

# 30<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION (ISA), Inc

## ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

- **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER
2. READING OF MINUTES
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
6. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES
7. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (If Necessary)
10. REQUEST TO HOST INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT
11. NEW BUSINESS
12. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was called to order by a rap of the gavel at 17:45hrs by President **Michael Robert Zellner**. In attendance were: **Earl Ball**, 1<sup>st</sup> Past President; **Gus Bondi**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Past President; **Luiz Pimentel**, Brazil- President + Bernar Borges, Observer; **Jim Bailey**, USA -President ; **Henry Strong** for Gary Pipher, Canada -President + Myrna Bilton, Observer ; **Yoshiko Suzuki**, Japan- President + Sachiyo Takada, Observer; **Ian Reiher**, Australia -President + Marj Govett Observer; **Dieter Hussmann**, Germany -President + Sebastian Runge Observer; **Beth Allen**- Treasurer ; **Pam Hill**- Curator & Historian; **David Earle**- Secretary, and Special Invitees of the President: **Glenn Monroe**, **Stan McCormack**, **Jim Allen**, **Rob Robinson**, **Hallvard Flatland** and **Mats Graff-Wang** of Norway, and **Kyoko Hada** Translator for Japan

### **MINUTES:**

President Michael requested the minutes from the last meeting **not be read** as they are posted on the ISA official website. Motion by Jim Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry Strong to accept passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. TREASURER'S REPORT: was given by Beth Allen-Treasurer.
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: was given by Beth Allen-Treasurer. Check Book balance is \$7,616.37. Money Market account \$11,078.50. Paypal and AdSense accounts are \$584.72. Accounts receivable \$318.00 for a total of \$19,597.59. Motion by Henry Strong , 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Bailey to file report for audit.  
\* The Audits for 2010 and 2011 will be performed in Florida by Ninfa Bailey and Marie Bondi.
3. The ISA shows currently shows a profit of \$2843.62 for 2011. There will be expenses of approximately \$500.00 incurred at the tournament to somewhat reduce that profit.

The ISA would show a slight loss for 2011 if the website continued at its 2010 cost of \$3600.00 per year.

4. An effort is being made to re-establish the Federal tax exempt status for the ISA. Once reinstated an annual report to the IRS will be filed by the treasurer.

## **HALL OF FAME CURATOR REPORT:**

Update given by Pam Hill-Curator. Several displays need some update...USA, Germany and Norway. Pam is available at [cruise.lover@hotmail.com](mailto:cruise.lover@hotmail.com) to discuss issues related to the HOF. This is especially useful when submitting newspaper clippings etc for inclusion in the HOF.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. PROMOTIONS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: President Michael notified all that he has nominated **Mr. Jim Allen** to be the Chairman of this committee. Each Country was then asked to give the Board an update regarding promotion and publicity taking place in their organizations, to include growth or progress in their respective Country.
2. Australia: Very active. Will try to send a full team to Seattle next year.
3. Brazil: Approximately 30 cement courts have been constructed throughout the country. Schedule includes 3 National Tournaments per year. Held special kids tournament in Sao Paulo 4 times this year. Also Michael and Luiz supervised the construction of a new court on the private estate of a very wealthy bank owner in Sao Paulo who was quite enthused with the game. Five members of the Brazilian National Team went there to inaugurate his new court. They anticipate some great support coming from him for the future Brazilian Teams.
4. Canada: Overlap of National and International tournaments must be avoided in the future. National Presidents must be included in all potential future host discussions from now on. Ontario is looking to expand the Handicap program for the future.
5. USA: Now have 22 States active in the National Association. There are 17 National events per year. Stress is on getting the youth involved. Will have youth players for the Seattle tournament.
6. Germany: Situation fairly stable. 5 National tournaments per year. Continuing efforts to expand the World Shuffleboard League.
7. Japan: Tsunami and Nuclear Disasters continue to impact the country. Team expressed their thanks for support from shuffleboard friends. Membership is still increasing.
8. Other communications: THREE requests to Host 2013 ISA World Championship were received by the President Michael during the year and forwarded back to the prospective National President. The 3 locations were discussed by Jim Bailey as they were all USA locations. Also a letter was prepared by Stan McCormack at the request of President Michael, to present to the Mayor of St. Pete, Florida, with signatures of all National Presidents, requesting they abandon the idea of turning the clubhouse into a local restaurant.

## **OUTSANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE: Brief by President Michael
  - \* Welcome new committee members: Luiz Pimentel-Chairman and Pam Hill
  - \* ISA President Michael Zellner was informed he should step down as Chairman of this Committee per ISA Constitution. Luiz Pimentel will be taking over as Chairman. \* President Michael stated, "Our requirements for selection need to be modified and made clearer." See Unfinished Business
2. CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS COMMITTEE: Briefed by President Michael
  - \* Welcome new committee members: Stan McCormack-Chairman, Luiz Pimentel and Beth Allen. President Michael thanked them for their extensive efforts in providing a revision of the Constitution to be voted upon at this meeting.
  - \* Necessity discussed for a 2011 revised version of the ISA Constitution
3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Briefed by Gus Bondi
  - \* For the time being all is in order and the term of office for existing Board Members does not expire until 1 January 2013.
  - \* Members: Gus Bondi-Chairman, Henry Strong and Jim Bailey

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

1. WORLD LEAGUE COMMITTEE: (Dieter Hussmann, Glenn Monroe and Beth Allen)
  - \* Brief by League Commissioner DIETER HUSSMANN
2. WORLD SINGLES COMMITTEE: (Dieter Hussmann, Earl Ball & Glenn Monroe)
  - \* Brief by Chairman Dieter Hussmann
  - \* New members: Earl Ball and Glenn Monroe
3. AUDITING COMMITTEE: Ninfa Bailey and Marie Bondi will be asked to perform this in 2011.
4. **(NEW)** ISA WEBSITE COMMITTEE: (Dieter Hussmann & Oliver Schwarten)
  - \* Brief by Chairman Dieter Hussmann. Dieter requested that the ISA establish a position called, "Website Communication Officer" to create, review, collect, and collate information for Oliver to post. **Beth Allen** accepted this position. Of significance, Oliver has offered to carry on with the web site at an annual fee of \$100.00...Contract happily accepted. A sincere round of thanks is offered to Oliver for his outstanding work on the web site (This will be reflected in a letter to Oliver from President Michael).
5. **(NEW)** CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT COMMITTEE: (Luiz Pimentel-Chairman, Earl Ball, Halvard flatland, Glenn Monroe) \* See New Business.

**NOTE:** New Committees formed by President Michael are temporary and will be sent for a vote to all voting **Board** members in the upcoming weeks, as board members must approve all committees.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

1. NORWAY \* President Michael read the letter from Hallvard and requested vote to admit . Motion by Ian Reiher 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Bailey to accept Norway as member...Passed.  
WELCOME

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. ISA SYSTEM FOR NUMBERING TOURNAMENTS was discussed by Michael Zellner and the Board. The decision was taken to continue with the consecutive numbering system for all ISA tournaments and do away with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ISA Singles. This tournament is the 30<sup>th</sup> ISA World Championship and each hereafter tournament shall be called a World Championship and numbered consecutively. Seattle in 2012 shall be called the 31<sup>st</sup> ISA World Championship. It doesn't matter if it's a Singles or a Team tournament!  
Motion by Henry Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Bailey.
2. ISA CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS - CURRENT VERSION (10/17/2009) was discussed by Michael and the Board in detail. Michael notified all that the Committee had been working for many months to provide an updated revision and it had been sent out to all 30 days prior to the board meeting. All confirmed reception. This version is known as **ISA Constitution Revision 2011-08-06** and the changes proposed by the committee were discussed change by change and a final vote for the entire version took place. Changes were :
  - Change Association name to include: ,Inc .  
The International Shuffleboard Association (ISA), Inc . Accepted as presented.
  - Art IV clarifies procedure for Host Selection. Accepted as presented
  - Art VI clarifying Board of Directors. Treasurer reinstated as voting member following much discussion re the concept of one nation, one vote. Accepted as presented.
  - Art VII (correct typos), Art VIII, Art X. Accepted as presented.
  - By-law Article II, IV, V, VII, IX, XI. Accepted as presented.
  - By-law Article XII. Line 5 of proposed 'made by any member of the ISA Board; Special Award: 'two years service to the ISA'; remainder. Accepted as presented
  - New By-Law XIII—CORPORATE IMAGE: Wording supplied by Ian Reiher and incorporated by Stan McCormack. Accepted as presented.

By-law changes were each individually voted upon with a final vote to accept the entire Revision (2011-08-06) as presented. > Moved by Jim Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Strong and accepted.

3. DONATIONS TO ISA are encouraged on an individual basis. President Michael discussed past ideas of donating \$1.00 per player per National tournament and suggested we do away with this concept as not all nations were contributing funds to this and because the World Shuffleboard League is generating funds. All were in agreement.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **PRESIDENTIAL POLICY LETTERS:** President Michael explained his numbered policy letter program; stating it was enacted to let others within the organization, know how he will do business related to certain topics. Previously they were done by word of mouth and unwritten. Once his term of office expires, the incoming President may choose to continue the policies, modify or do away with them. When possible, new policy letters will be sent to the voting members to get a majority vote before taking effect. Policy letters to date are to be posted on the website:

- Merit Award Guidelines \* Name and requirements established between award creator (Policy letter 2011-1)
- Tournament Gift Policy \* Vote approved and Guidelines established in (Policy letter 2011-2)
- Pre-approved Tournament Spending List \* Vote approved and Guidelines established in (Policy letter 2011-3)
- Medals for Tournaments \* Vote approved and Guidelines established in (Policy letter 2011-4)
- World Singles Presidential Nominations \* Procedures established in (Policy letter 2011-5)

2. **2012 ISA WORLD TEAM TOURNAMENT HOST: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

\* Update by Rob Robinson. The details will be posted shortly on the website. Majority of countries want the main program to be compressed into one week starting on a Monday and ending on a Friday to reduce time off for workers and to facilitate traveling on the weekends prior to and after the event. Associated tours and trips will be appended at either end of the competition schedule or during the evenings as optional. Tentatively, the schedule will run from 29 July to 05 August, 2012 however, it is highly possible it will be moved in order to not affect the Lakeside or any other National Tournament previously scheduled.

3. **REQUEST TO HOST FUTURE ISA TOURNAMENTS:**

\* 2013 SINGLES: Proposals were presented from Lakeside, Ohio; Hendersonville, North Carolina; and, St Petersburg, Florida. The decision on where to hold the next event was postponed 60 days due to the complexities (weather, hotels and available courts) for deciding on one location among 7 nations.

4. **POSSIBLE FORMAT CHANGE OF FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

\* As the ISA is ever growing and more nations are joining , it means we would require many more days and more courts to hold our championships in the current manner, therefore Luiz Pimentel presented another type of format for scheduling our future championships similar to the grouping of teams to compete in the World Cup. After his presentation, President Michael suggested forming a special committee to look at the possibilities of this for the ISA. Committee consists of: Luiz Pimentel-Chairman, Earl Ball, Hallvard Flatland and Glenn Monroe.

**FINAL COMMENTS:**

- TAFISA World GAMES PARTICIPATION : Presented by President Michael
  - \* Event date: July 5-11, 2012 in Siauliai, Lithuania
  - \* Michael filed officially for ISA admission into TAFISA in May 2011
  - \* Application and fees paid by ISA Treasurer (\$300 Euros)
  - \* On 4 August 2011, President Michael received official notification that the ISA was selected to be one of the special participants who will receive a full sponsorship for the hotel, transportation and all meals for a Delegation of 10 members.

NOTE: Selection of delegates will be coordinated by Michael and Dieter to best reflect International Shuffleboard at all age groups. This event offers the participating groups an opportunity to spotlight their sports to audiences of over 10,000 people for possible inclusion in future Olympics and Para-Olympics.

Meeting Adjourned by rap of the gavel at 2230 hrs.

Submitted by: David Earle, ISA Secretary