

October 18, 2009

INTERNATIONAL SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The ISA General Meeting was called to order by President, Earl Ball, at 1:20 pm with 70 people in attendance. President Earl informed everyone that the ISA had about \$15,000.00 in the treasury to work with. He updated those present on the status of each member Country; details are contained in the Board Meeting minutes, and told them that Norway's ratification vote had been put off until 2010 in Germany. The President told those present that the nominating committee was made up of Michael Zellner, Chairman; Dieter Hussman and Jim Bailey. He pointed out the offices up for election was President, Treasurer and 1st VP which comes from the ranks of the National President's. He also pointed out the office of Secretary was open.

A general review of the current Singles tournament was held with the comments being generally positive. There were several suggestions made in an attempt to improve the format to be even better. The President, at this point informed everyone that the Constitution and By-laws would be changed to reflect future team sizes of six with four playing and that each Country could have two teams. This allows each Country to have the same number of players as they had in the past but allows new Countries a better chance to enter with a complete team. There can also be more than one UN team and in fact as many UN teams as we have players to fill. A youth UN team was agreed on to play in Germany 2010. The Treasurer's duties in the Constitution will also reflect the filing of the corporate requirements each year. Everyone was informed that Pam Hill was elected Historian and Keeper of the Records in addition to her duties of HOF curator; as such Pam is a member of the Board of Directors. Also pointed out was that the ISA event book of the past would no longer be produced. A program booklet with current player Bio's, similar to the book produced for the Betmar event would be used and/or a video DVD would be produced that each player could purchase. Allen Shuffleboard will produce one booklet of each event for the HOF.

A discussion was held as concerns an ISA web site and what is necessary to have an inter active site. Several people had ideas and Jim Allen will coordinate those ideas as Chairman of the web site committee. It was pointed out that the ISA has no stream of income and for that reason it is difficult to conduct business as most businesses would to pay for a web site. The idea was advanced to charge a \$1.00 fee for each player in each National Tournament held in every Country around the world. Germany volunteered to start the Ball rolling by charging the \$1.00 for their tournaments and they will advance the money to the ISA Treasurer. Everyone seemed to have the sense that we need to start somewhere.

A final discussion was held on how each participant would pay to play in Germany. The fee must be paid in euros. Dieter will work the procedure out with the National Presidents.

Meeting adjourned 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Earl Ball President.