



The 39th ISA Annual General Board Meeting

Minutes

August 23, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by ISA President Myrna Bilton, via Zoom at 9:15 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. A moment of silence was observed for former ISA President, Gus Bondi, who passed away earlier this year.

2. Roll Call was taken by ISA Secretary, Evelyn Rosetti

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| President: | Myrna Bilton | |
| Treasurer: | Beth Allen | |
| Secretary: | Evelyn Rosetti | |
| Australia President: | Proxy, Dieter Hussmann | |
| Austria President: | Proxy, Petra Hönig | |
| Brazil President | Bernar Borges; | Observer: Paulo Pavão |
| Canada President: | Jim Corbeil: | Observer: Norman Lindsay |
| Germany President: | Dieter Hussmann | |
| Japan President: | Proxy, Myrna Bilton | |
| United Kingdom Pres.: | Peter Davis | |
| United States Pres.: | John Houser | Observer: Kathy Brennan |
| Keeper of Records: | Oliver Schwarten | |

Steering Committee:

Jim Allen
Torben Hussmann
Stephanie Swain
Glenn Monroe

Audit Committee

Evan Engel

Guests

Ann Engel
Josh Dulabaum
Carol Blasingame
Michael Garrett

3. A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Jim Corbeil and seconded by John Houser. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.
4. The minutes of the 38th Annual General Board Meeting dated October 29, 2019 were posted online. A motion to approve the minutes, as written, was made by John Houser and seconded by Dieter Hussmann. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

5. Reports

- 5.1 President, Myrna Bilton reported that there is now a Steering Committee used to discuss issues. In keeping with the Constitution, if there are issues requiring a vote, Myrna reaches out to the National Presidents. There have been 3 meetings: in February, April and July. One issue discussed was how to proceed with this year's World Championship in Australia. After the cancelation, Australia was asked if they wanted to host in 2022 and it was Ian Reiher's preference to not host. Another issue was changes to the Constitution, which was handled by Dieter. The meetings were conducted via Zoom, thanks to Josh and Stephanie. Myrna thanked the national board members as well as the executive board members, who have provided assistance to her during her term in office.
- 5.2 Treasurer's Report. The reports had previously been sent to the voting board members. Beth Allen made a presentation highlighting information from the reports. The account given was through July 31, 2020. Beth sought guidance on the renewal of two CD's set to expire at the end of the month. A motion to renew the CD's at the rate available was made by John Houser and seconded by Jim Corbeil. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. Beth also requested approval of the renewal of the Directors and Officers Liability policy at a cost of \$1,210. A motion to direct Beth to pay the Directors and Officers policy for this year was made by John Houser and seconded by Jim Corbeil. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.
- 5.3 Audit. Evan Engell reported that he reviewed each of the bank accounts from October 1 through July 31st. Everything that was in the bank was recorded in the reports. There was very minimal activity through July 31st.
- 5.4 HOF Curator. Kathy Brennan reported for Pam Hill. The Clearwater building looks fine. Pam Hill related to Kathy that there was nothing to update.
- 5.5 Keeper of Records. Oliver Schwarten reported website activity. Between September 2019 to August 2020, there was an 18% website visitor increase compared to the previous period. During the World Cup, there was an increase in activity. Ollie recommended that the website include rules and strategies targeted to a beginner audience interested in shuffleboard. Glenn Monroe offered to work on providing rules and strategies for posting. Ann Engell also offered to provide information related to the 2021 World Championship to post on the website.

6. Unfinished Business

- 6.1 ISA Championship 2021 in Texas. Ann Engall gave an update on the planning of the 2021 World Championship. The venue planned has space for additional courts if COVID-related social distancing rules are

still in place by then. They would need to get 8 roll-out courts if this happens. Otherwise, the banquet and game facilities are available and do not require commitments in advance. What may be interrupted by COVID are the hotels, transportation and meals. Flights are the unknown at this time, given the uncertainty of COVID. The deadlines were discussed. Ann and Evan are comfortable with a July 1st deadline and will move forward with having a player package ready in January or February 2021. Dieter suggested that Ann and Evan stay in touch with the Steering Committee during the planning process as a conduit with the National Presidents.

Ann also asked if the AGBM could be held on Sunday morning before registration. Myrna asked Ann to send an email with the proposed schedule for the Steering Committee to consider.

Dieter asked Ann and Evan if they would be airing the finals via video, as it was produced in Vienna and recently in Chicago. Evan indicated that they want to provide video coverage on 4-5 featured courts throughout the tournament and shown in the banquet room. This is in the planning stages. Josh offered to provide Evan with Trevor Hess and Kevin Reedy's contact information.

6.2 Update on the 2019 Vienna Booklet. The booklet should be completed in the next month.

6.3 Communication. Jim asked Ann and Evan if there would be video presentation equipment in Texas. A tribute to Gus Bondi will be presented. The Hall of Fame presentation will also take place. Evan and Ann confirmed that this equipment will be available. Jim also reported that Jim Corbeil's jacket and plaque have been sent. Japan does not want the jacket and plaque to be sent at this time. They will wait to see if they travel to Texas.

7. Election of Directors & Committees.

President and Treasurer. Dieter provided comment about the excellent work done by Myrna, as President and Beth, as Treasurer over the past few years. Dieter made a motion to nominate each for re-election as President and Treasurer. No other nominations were received. Peter Davis provided a second. A roll call vote of the National Presidents was taken. All voted in favor of the nominations.

Steering Committee. Myrna nominated the existing Steering Committee members to serve for another term. Jim Corbeil made a motion to accept the nominations for the Steering Committee with a second from John Houser. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Audit Committee. Myrna nominated Evan Engell to serve on the Audit Committee. Jim Corbeil seconded the nomination. All voted in favor of the nomination.

HOF Curator. Myrna will follow up with Pam on her intended nomination to the position.

Keeper of Records. Myrna nominated Ollie Schwarten as the Keeper of Records. Dieter seconded the nomination. All voted in favor of the nomination.

Secretary. Myrna nominated Evelyn Rosetti as Secretary. Jim Corbeil seconded the nomination. All voted in favor of the nomination.

8. Request to host an ISA World Championship 2022.

Jim Corbeil was asked to make a presentation of their proposal to host the 2022 World Championship in Canada. A proposal was distributed previously. Questions were taken regarding the speed of the courts. The courts are concrete and have consistent speeds. Transportation is included to and from the courts as well as trips to Niagara Falls and the winery. Jim said the cost will be around \$450-\$500 (Canadian dollars). The hotel is a first-class hotel and the banquet will be at the hotel. The date chosen is late August to accommodate Norway's summer schedule. The courts are in an arena and there is seating for people to watch. They will have the press for the opening and closing ceremonies.

John Houser was asked to make a presentation of their proposal to host the 2022 World Championship in California. John introduced Mike Garrett and Carol Blasingame of the California Shuffleboard Association. In 2000, Hemet (California) hosted the World Championship. Since then, the Soboba Casino and Resort was built. They have a rate of \$108 per day for single and double occupancy. Green, vinyl roll-out courts would be placed on the carpeted ballroom floor (15,245 s.f.). All meals would be hosted at the Soboba property. Transportation other than airport transport and sightseeing would be minimal. Questions were asked about how the courts are secured to the floor. The courts are taped and checked daily to assure no movement. John Houser added that the California group has put together successful tournaments in the past.

Dieter asked if both hosts would be willing to host in 2024 if one is not selected for the 2022 championship. Carol stated that California would be willing to host in 2024. Jim was not able to commit to 2024 at this time.

Bernar asked California what the package price is. California has secured the room price (\$108 single or double occupancy) but food and other costs still need to be worked out.

Torben asked both proposers the number of courts they plan to use. Jim Corbeil stated that he can put in 16 courts and can add 6 more for a total of 22. If they need to adhere to COVID spacing, they can put in 15 courts with greater space between. California can have 24 mats in the ballroom, which would allow room for spectators. John Houser added that there are about 20 different courts within 20 minutes of Hemet, if needed.

Myrna stated that both proposals will be put to a vote by all of the National Presidents. Myrna asked for any other comments. Jim stated that both venues are good locations and help with the growth of the game. Kathy Brennan suggested that the two hosts decide between them which year they would host. Dieter further suggested that whichever location is not selected for 2022 could have priority over any other proposals for 2024. Beth also reminded everyone that St. Petersburg was hoping to host in 2023 to kick off its club's centennial celebration. John Houser stated that Tavares Shuffleboard Club in north Florida expressed interest in hosting a tournament sometime in the future. Evan also suggested that if Texas is cancelled in 2021 due to COVID, that they be able to host in 2025.

Myrna asked that the National Presidents submit any follow-up questions to Jim Corbeil or John Houser in terms of their proposals.

9. New business.

No new business.

10. Adjournment. A motion was made by Kathy Brennan to adjourn the meeting. Beth seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 11:04 a.m.