

31st. International Shuffleboard Association (ISA), Inc.
Annual Board Meeting Minutes – Seattle, WA 2012 08 07

Order of Business

Meeting called to order at 18:00 by **President Michael Zellner**

In attendance were:

Past Presidents Earl Ball; & Gus Bondi;

Australia: President Ian Reiher + Observer Marj Govett.

Brazil: President Luiz Pimentel +Observer, Valdir Silva.

Canada: President Myrna Bilton+ Observer, Henry Strong.

Germany: Voting Representative Torben Hussmann + Observer Sebastian Runge.

Japan: President Yoshiko Suzuki + Observer, Sachiyo Takada.

Norway: President Hallvard Flatland + Mats Graff-Wang.

USA: President Gus Bondi + Observer Landy Adkins.

Treasurer - Beth Allen; **Curator & Historian** - Pam Hill; **Acting Secretary** - Lois McCormack.

Special Invitees: **Constitution Committee:** Stan McCormack, Committee Chair; Bob Zaletel, member. **Promotion and Publicity:** Committee Chair, Jim Allen; Stan McCormack, member. **Translator** for Japan Kay Laymance; **Tournament Director** Paul Bilderback, 2012, **Youth Committee Chair** Rich Pipher; **Tournament Hosts** Rob Robinson and Jan Crouse.

Prior to the ABM a dinner and presentation, with regard to the 2013 World Singles, was given by Kevin Smith Sports Commissioner of the City of St. Petersburg Florida and Christine Page, President of St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club.

Minutes:

President Zellner requested the minutes from the last meeting **not be read** as they are posted on the ISA Official website. Motion by Myrna Bilton 2nded by Landy Adkins; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer's report was given by Beth Allen-Treasurer. Check book balance is \$7862.90. Money Market Account \$1,1038.61; Paypal and AdSense accounts are \$217.61. Accounts receivable \$16.00 for a total of \$19,135.12. Motion by Myrna Bilton, 2nd by Ian Reiher to accept this report subject to audit. *The audits for 2011 and 2012 will be conducted by Wilma Rudolph.
2. The ISA shows a balance of \$2,078.12 for 2012.
3. The ISA has re-established the Federal Tax Exempt status.

Hall of Fame Curator Report

Update given by Pam Hill-Curator. The certificate and other memorabilia from the TAFISA event in Lithuania will be displayed. Special thanks were given to Sam Allen for the extra time and work he has given to the HOF. Sam has added new clear shelving for photos. Pam is endeavoring to get names for the HOF plaques and Team photos.

Communications

1. **Australia:** Very active 90 to 100 members. Two tournaments, one for mixed singles and fun day mixed singles/doubles. Ian reported that they had positive feedback from a TV promotion.
2. **Brazil:** Schedule includes 1 monthly tournament and 2 National Tournaments annually. Very difficult to acquire sponsors for the Brazilian Shuffleboard.
All efforts have been exhausted. Brazil has a person travelling all over the country on salary giving shuffleboard demonstrations to clubs, social and governmental agencies trying to establish interest in the sport on various levels.
3. **Canada:** Very active .Canada has had two new shuffleboard clubs open this past year- 1 in Ontario and 1 in New Brunswick. Four Provincial and one Canadian tournament are scheduled for 2013. The Canadian East-West Interprovincial tournament will take place in Dieppe NB in 2013.
4. **Japan:** Active and many tournaments each year. Both clubs are working together once again.
5. **USA:** Very active and working on getting more youth involved. Four youth players were on the Youth team and two girls played for the UN Women's team.
6. **Germany:** Torben reported Shuffling is going well for Germany.

7. Norway: Norway hosted a two day tournament with Germany. This was held at a Hotel with 2 shuffleboard courts and was very successful. It is very difficult for Norway to host a tournament as there are not enough courts, and also most of the Norwegian members are still working. However; they are looking into hosting an inaugural in June 2013. Jim Allen will work with the club on this.

Special Committees

1. Communications: Stan McCormack gave a brief update.

2. Youth Update: Rich Phifer reported that the youth program has been going well and more youth are becoming interested in the program.

3. Website: Oliver Schwarten reported that there would not be a cost to the ISA to have the website. The pay pal account is no longer needed as funding for the WSL has been suspended. Oliver Schwarten reported that he has not received enough news from the ISA member countries. Michael has requested that each National President submit articles at least twice a month.

4. World Shuffleboard League: After considerable discussion, it was moved by Myrna Bilton seconded by Hallvard Flatland to indefinitely suspend the WSL. Motion Carried.

5. World Ranking: The board requested the World Ranking committee to continue their review and report to the 2013 ISA with their proposals.

6. Presidential Policy Letters: President Zellner gave an outline of Gift exchanges, Merit Awards, Priorities for UN teams and ISA Titles Program. Each Board member received a copy of the letters.

7. TAFISA: Stan McCormack gave a summary of the TAFISA (Lithuania) event including costs.

8. Team Tournament Format: Luiz Pimentel gave an update and it was decided the committee would continue and report at the 2013 ISA .

9. 2013 : World Singles Championship St. Pete. Jim Allen reported that the St. Petes Club and the City of St. Petersburg are working together to make the 2013 tournament a great success. Toilets remain a concern. In this regard the city has been looking into portable trailer bathrooms. Beth Allen reported that everything is going well and the promotion and enthusiasm is at an all-time high. Glen Monroe has been selected to be the tournament director for this event. Moved by Myrna Bilton and seconded by Gus Bondi that Beth Allen chair a committee to work with the St. Petes shuffleboard club for the 2013 tournament; Motion Carried.

Election of Officers for 2013/2014

The election, conducted by Stan McCormack, was by secret ballot.

President: Michael Zellner

Treasurer: Wilma Rudolph

Moved by Myrna Bilton, seconded by Ian Reiher to destroy the ballots.

Motion carried.

33rd ISA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Canadian President Myrna Bilton advanced a proposal to host the 2014 ISA World Team Championships in Midland Ontario Canada August 11 - August 15, 2014. After some discussion President Bilton's invitation was accepted by a majority vote.

New Business

Hall of Fame Jackets: The motion to supply ISA Hall of Fame jackets to all inductees starting in 2012 was voted on and accepted. Gus Bondi and Wilma Rudolph will form a committee on the jacket purchase and price.

Multiple Hall of Fame Entry: After discussion this proposal was defeated.

Insuring Our Legacy: Stan McCormack reported that since the cancelling of the ISA booklet in 2009, no firm policy had been established to ensure a record of ISA Events. Discussion followed.

Future Intended Inaugurals: Norway and Russia have expressed an interest to host either an inaugural or tournament in 2013. Jim Allen will look into the possibilities of an Inaugural in Norway.

President Zellner spoke of potential countries who have contacted the ISA with interest in becoming new ISA members. Sierra Leone, Spain, Ukraine, Russia, Holland, Poland, South Africa and India.

President Zellner closed the meeting at 22:15.

Lois McCormack, ISA Secretary.

