

2013 - ISA Annual Board Meeting Minutes: October 22, 2013

President Zellner called the meeting to order at 6.15 pm

Attending: Board Members

President: Michael Zellner

Secretary: Lois McCormack

Treasurer: Wilma Rudolph

Historian: Pam Hill

ISA Past President: Earl Ball

Australia President: Malcolm Crowder; Observer Ian Reiher

Brazil Acting President: Bernar Borges; Observer Gabriel Cardoso

Canada President: Myrna Bilton; Observer Henry Strong

Germany President: Dieter Hussmann; Observer Oliver Schwarten

Russia President: Igor Ekert; Observer Vladimr Zukhov

Japan President: Yoshiko Suzuki; Observer Kazunari Hatanaka

Norway President: Hallvard Flatland; Observer Olav Hansson

USA President. Gus Bondi; Observer Rich Phifer

Chairman Promotion Committee, Jim Allen

Chairman Communications/Media, Stan McCormack

Chairman Constitution/By Laws, Bob Zaletel

Chairman Website, Oliver Schwarten

Tournament Director, Glenn Monroe

St. Pete. Tournament Host Representative: Beth Allen

Motion to skip the reading of minutes by Glenn Monroe, seconded by Pam Hill: Motion Carried. REASON: Because the meetings and minutes are published on the ISA Website for all to see.

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REPORTS:

1. Treasurer Wilma Rudolph presented the financial report. It was moved by Stan McCormack and seconded by Myrna Bilton to accept the report subject to audit. Motion Carried.

2. Curator of the HOF reported that 190 people had visited the HOF. Pam indicated that reports were positive; that name plates have been replaced on the HOF photos and she has updated all displays. Following the Inaugural to Norway, Pam began a display area for Norway, AND she invited all Nations to visit the HOF and ensure their display area is kept current. Pam requested that each Nation provide her with a current membership list to be placed in the HOF. CNSA President Myrna and ISA President Michael thanked Pam for all her hard and dedicated work.

3. The Australian Report was given by Observer Ian Reiher. Copy is attached.

4. Brazil Vice President Bernar Borges has assumed indefinitely the role of President of its organization (ABS) due to health issues of current President Luiz Pimentel who presented a formal letter to both the ABS and the ISA stating such. Bernar stated Brazil holds 4 Annual Official Tournaments each year, 2 in Rio de Janeiro and 2 in Sao Paulo and for 2013 Michael was in 1st Place. Brazil has introduced a new format for their Annual Tournament. Information with regard to this format can be found on the Brazilian website operated by Acting President Bernar Borges. <http://shuffleboardbrasil.com.br/?lang=en>

5. President Bilton announced that new clubs have opened; we have 4 sanctioned tournaments. She went on to explain the damage to the High River, AB Club as a result of major flooding. Handicapped shuffling continues. She observed that 22 Canadian Shufflers had enjoyed the Inaugural to Norway in June of 2013. In July, Dieppe, NB hosted the 3rd IP (Inter Provincial) Tournament with a record number of participants. The CNSA inducted Don Breau and Gary Pipher into their HOF.

6. Germany is growing slowly but steadily. They have moved to a modern new facility. Germany is doing well.

7. The Japanese Report was given by Yoshiko. A copy is attached.

8. Norway has more people than they can accommodate. They had 5 National Tournaments this year. Participation was up 20% this year, at both the Hotel and the Restaurant. Hallvard was successful at introducing Rehabilitation Shuffleboard. Norway is in the planning stage of preparing for a permanent shuffleboard location.

9. Gus Bondi announced that the East West for 2013 had been cancelled; however; it will be held every other year. A National Tournament for the West will be discussed at their January Meeting. 26 States are now members of the National Organization. Gus thanked Kathy Brennan for the excellent job she continues to do as curator of the National HOF.

10. Russia had 7 tournaments to date, 2 of which were in Moscow and 5 were in Sochi. The EUA Open held in Sochi in 2012 was a success. Handicapped shuffling has been well received and is being considered as a new Para Olympic sport. Russia wants this sport to bring friendship and good will among the newly formed Baltic nations and Igor is pushing hard to get the Para Olympic Officials to support him. "Sochi opened the official shuffleboard launch in Russia in 2013 and is the Official headquarters of the newly formed Russian Shuffleboard Association (RSA). According to Igor, "Working together achieves greatness and for this reason Russia has requested to become the 8th and newest Nation of the ISA."

ISA PRESIDENT REPORTS:

- Michael complimented Mats Graf Wang and his team on a great Inaugural in 2013. In Hallvard`s absence he has been a flawless acting President.

- Michael went on to say after the Norway inaugural he flew to Russia at the request of Igor Ekert and had visited 4 venues of shuffleboard in Russia. Michael explained that Igor has donated 4 of his 6 courts to Handicapped Agencies in Russia AND that he viewed his trip as fully successful after giving 4 speeches to organizations including the State University (Physical Therapy Graduating Class) , Sochi Mayor at City Hall, Sochi Handicapped Society of Sochi and with Para Olympic Officials in the 2014 Olympic Village.
- India could not attend the 32nd ISA World Championship, as they were unsuccessful in obtaining Visas. The India National Shuffleboard Association (INSA) was officially registered in India with Yogendra Patil as its first President.
- Michael announced that his requested visit to Nepal, Bangladesh and Russia be postponed until 2014 or later due to his busy schedule.
- Michael also announced that an On Line Vote had approved the latest Revision to the ISA Constitution.
- He repeated that we had cancelled our membership in TAFISA by a majority vote. Fifteen Letters were sent by President Michael to contacts from the TAFISA event with NO responses.
- Michael reported that as the ISA continues to grow in member size and participants in our World Championships it is inevitable that we will soon be limiting ourselves to only certain clubs and certain nations that would be capable of supporting us. He also stated, the options before us are to increase the actual championship days, decrease number of games played per participant or to decrease the number of actual participants with the latter two being disastrous to the strong forward motion we have established in recent years. Michael advised that all National Presidents should be conscious of this and be prepared soon to discuss alternatives to the present way we are holding championships. Growth is good however it brings with it a new set of problems to be resolved.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

- WEBSITE: Oliver Schwarten, webmaster, reported that the number of hits to the ISA Site were down 30% from last year. Oliver requested

National Presidents to submit articles of interest to him for posting, and went on to state that he would not take on the responsibility of preparing articles.

- **HALL OF FAME JACKET:** Michael thanked those responsible for designing the new HOF Jackets > Gus Bondi, Wilma Rudolph and Glenn Monroe.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President Michael advised all that the ISA does not have an official position on holding Annual Championships and in reality it was voted at the ABM in Lakeside in 2008 that the ISA would hold its World Championships every other year. Since 2009, he reminded us that we have held an ISA World Championship every year. Myrna Bilton moved that we keep the same format with regard to rotation, i.e. next year's tournament will be a Team Event in Midland, and in 2015 we will hold a "Singles" Event . Motion seconded by Wilma Rudolph. Motion passed.
- Malcolm Crowder moved that each Nation would wear Team Uniforms to both "Singles" and "Team Events" OR AN ITEM OF DRESS, for "Singles", that would clearly indicate the nation they represented. Hall of Fame Ceremony being held at ISA Events would continue to be semi formal attire and not team uniforms. Motion seconded by Hallvard Flatland. Motion Carried.
- **WORLD RANKING:** Glenn Monroe, Bernar Borges, and Hallvard Flatland will continue to direct their attention to this matter. Project has been ON HOLD by decision of the 2012 Seattle Board Meeting. President Michael presented a World Ranking format drafted by himself which included 3 National Tournaments and the World Championship as a possible starting point for a new program and emphasized that whatever program they draft up MUST be as simple and uncomplicated as possible to gain maximum interest and support from all nations.
- **TEAM TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** Glenn Monroe, Chairman, Earl Ball, Henry Strong and Hallvard Flatland will continue as Committee

Members. A motion to approve this Committee was moved by Myrna Bilton and seconded by Gus Bondi. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **DECORUM:** President Michael announced that a new document drafted by the Constitution Committee and accepted by majority vote > **AFFIRMATION OF SPORTSMANSHIP** has been added to the Official Rules for all ISA Championships.
- **MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES:** New Certificates identifying Membership Classification were given to each Member Nation.
- **A NEW CLASSIFICATION:** “**INTERIM MEMBERSHIP**” was created for Nations that fielded less than 4 Players and participated in an ISA World Championship. They would not have their star added to the ISA Flag nor have voting rights as an Interim Member. This classification was approved by a Motion by Myrna Bilton and seconded by Bernar Borges. Motion carried.
- **NEW MEMBER:** Russia was accepted as the 8th Member Nation by a unanimous vote. Mr. Igor Eckert is the officially recognized President of the Russian Shuffleboard Association (RSA).
- **PRESIDENTIAL POLICY LETTERS:** All submitted by President Michael received approval by the Board. Approved were: PPL 2013-01, PPL 2013-02, PPL2013-03, PPL2013-04, PPL 2013-05, PPL2013-06, and PPL2013-08. Later, Policy Letter 2013-07 **ISA WORLD SINGLES DRESS CODE** was withdrawn.

Note: All Presidential Policy Letters are available on the ISA Website.

- **33rd ISA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:** Myrna Bilton announced the event which will take place in Midland, ON in the North Simcoe Sports complex beginning August 11th and ending on August 15th, 2014. The Meet n Greet will be on August 10th. Tournament Director, with approval from President Michael per ISA Constitution, will be Lorraine Pollock. Due to the anticipated size of this event an Assistant Tournament Director was suggested but not chosen.

- ISA BOOKLET: The decision was made to again, in 2014, to produce a BOOKLET however it will be monitored to verify its cost effectiveness to continue annually.
- 34th ISA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: A request to host this 2015 event was received by President Michael from the Clearwater Shuffleboard Club. Unanimous Vote was to accept and decision was made to send a letter of acceptance to Clearwater Club President John Brennan.
- The President discussed the possibility of Inaugurals to Russia, India, Nepal and Bangladesh in 2014. Various nations expressed an interest in participation. Promotions and Publicity Committee Chairman Jim Allen was advised of the upcoming possibilities.

Meeting adjourned about 11:15. pm

Lois McCormack. ISA Secretary. October 28th, 2013.