In the District IV bylaws section VI letter F: If an elected office becomes vacant between annual meetings, the President shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the current time.

Al Plante spoke on the motion that was sent out regarding membership bylaw. Lynne Sutton the parliamentarian informed Al that this will need to be done in the spring meeting in February.

Motion for dues: Mick McNeely spoke to the motion and read the following motion:

Propose that the District IV annual dues be raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00 annually, effective 2021-2022 season.

Motion seconded by Debra Besaw. After discussion this will be in effect this season 2021-2022 and for the members that have paid (\$3.00) already the additional \$2.00 will be collected. Stan Filarski questioned if the \$10.00 league fee will cover the league and membership fee. Yes, it will. Ric Haskell questioned the December 1, 2021, meeting place, which is to be decided; presidents and captains will be notified.

Cheryl McNeely questioned the length of the membership. After this season, going forward annual membership will be from January 1 to December 31, and this will be the motion coming forward at the spring meeting. Except for new members that would like to play tournaments in November and December they would not have to pay dues twice. Dues being paid now from November 1, 2021, will be good through December 2022.

Karen Fodchuk questioned how this was going to affect the dues being paid to the ASA? Normally it is from November to November. Al stated, hopefully we will have enough money to pay the dues. She also questioned the date change? Explained that it has been from January 1 to December 31 since Bob Kucharczyk presidency when we went to permanent numbers. But the bylaw was never dealt with, that is what will be dealt with in the spring meeting.

Ed Raffey questioned if the ASA were raising dues. His understanding is that the state took \$1.00, and the district keep \$2.00. It was corrected that the state takes \$2.00, and that district gets \$1.00. Al Plante is not aware of any change of dues at the state level.

Moe Agnew called for the vote. The motion carried.

Al Plante spoke on the pandemic guidelines, and they are only guidelines. Leagues and tournaments need to have pushers in place, especially this year. And people not feeling well this year are encouraged to stay home.

Deb Wacker questioned there will be no four-board leagues this year, she has heard differently. Al Plante stated if you have four teams for four board league you can go ahead. This will be discussed at the December 1, 2021, meeting.

Debra Besaw questioned why we have decided to go to four team leagues this season? Al Plante stated because we only have six weeks due to the later start, three home and three away games. Our intention is to have a survey on the short season. This is a decision that will be made by team captains and players at the end of season. Mick McNeely felt that six weeks is long enough also.

Moe Agnew stated that many of the parks have new players and hopefully this short season will only be temporary. He feels that we should not turn anyone away. Dave Long is the placement coordinator and will find teams for players.

Dave Gettman questioned if the draw was being done on December 1, 2021. Per Al Plante, the captains need to finalize their rosters by the deadline December 12, 2021. Marcy Lindstrom and Debra Besaw will be doing the blind draw, and another volunteer is needed. Lynne Sutton and Deb Wacker have volunteered.

Neil Goodman stated M&S has moved again. The new address is E Broadway #12, Mesa, AZ.

The Spring meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2022, at 1pm at Superstition Sunrise.

A motion for adjournment was made by Al Plante and seconded by Moe Agnew. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm.

Debra Besaw

ASA District IV Secretary