

August 2, 2010

INTERNATIONAL SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm By President Earl Ball. In attendance were Gus Bondi, Past President; Michael Zellner, Brazil President; Jim Bailey, USA President; Henry Strong for Gary Pipher, Canada President; Myrna Bilton, Canada Observer; Yoshiko Suzuki, Japan, President; Sachiyo Takada, Japan Observer; Kyoko Hada, Japan Interpreter; Marj Govett, Australia President; Ian Rehier, Australia Observer; Dieter Hussmann, Germany President; Sebastian Runge, Germany Observer; Pam Hill, HOF Curator & Historian; Glenn Monroe Special Invitee.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted; motion by Gus Bondi, 2nd Jim Bailey. The Treasurer's report was given. Check Book balance \$3,020.15. Money Market account \$14,741.01. Accounts receivable \$2,276.00 for a total of \$20,037.16. The report is on file for audit. The Audit for last year was conducted by Board member Pam Hill along with Phil Hill and was for the Singles event only, the books were found to be in order.

Communications were only from Board Members in the general course of business.

Each Country was asked to give the Board an update as concerns Promotion and Publicity, to include growth, in their respective Country.

Japan hosted three individual Tournaments and two team tournaments, Tokyo vs Yokohama last year and feel interest is increasing gradually. Women's World Singles Champion Saychio Takada appeared on the cover of the JNSA annual magazine and encouraged all players to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity provided by International Shuffleboard. JNSA contributed \$68 collected to support the ISA efforts to increase income. Japan supports youth playing in International Tournaments but hopes in the future their will be separate youth and adult tournaments.

Brazil has 45 members and 30 played in their National Tournament. Brazil is giving \$1.00 per player to the ISA or \$30. They also have a State Tournament each year. Brazil members taught 100 children to play shuffleboard as part of a summer camp and are scheduled to teach seniors citizens and handicap people how to play as part of a day out.

Germany has 120 members and everyone has been tied up working hard on the International Tournament. They expect to have 2 to 3 minutes of TV coverage for the Tournament. There are three courts being built in various parts of Germany. The GSA was also able to showcase the sport on Germany's #1 game show watched by 3 million viewers. It was the final show of the season and one player won \$700,000 US dollars on the last shot. Germany has 6 boys and 1 girl playing in the tournament. They contributed \$126 from there National tournament to the ISA.

The USA now has 14 states as part of their National Shuffleboard Association and they use a telecommunications system to include various states in their meetings. The West has large numbers in their tournaments and the East has fewer players in their tournaments, there are large numbers of players but the overall numbers are decreasing. Youth programs flourish in Lakeside. The USA Board took action as concerns donating money to the ISA from their 19 National Tournaments. However that action was unclear at the meeting. The action was stated as the USANSA would match the money given by other Nations. The USA President will check the minutes for the correct action.

Australia has 100 members and about 25 shows up to play at their various social events. They have tried special events to attract young players but have had little success getting them to return. Australia is unable to contribute money to the ISA from tournaments because they do not charge to play in tournament, in fact they furnish lunch at no charge just to attract players.

Canada is second, only to the USA in number of players and most of them play during the winter in the USA. Ontario and New Brunswick are the only members of the CNSA with a few clubs from out west as members and various individual members from other provinces. There are over 50 Clubs operating in Canada and many play in curling rinks and have attracted curlers as additional members. Some Clubs host grand kids days with very good turn out and at least one club donates a morning a week to teach the handicap. Canada donates \$50.00 to the ISA each year and will wait to see what the USA does to match funds before committing themselves further.

The nominating committee of Michael Zellner, Chairman, Dieter Hussmann and Jim Bailey were unable to come up with Candidates for office. Michael Zellner volunteered to take the Presidency and talked Dieter Hussman into being 1st VP. Michael also talked Beth Allen into staying as Treasurer. They were nominated from the floor and one vote was cast for them.

No additional remarks as concerns the HOF inductees for this year. It is the responsibility of each Country to get their nominations into the HOF Chairman each year.

A great deal of time was spent on the Constitution and By-laws to correct wording and to clarify meaning. Jim Bailey made the motion to accept the changes and Dieter 2nd the motion; all agreed. The Constitution and By-law changes will be sent to Board members for review upon completion.

Norway's confirmation vote was put off to the next meeting that they attend.

The Board decided to allocate \$3600.00 over the next year to start up a web site www.World-shuffleboard.org. Motion by Henry Strong, 2nd by Michael Zellner. The web site should be up and running by October 1st. Dieter Hussman proposed a numbering system for ISA players to keep track of them to be displayed on the web site. He also proposed a World ranking system to be maintained on the site. A committee was formed to study the proposal and implement it. The committee is Dieter as Chairman, Sebastian

Runge, Henry Strong and Glenn Monroe. Dieter further proposed to set up a World Shuffleboard League and charge an entry fee to increase ISA income in an attempt to pay for the web site. Dieter and Glenn Monroe will write the rules and implement the league. Records will be displayed on the web site.

Gus Bondi reported he is working with several schools in an attempt to get them interested in shuffleboard as an intramural sport. Little success so far but his efforts continue.

The ISA voted to award the 2011 International World Cup Singles to Dieppe, New Brunswick, Canada; motion by Jim Bailey, 2nd by Henry Strong. And the 2012 International World Cup team tournament to Settle, Washington, USA; motion by Henry Strong, 2nd by Michael Zellner.

Pam Hill reported that the HOF is in good shape. She has been able to recover a number of historical documents from various sources. She has completed the documentation of the 2009 World Singles Cup. Pam requests each National President review there National displays on a regular basis to keep them current.

The Board decided the current tournament was the 28th International Team Championship and the 29th ISA event.

Meeting Adjourned 10:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Earl Ball, President