

ASA DISTRICT IV SPRING MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2024

EASTGATE MOBILE HOME PARK, MESA, AZ

The meeting was called to order by president Mick McNeely at 1:00 pm with 35 members in attendance. Mick asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of past shufflers.

International Pledge of Allegiance was led by Debra Besaw.

Roll Call & Introduction of District IV Officers and Directors were presented by Mick McNeely and done at the same time. Al Plante executive director was not present. A quorum was reached.

Al Plante – Executive Director – Not Present

Jim Maddox - Treasurer

Mick McNeely – President

Dave Crucq - Director

Debra Besaw – 1st Vice President

Doug Sanders – Director & League Coordinator

Marilyn Sanders – 2nd Vice President

Al Rotariu - Director

Cheryl McNeely – Secretary

Committee Chair: People in attendance were Dave Gettman – Advisory. Brian Scott – Hall of Fame was absent.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the Fall November 18, 2023 meeting were emailed to all District IV members with emails on file and posted on the ASA District IV website. It was asked if there were any corrections or changes to be made to the fall minutes, hearing none a motion was made by Debra Besaw to approve the minutes as printed and posted on the website. Larry Catcott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence: None currently.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Maddox presented a detailed report from November 14, 2023 thru February 10, 2024. Copies were available for anyone to pick up. A hard copy has been placed on record. Mick McNeely asked for a motion to approve the report as given. Neil Goodman motioned to accept the report as given, seconded by Donn Weber. The motion carried.

President's Report: Mick McNeely called upon 2 board president Richard Sys, he reported that their league was done for the season and their tournament starts next week at Sunland Springs. The 2-board league has 14 teams within 3 divisions with 1 team wanting to join them next year.

Mick stated that we are the largest district in AZ and we are holding steady with our membership compared to last year. District events this year were well attended and our doubles tournament had a 40% increase in participation. Tournaments were successful depending on how hard the tournament was worked. Strategy and etiquette class had almost 100 people in attendance. New officers will be elected today and I ask for everyone's support in the upcoming years to these new officers.

Standing Committee Reports

Hall of Fame: Mick McNeely gave the report in absence of Brian Scott who is our Hall of Fame representative. We have two nominees this year in the player category. Carl Howell and Mark Hankins.

Rules: Mick McNeely had nothing to report currently. He encouraged everyone to attend and tell people in their park about the rules and regulations class when it comes up next season. Last seminar at Superstition Sunrise there was approximately 50 that attended.

Advisory: Dave Gettman had nothing to report. He did ask if there could be more strategy and etiquette classes. Mick stated all people had to do was ask and he would be willing to come to their park and do a presentation.

League Coordinator: Doug Sanders stated this was the first year for the long and short season leagues. We ended with 8 leagues 3 of which were in the long season with 18 team's and 5 were in the short season with 22 teams. Doug thanked the people who volunteered to be league coordinators and all players and teams for there cooperation in making this work this year for the first time. Doug read and explained the placement rule for league non park resident players (#9) under the District IV Mixed Gender League Rules. Communication is key with the executive committee. All league team winners were announced. Doug is working on contacting all teams in regards to there interest in the long or short league season for the 2024-25 season.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) **Motion for Mixed Gender League Rules:** Marilyn Sanders spoke to the motion and stated because of the length of the revisions the notice of motion was posted on the district IV website for all members to review. The motion reads as:

The District IV Mixed Gender League Rules, Revised November 12, 2022 be replaced in it's entirety by "District IV Mixed Gender League Rules, Revised per Draft November 18, 2023".

Having received feedback there are two amendments to the notice of motion that need minor revisions.

1) #17 Under the Subsection Starting Play.

The notice of motion brought forward on November 18, 2023 item #17 states: Captain of the home team must post names of his players a least 15 minutes before game time. Visiting captains may place his players as he chooses. Once posted no changes are allowed unless both captains agree. Leagues are allowed to make other arrangements, such as drawing names and boards from a hat. Such changes must be agreed to by a majority of players in the league.

I would like to change and amend this to read:

**Captain of the home team shall provide chips for players to draw for boards of play.
Visiting team shall draw yellow chips. Home team shall draw black chips.**

Discussion followed.

2) #31 Under the Subsection Trophies.

The rule now reads:

District IV provides a travelling trophy for the first-place team of each league. It is the responsibility and cost of the winning team to have their name and year engraved on the trophy plate.

The amendment to the rule stated above would read:

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Discussion followed.

Donn Weber seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

2) Projected 2024-2025 Budget.

Mick presented the 2022-2023 financials as well as the 2023-2024 final projections. A discussion was held in regards to these numbers. It was determined that going forward the district would lose between \$300.00 and \$1000.00 depending upon the year we send player representatives to out of district state finals. Discussion followed.

3) Motion of Increase District IV Membership Dues from \$5.00 to \$6.00 Per Year Brought Forward by Maurice Agnew.

Discussion followed.

Jim Heiar seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

New Business:

Elections for District IV executive board. Elections were performed in accordance with the district IV bylaws. Dave Crucq elections officer asked for nominations from the floor, hearing none. One vote was placed on record for incoming President, Debra Besaw, incoming 1st Vice President, Marilyn Sanders, incoming 2nd Vice President, Donn Weber, current Secretary Cheryl McNeely, and current Treasurer Jim Maddox. Congratulations to the new Executive Committee.

Presidents Final Address:

Last two years have been terrifying and satisfying at the same time and sometimes on the same day. As a group I want to thank everyone in this room for all the help you have given me the last two years. We have great people in our group and the executive committee works so many hours behind the scenes and I could not have done any of this without them. I am also proud that going forward in district IV history that the next four years will be led by women. Proud of them for stepping up to take on the responsibility and I think the next four years will be very exciting.

I would now like to turn the meeting over to newly elected president Debra Besaw.

Debra thanked everyone for their confidence in the incoming executive board.
Debra stated next meeting will be November 16, 2024 at 1:00pm at Eastgate Park.

Motion to adjourn by Debra Besaw at 1:40pm.

Cheryl McNeely
ASA District IV Secretary