

MINUTES of the 2006 BOARD MEETING of the I.S.A
Lakeside, Ohio
August 17, 2006

The 2006 Annual Board Meeting of the International Shuffleboard Association, was held in the Aigler Room of the Fountain Inn, and was called to order by President Joseph Messier at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call showed the following Board Members were present: President, Joseph Messier; 1st Vice President, Nobuo Kitamura; 2nd Vice President, Malcolm Crowder; 3rd Vice President, Michael Zellner; Secretary, Cecile Messier; Treasurer, Gus Bondi. Absent were President Emeritus, Richard Buchanan; Executive Vice President, Sandy Myers; 4th Vice President, Jim Clayton; 5th Vice President, John Weston; Historian, Keeper of Records, John D. Barnett. Delegates in attendance were: Ian Reicher from Australia; Sachiyo Takada and Yoshiko Suzuki from Japan; Georges Hoche from Brazil; Max Tate and Stan McCormack and from the USA Ann and Walt Wedel and Jim Bailey.

The minutes of the September 18, 2005 Board Meeting, held in Niteroi, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, at the Brazilian Bankers Athletic Association was read by the Secretary. The minutes were asked to be corrected by Max Tate, he said that his motion that he made should have read, that the ISA Tournament be awarded for the year 2007, to the Canadian National Association, not the Alberta Canadian Shuffleboard Association. A motion was made by Gus Bondi, and seconded by Walt Wedel, to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Gus Bondi gave the Treasurers Report; he stated that he had a successful Audit of the Books. He started out the season of the year 2006 with \$7,688.29, and to date there is in the Check Book the sum of \$9,388.84. We have a Certificate with a value as of 7/2/06 of \$5,354.41, that was renewed August 14th automatically for 4 years. What is in the Check Book and the Certificate, we have on hand a total as of this date \$14,093.25.

The President read a letter that was sent to him, from Walt Wedel, in regards to the Audit he and John Weston, had done in Lakeland, Florida. Walt stated that the Books were in order. A motion was made by Max Tate to accept the Treasurers Report, this was seconded by Malcolm Crowder. Motion Carried.

Malcolm Crowder questioned the renewal time of 4 years on the CD. A short discussion was held and it was agreed that it would be something, that would be looked into. (The result of the investigation of the 4 years, it was found that it has been renewed for only 1 Year).

Max Tate asked that as a result of John Weston's illness, that his induction into the ISA Hall of Fame, be postponed, until the time that the ISA is held in the year 2007 in Canada. This was approved. He then announced that a meeting was held and that Midland Canada, will be holding the 2007 ISA, which is located about 120 miles north of Toronto. The dates officially will be August 12th to August 19th. This will be Sunday to Sunday. He quoted that the Package will be out by mid October.

A brief report was given by the heads of each Country, as to the progress being made in their respective Countries.

President Messier brought to the attention of the Board, that he was asked to do something for Vince Crawford, the Founder of the I.S.A. Hall of Fame. He announced that he had Rocky Briggs from California have a Podium built, and that he himself had a Bronze Plate made, with the image of Vince Crawford, and this is to be mounted on the front of this Podium, this will be unveiled at the Banquet and then permanently placed, at the entrance to the ISA Hall of Fame building in Clearwater, Florida.

He then invited Dieter Hussmann, the President of the German Shuffleboard Association, to speak and to inform us as to what is taking place in Germany, after a lengthy presentation, in which he stated that as a result of the growth of Shuffleboard in Germany, he will be applying for membership into the ISA.

The President asked as to what we should do for the year 2008. This was thoroughly discussed, and Malcolm Crowder stated that Australia would be interested. Jim Bailey made a motion that Australia, be the host for the 2008 ISA Tournament, Gus Bondi seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried. It is to be noted that Canada abstained, as well as Japan. Mr. Kitamura, took the floor and stated that while he personally would like it every two years, but that if he cannot field a full team, he will come with any amount of players and play on the UN Team.

Michael Zellner had the Secretary read the proposed change he would like to see in the By-Laws Article IX entitled New Members. In paragraph 2 he would like the 2nd and 3rd line removed. In regard to the Proposed Amendment, Max Tate made a motion that a maximum of 2 players from any Country fielding a full team for the International be allowed, a discussion was held, he amended his motion to read, providing, however those numbers do not bring those minimum numbers, for that United Nation Team to 8, then a special request may be made to the ISA President, to add whatever more, you need to make the minimum of 8. Stan McCormack seconded the motion. Motion carried. Max Tate requested that under (b.) the wording "have to" on the first line be changed to "are required" this was agreed upon. Michael Zellner made the motion to accept the Proposal he submitted with the change, this was seconded by Malcolm Crowder. Motion carried.

Eligibility and rules regarding this "UN" Team

a. This ISA President will select, from his/her official administration, volunteers, which include all National Presidents, to be the Captains for any "UN" Teams. As this is an International Event and will adversely affect the image of the ISA it is imperative that the best attention and treatment be given to these new countries seeking entrance into the World of Competitive shuffleboard.

b. Nominations to compete on the "UN" Teams are required, under all circumstances, come directly from the National Shuffleboard President of the respective country and in turn, be submitted in writing, directly to the ISA President. In cases where no National Shuffleboard Association exists, applicants may hen petition, in writing, directly to the ISA President, for eligibility determination and permission to compete on the "UN" Team at an upcoming ISA Tournament

c. Once the ISA has been contacted, by any country wishing to send players to compete in an ISA Tournament, the ISA President will immediately select a "UN" Team Captain or Captains who will assist in reviewing all of these nominees with the aim of completing "UN" MEN and WOMEN teams of up to the maximum 12 players each

d. The ISA President and his selected "UN" Team Captains will consider all names submitted to them for inclusion on the "UN" teams without prejudice of any kind. They have complete and total responsibility for the approval and selection of any players for "UN" teams. Team Captains may also compete as members of their team. Positions on the "UN" teams should be distributed, as fairly as possible, giving each country equal consideration to the number of positions, whenever possible.

e. Players selected to compete on the "UN" teams will be judged according to their ability to be a team player, provide inspiration to their team, demonstrate good sportsmanship, possess some degree of knowledge of the game and most of all, have a positive attitude towards the promotion of Shuffleboard around the world

f. Players of the "UN" Teams cannot be removed at any time to play on any other National Team should an unpredicted vacancy occur. It is possible and quite probable that players on the "UN" team will be required to compete against players from their own National Team and they are expected to perform in a professional manner and not show any favoritism during play. Throwing a game or questionable behavior on the court, is grounds for dismissal from the "UN" team. The ISA President has the authority to dismiss a member of the "UN" team.

g. All players selected for the "UN" Teams will be required to pay the standard ISA Tournament fee as well as all other associated tournament fees.

h. The ISA will provide 2 "UN" uniform shirts and 1 "UN" cap to each of the "UN" players at the ISA Tournament with the money received from the ISA tournament fees of these same players. The "UN" Team shirt is required during play; however, any "UN" player may choose to wear the team hat representing his Nation. No funds shall come from the ISA treasury to support the "UN" Teams.

i. Pertinent to the established rules of the ISA tournament, it shall be known that, a "United Nations" team could possibly be the winner of the ISA tournament and therefore shall be accorded all the rights and honors of such victory.

The President named Max Tate and Jim Bailey as the Auditing Committee, for the fiscal year that will end December 31, 2006. They accepted. He asked that when completed, they would send him copies of the Report, and he will see to it that each President of each Country receive copies of it. It was decided that these copies, the Minutes and new copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, will be sent with a Return Request to Sender.

President announced that the new Officers elected tonight will assume their office as of January 1, 2007. At this time, before the Slate of Officers was read, a discussion was held on the position of the Executive Vice President, it was agreed to table this to a later time.

There being no nominations from the floor, the Secretary, at the direction of the President, was asked to cast the one vote necessary for each of the following Slate of Officers: President, Gus Bondi; 1st Vice President, Nobuo Kitamura; 2nd Vice President, Malcolm Crowder; 3rd Vice President, Michael Zellner; 4th Vice President, Walt Wedel; 5th Vice President, Max Tate. The Treasurer is to be elected at a later date.

“ The President informed the Presidents of each country, as to the instructions that he was given for Opening Day tomorrow. He then introduced the Tournament Director, Dolores Brown, who explained The rules that will be used to govern the usage and care of the Courts, the procedure that will be being used for the Scoring and for the calling of the Disc.

The last item to come before the Board, was the drawing of the letters, by the Team Captains, showing them where they will appear on the Charts.

A motion was made by Ann Wedel at 10:35 p.m. to adjourn, this was seconded by Max Tate. Motion carried.

Cecile Messier, Secretary