

ard meeting of the International Shuffleboard Association was held at the Best Western Hotel and was called to order by President Gus Bondi at 7:35PM.

**Minutes of the 2007 Board Meeting of the International Shuffleboard Association  
Midland, Ontario  
Canada  
August 13**

Roll call was taken and the following Board members were present: President-Gus Bondi, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Jiro Chiba, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President-Michael Zellner, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President-Walt Wedel, Canadian National Shuffleboard Association President-Max Tate, German Shuffleboard Association President Dieter Hussmann, Secretary-Marie Bondi, Treasurer-Beth Allen, President Emeritus-Joe Messier, Historian & Keeper of Records-John Brown. Not in attendance: Executive Vice President-Earl Ball, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Malcolm Crowder. The following delegates were present: Ian Reiher and Marj Govett from Australia, Luiz Pimental and Ataide Zotto from Brazil, Stan McCormack from Canada, Sachiyo Takada and Nobuo Kitamura from Japan, Sebastian Runge from Germany, Jim Bailey and Ann Wedel from the USA.

President Bondi noted that Japan National Shuffleboard President, Nobuo Kitamura, had stepped down and had recommended Jiro Chiba to replace him. The motion to accept Jiro Chiba as President was made by Joe Messier and seconded by John Brown. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

President Bondi asked to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Board Meeting which was held in Lakeside, as members of the board had received them by mail. The motion was made by Joe Messier and seconded by Ian Reiher. The motion carried. Max Tate reported some errors and omissions from the minutes of that meeting and gave a copy of the amended minutes to Secretary, Marie Bondi. The changes were read by Max Tate. He then made a motion to accept the amended minutes as the corrected copy. Stan McCormack seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Beth Allen gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the checking account was \$10,120.10. The CD value was \$5,523.77. A deposit made on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 brought the ISA funds to a total of \$16,293.87. There was some discussion on the investing of the CD as the renewal period is open August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Max Tate made the motion to allow Treasurer Beth Allen make the decision on the amount of funds to be reinvested in the CD and to get the best rates. That motion was seconded by Joe Messier. The motion was voted on and carried. President Bondi then appointed Michael Zellner and Joe Messier to audit the books.

President Bondi announced that John and Marilyn Barnett had resigned as Keeper of the Records and Curator. He had selected John Brown as Keeper of the Records and received approval from the Executive board prior to this meeting by email vote. Dolores Brown will be curator. President Bondi thanked John Barnett for his many years of service. Stan McCormack made a motion that a letter to

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John and Marylin Barnett, the former Keeper of Records, be prepared for President Bondi by John Brown, thanking them for their many years of service to the ISA. Beth Allen seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Hall of Fame Committee Chairman, Michael Zellner, made a motion and nominated *TheShuffler.org* website into the ISA Hall of Fame. Jim Bailey asked into what category this would be done. Joe Messier read the requirements for the Hall of Fame and *TheShuffler.org* had not met the requirement of two years of service on the Board of Directors and suggested a special award might be given. After much discussion about the qualifications for induction into the Hall of Fame, Michael Zellner nominated *TheShuffler.org*, in that two of the three qualifications had been met. Dieter Hussmann seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ian Reiher, delegate from Australia, delivered President Malcolm Crowder's best regards to the members of the ISA and gave the Australian Shuffleboard Association (QLD) INC. Report on the upcoming 2008 ISA Tournament to be held at the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia on September 13<sup>th</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. He presented a brochure showing the proposed tournament package. There are presently 16 courts and plans to add 2 more. Australia is planning to field 2 full teams. Their club currently has 90 members and continues to grow as they encourage families to participate. The final cost on the tournament will be available by early 2008.

The purchase of a new ISA Tournament Banner was discussed. Dieter Hussmann thanked the CNSA for a very good tournament, and then stated that the German Flag had been placed on the current banner upside down. President Bondi apologized for that mistake. Dieter also asked the status of the Netherlands in the ISA. A new banner will be purchased in Australia for the next Tournament at the ISA expense.

Dieter Hussmann gave a report on the status of Shuffleboard in Germany. The German Shuffleboard Association currently has 76 members. In November 2006 they held a National Singles Tournament. At the time of this International tournament, there was also a tournament being held in Germany. Their website has been updated and now offers most information in English as well as German. They promote the sport for all ages, including children, as Germany does not have the thinking that Shuffleboard is a sport only for seniors. They have also had a television program done on polycourts. Germany placed their bid to host the 2010 ISA Tournament.

There were no other reports from any other member countries.

President Bondi asked for clarification on the process for the election of officers for the board. Some thinking had been that the executive Vice-President automatically became President. President Bondi was appointed without a vote as he was the only candidate. The consensus was that there should be an election of officers. A nominating committee was appointed to create a slate of officers for the 2008 election in Australia. Chairman-Michael Zellner, Members-Stan McCormack and Dieter Hussmann.

President Bondi opened the topic of changing the frequency of International Tournaments from every year to every two years. After much discussion, Michael Zellner made the motion to hold an ISA event every year, with an ISA Singles Tournament in 2009 and an ISA Team Tournament in 2010. Dieter Hussman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Discussion was opened on the organization of rules of play, the location, and the number of competitors for the ISA Singles Tournament in 2009. Stan McCormack made the motion to appoint a committee of Dieter Hussmann, Jim Bailey, and Michael Zellner to examine the issues and present

their results to President Bondi for Board approval within 6 months.

President Bondi opened discussion on reducing the required team size from 8 players to 6 players with a maximum of 2 teams per country. After much discussion centered around rules concerning country against country play, possible charting issues, and how individual teams would rank, the discussion on changing the team size requirement was tabled until a later date.

Jiro Chiba made a presentation on the timing of the tournaments. He explained it is very expensive for the Japanese to travel to the tournaments in the summer. June and September are much more affordable months, although he believes the host country should have the final say in the timing. Dieter Hussmann will keep that in consideration for the 2010 tournament, but stated that the timing will depend on a very tight holiday schedule in Germany.

Max Tate asked for a clarification on foreign Nationals playing on a team when they hold the proper credentials in regard to having that status would apply to forming a National team from their homelands. After discussion, Max Tate made a motion that Individual National teams must consist of at least 50% players with resident status of the country they are representing. Michael seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Dieter Hussmann presented statistics on becoming an Olympic Sport. He explained that in order to apply for the Olympics, a sport needed to be a member of the IWGA (International World Games Association). To apply to be a member of the IWGA, a sport must be a member of the GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federation). To become a member of the GAISF, the sport of shuffleboard need to comply with 11 requirements, one of which is to have 40 member nations in your international organization. The other is to comply with anti-doping rules, which may be difficult considering the medications used by great numbers of our older players. He did not say it was impossible, but International Shuffleboard needs to increase its member nations by 34.

President Gus thanked Michael Zellner for his work with the logo for the ISA. It will be used on all correspondence. The logo shows all member countries with an arrow pointing to the host country for that year's tournament. The Hall of Fame Plaques will also carry a new logo showing both Eastern and Western Hemispheres. A new ISA pin is to be designed in the same fashion with the word Shuffleboard on it. This pin will be given to each player one time only. The possibilities of anniversary pins for five or ten year participants were discussed. A committee consisting of Beth Allen, Joe Messier, and Gus Bondi will work on these options.

Joe Messier spoke about funding for the ISA Hall of Fame. He spoke of concerns regarding the ISA's responsibility for the upkeep of the facility in Clearwater, FL. He gave some history of funds donated by founders of the Hall of Fame and questioned where those funds are and who is responsible for them. He questioned the corporate status of the ISA. All historical records and charters are under lock and key in the Hall of Fame building in Clearwater. President Bondi appointed a committee of John Brown, Joe Messier and himself to look into the matter.

President Gus brought out the status of Malcolm Crowder as an ISA Vice-President without being a National Association President from Australia. Max Tate stated an exception must have been made many years ago to allow him that status. There is no reason at this time to change that status. **The** present nominating can nominate Malcolm Crowder to his position for the next 2 years.

One piece of unfinished business is clearing some ambiguities in the ISA Constitution and by-laws. Max Tate recommended Stan McCormack, Earl Ball and Michael Zellner work as a committee to finalize the

ISA Constitution and by-laws. Their finished document will be presented to President Bondi for approval by the Board of Directors.

Max Tate made a motion to adjourn. Jim Bailey seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Bondi, Secretary.

NOTE: Board Meeting Minutes published at the request of President Bondi. Please note that until the Minutes receive Board Acceptance, they are UNOFFICIAL. Posted to THE SHUFFLER 2007 08 22.