

34th ISA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 27th, 2015

ISA President, Michael Zellner, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

President Zellner opened the meeting by reading the Inherent Mission:

The Inherent Mission of the International Shuffleboard Association is to promote and foster positive international relations around the world through the game of shuffleboard. It is for this very reason that we annually meet. Our member nations gather at selected worldwide locations to share love, develop lasting friendships, learn new cultures, and spend precious time together engaging in competitive shuffleboard.

Let us keep our mission in mind as we make conversation and decisions this evening.

ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Michael Zellner

1st Vice President: Myrna Bilton

Secretary: Joyce Smith

Treasurer: Wilma Rudolph

Historian and Hall of Fame Curator: Pamela Hill

Australia: Ian Reiher; Observer: Marj Govett

Brazil: Paulo Pavao

Canada: Jim Corbeil; Observer: Glenna Earle (Henry Strong, President, sent a letter giving Jim Corbeil the power to vote in his absence at the ISA Annual Board Meeting in Clearwater or in any incident that may occur during this tournament).

Germany: Dieter Hussmann; Observer: Birgitt Hussmann

Norway: Hallvard Flatland; Observer: Olav Hansson

Japan: Kazunari Hatanaka; Observer: Toshio Kohda

USA: Sandi Quinn; Observer: Jay Fitzpatrick

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Promotions and Publicity Committee Chairman: Jim Allen

Constitution/By Laws Committee Chairman: Bob Zaletel

Auditing Committee Chairwomen: Beth Allen, Wilma Rudolph and Pamela Hill

Communications/Media Chairman: Muriel Burnett

Tournament Director: Glen Monroe

United Kingdom Representative: Peter Davis and Lesley Davis

Motion was made to skip the reading of the minutes from the last meeting by Sandi Quinn, seconded by Ian Reiher. Reason: Minutes are published on the ISA website. Motion was accepted.

Treasurer's Report was read by Wilma Rudolph, copy attached. Motion was made by Sandi Quinn to accept the report as read, seconded by Jay Fitzpatrick. Motion was accepted.

Wilma did add that an audit was done by Beth Allen and Pamela Hill for the period from August 1st, 2014 through September 30th, 2015 and a signed audit report was submitted. There was only one item in question which was the \$200 item for a reduction in the youth player package cost for Midland and the audit committee wondered if that reduction was approved by the Board. There were only two youths and the reduction request was made by Rich Phifer. It was determined the reduction was approved.

Beth Allen noted that the Barnetts, due to John's declining health issues, requested to be relieved of the responsibility of the ISA endowment account managed by them. Edward Jones Company was chosen and the fund was passed from the Barnetts to President Zellner until such time as he could establish an ISA Investment Committee to take control of these funds. Beth Allen wanted it on record that John Barnett would never invest where there was a chance of losing money. The account shares were purchased April 24, 2015 at a cost of \$17.02 and are currently down to \$15.90 per share as of September 25, 2015. This is currently a paper loss as the shares have not been sold. President Zellner mentioned he was reluctant from the onset to take these funds and only did so as the Barnetts requested a transfer as fast as possible. As recommended by the agent at Edward Jones, who handled the transfer for both parties, the

funds were placed in an ultra conservative fund and a more permanent location was to be established by the future ISA Investment Committee he would set up at the upcoming ABM in 5 months. President Zellner also requested that once a committee was chosen that his name be removed as an authorized person on the account. President Zellner took neither checks nor bankcards to access these funds for security measures. Upon remarks from Beth Allen, President Zellner re-iterated that the market was somewhat volatile and profits and losses need to be looked at long term, not monthly, as was explained to him by the investment agent at Edward Jones. Treasurer Rudolph stated that recent positive turns in the market have surely reduced this loss in the past month and her end of year statement revealed an upswing in the loss from over \$800 to \$436.87.

A committee to manage money currently in the Edward Jones Company account was appointed to research options and make recommendations to be voted on by the Board. The Committee members are:

1. Wilma Rudolph, Chairman
2. Jay Fitzpatrick
3. Beth Allen

Historian/Hall of Fame: Pamela Hill reported that everyone seems to be very pleased with the setup and organization. She recognized Sam Allen who designed and created the entire thing.

ISA PRESIDENT'S REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED:

Australia: Ian Reiher

Canada: Jim Corbeil for Henry Strong

Germany: Dieter Hussman

Japan: Kazunari Hatanaka

Norway: Hallvard Flatland

USA: Sandi Quinn

Brazil: Paulo Pavao (letter received from Bernar Borges authorizing Paula Pavao to represent him at the 34th ISA Annual Board Meeting in Clearwater).

ISA Secretary, Joyce Smith, has e-mailed the countries representatives for copies of their reports to be attached to the minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT NEW NATIONS:

Turkey: no news

Poland: no news

Nepal: President Zellner read a letter from Dan Ghising stating they were unable to send a team to Clearwater due to the April 25, 2015 earthquake which was the worst natural disaster since the 1934 earthquake. Some of their players were killed along with their first President Praytap. President Zellner appointed Dan who stepped up as the person-in-charge of the formation of a Nepalese Shuffleboard Association in a formal letter requested by him. President Zellner expects to have Nepal on board as a Full Member of the ISA by the end of his term in 2016.

Constitution/By Laws Committee Chairman, Bob Zaletel, reports that policy letters should have enough information to have merit.

There are 3 types of memberships in the ISA:

1. Founding Members – * Canada, Japan, USA (They have their star on the flag and have voting rights).
2. Full Members – * They have their star on the flag and have voting rights.
3. Interim Members - * For new nations who wish to participate without a full team or former Full Members who missed 3 consecutive championships. They have NO voting rights and unless were a downgraded Full Member DO NOT have their star on the ISA flag.

As stated in the Constitution, if a nation doesn't attend an ISA World Championship in 3 years, they go back to Interim Status. This is the second year Russia has not attended. Next year for them will be crucial and they may need to be moved down.

ISA Constitution Revision 2015-04-01 vote was passed to secretary. There were 9 votes to approve, 0 disapproved.

Bob Zaletel, ISA Constitution Chairman, introduced Bob Smith as Bob will now be working with him on the Constituion/By Laws Committee.

Auditing Committee: President Zellner thanked the committee for taking care of the audit this year.

Nominating Committee: Nothing coming up this year. Next year we will have re-election of the Board and changing of hands on January 1, 2017.

Promotion and Publicity Committee: Jim Allen reports there has been tremendous response from both TV and newspapers for shuffleboard. There was the Norwich Open which resulted in a new member nation. There has also been a lot of promotion from the Royal Palms.

President Zellner stated, through the use of Presidential Appointments, he had invited the newly formed Erie Shuffleboard Club Managers to the Clearwater ISA Tournament and was hopeful they will become just like Royal Palms. He also selected a person from Orlando, Mr. Rick Kilby, to participate. Rick is working very hard to promote shuffleboard in his area.

Communications/Media Committee Chairman: Muriel Burnett reports that she has been working with Stan McCormack on his Blog.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

United Kingdom requests membership in the ISA under Peter Davis. Motion to accept was made by Hallvard Flatland, seconded by Sandi Quinn. Motion passed. Peter Davis thanked the Board and Committees for acceptance into the ISA.

President Zellner explained that the United Nations Team was created so any of our nations could satisfy the membership requirement even if they could only send 1 player.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Zellner concerned that growth of the ISA is still a problem. As we continue to grow we need more clubs, more courts and there may be a need to increase the number of days. A minimum of 26 courts is required to host an event.

Michael advised he traveled to a 3-day World Connect Sports Congress in Cleveland to represent the ISA. He had received 100% sponsorship for his airfare and hotel as well as a private display booth for appointments. He had a dedicated booth where he put out the ISA flag, various cues, discs, photos, videos of past ISA events passing on a screen and spoke with over 100 potential hosts. He found a lot of interest in hosting our ISA World Championships and explained to the National Presidents that our annual shuffleboard event is very attractive to many potential hosts.

Examples:

MGM Resort in Las Vegas

Chesapeake Beach, Virginia

Myrtle Beach, SC

Peppermill Resort in Reno, NV

Atlantic City, New Jersey

These are only a few.

NOTE: We would need to supply, transport and setup our own roll out courts and all equipment ! Page 6

Bob Zaletel advised that Rob Robinson has 26 courts that he takes to Senior Games so that is an option for the courts. Sandi Quinn raised the question about score boards. Bob advised that Rob uses Polyglide and delivers their products in the west so he has access to everything we would need. President Zellner stated the ISA could pay Rob rent on courts, etc.

President Zellner had receipts for \$105 of expenses while at the World Connect Sports Congress for excess baggage and requested reimbursement. Reimbursement was approved.

The 2016 ISA Tournament is scheduled to be held at St. Cloud the last week of October.

Beth Allen advised this will be a co-sponsored event with Kissimmee and St. Cloud. John Poole, Director of the Sports Commission for the Kissimmee Visitor's Convention will be working with the St. Cloud Shuffleboard Club.

John Poole provided all the food and drinks for the board meeting tonight.

The Host Hotel is the Embassy Suites in Kissimmee. The St. Cloud Shuffleboard Club Board of Directors are: Tom Gionet, President; Carol Byron, Secretary; and Jack Byron, Treasurer. They were present for the opening ceremonies and will be the directors for the tournament next year.

Meet and Greet will be held at the Wild Florida Park with airboat rides, zoo, etc.

Paulo Pavao of Brazil gave a presentation and presented a proposal to host the ISA Tournament in 2017 in Petropolis, Rio de Janeiro and requested it to be a team event. There was much discussion about team vs singles since 2017 was supposed to be a singles event. Paulo later received a message from Bernar and Brazil agreed to a singles tournament since that was the order of rotation.

Bob Zaletal advised that it is not in the Constitution that there will be team and singles on alternating years.

Motion was made by Dieter Hussmann that team tournaments will be on even years and singles on odd years beginning with the 2017 tournament be added to the Constitution, seconded by Sandi Quinn. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jim Corbeil that the 2017 ISA Singles Tournament be held in Brazil, seconded by Hallvard Flatland. Motion carried.

ISA HALL OF FAME AWARDS:

1. Myrna Bilton
2. Wilma Rudolph
3. Glenna Earle
4. Pamela Hill

Hall of Fame electronic voting record was given to ISA Secretary, Joyce Smith, to destroy.

There was discussion about the ISA being top heavy with US and Canada players. Dieter Hussmann advised that in reality the US and Canada has their selected players but when the rules state that the top 10 champions automatically come back to defend their ranking, this makes them more than top heavy since most of the top 10 champions are from the US and Canada. The US and Canada also had double the allocated slots for players than the other nations due to their mere size. Discussion took place on the possibility of reducing USA and Canada players to be more properly aligned with all nations thus taking away their huge advantage. A maximum number of 6 players of the same gender per nation was discussed and both USA and Canada agreed that the advantage was obvious and does indeed affect the final outcome as raised by Dieter and Hallvard. President Zellner stated that this would be a near impossible task for the USA to select only 6 male and 6 female players from their massive number in the East and West and Canada would experience the same difficulties. He wished their National Presidents good luck in trying to make their selections. National Presidents

agreed to discuss this electronically with President Zellner to come to a more acceptable quantity of players. This discussion pertained to the World Singles Championships and not the World Team Championships.

Hallvard Flatland speaks on what happened this year when the Russians didn't show up and substitutes were put in to play for them.

Dieter Hussmann made motion that in a singles tournament, if a player doesn't show up, he cannot be replaced with a substitute. There should be no changes to the schedule after the tournament director publishes the schedule to the players because that affects the ranking. Motion was seconded by Sandi Quinn. Motion carried.

Michael Zellner will work on the exact wording of the motion and get back with Dieter for approval. ISA Secretary, Joyce Smith, was asked to write up the Motion which was signed by the National Presidents to be given to the tournament director by President Zellner asking him to remove the points given to those players who played the substitute the first day. This was done and President Zellner presented the Board's decision in writing to the Tournament Director, Glenn Monroe, who carried out the Board's wishes.

Format and Review Board: Team Competition

Copy of Committee's report given to ISA Secretary and is attached to minutes.

There is concern that there is no national ranking system in some nations. While it is recognized that this is very difficult in the US and Canada, Hallvard asks that the National Presidents do their best to honestly rank their players. Those rankings should then be given to the ISA President to pass along to the tournament director.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Auditing Committee
2. Constitution/By Lays Committee
3. Championship Format Committee
4. Hall of Fame Committee
5. Website Review Committee
6. Communications/Media Committee

7. Youth Committee
8. World Ranking Committee
9. Nominating Committee
10. World Tournament Operations Committee
11. Promotions and Publicity Committee
12. Investment Committee

President Michael advised there is one more committee needed and that is a Judicial Review Committee. This year he had to ban a player for 2 years. He contacted the US President and got her backing but questions if he actually has the right to ban a player and specify the number of years. There had been a precedent where another ISA President had banned a player for 2 years for using a cheat sheet so that is why he specified the 2 year ban. President Zellner wishes to have a committee to assist him in making that decision to ban a player and the period of time.

Judicial Review Committee:

1. Rendall Bilton
2. Bob Zaletel
3. Hallvard Flatland

Sandi Quinn made the motion that we have a Judicial Review Committee to help make a decision with regard to banning a player and determine the length of time, seconded by Jim Corbeil. Motion carried.

Bob Zaletel raised the question about sportsmanship and used the example of running up scores. It was determined through discussion that people are actually offended when their opponent is not allowed to play their game. It was pointed out that this was a world championship event and players should be allowed to play the game. Good sportsmanship would be to do some training of a new player while playing the game. President Zellner will pass word to tournament director that there will be no more warnings about running up scores in ISA World Championships, be it Singles or Team.

UNIFORM SHIRT FOR UN PLAYERS:

Constitution states that UN players will receive 2 free shirts from the ISA. There was a UN team of all Netherlands players, all from Canada, who received shirts paid for by the ISA at a cost of \$600. It was requested that the constitution be amended to read: Full UN teams of same nation don't qualify for free shirts.

BOOKLETS: It was voted at past meetings that the ISA would no longer pay for booklets. Although booklets were given out at St. Pete and at Clearwater, they were donated and were not paid for by the ISA. When a Host wishes to provide a booklet they may do so with their own funds.

President Michael Zellner closed the 34th ISA Annual Board Meeting at Clearwater at 11:10 pm.

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