

ONTARIO SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT ELORA, CWSC- ONTARIO, JUNE 7TH, 2023, at 4.30 PM.

Evan Engell, President of the OSA, opened the meeting, welcomed all members present. Handing out agenda to all members.

Evan's opening remarks thanking all volunteers who worked so hard hosting this OSA tournament from the Center Wellington Shuffleboard Club , and those who also helped who were not even club members. Special thanks to Bill Bryan who beaded all the courts throughout the tournament.

Well represented by having the President of the International Shuffleboard-Myrna Bilton; the President of the Canadian National Shuffleboard- Norm Lindsay ,and Evan Engell- President of the Ontario Shuffleboard Ass. and all playing in this tournament.

Expressing how busy this year is now, having 5 OSA tournaments scheduled as well as the Interprovincial being held in Winnipeg next week. Jim Corbeil working on having a tournament in Ingersol next year as well. Ontario sending two mens teams, two ladies teams and an Inter Provincial team to the Interprovincial games, Ontario well represented.

Evan thanked Geritt Dykman for getting the OSA trailer and equipment ready for the IP and hauling it out to Winnipeg next week.

Set of OSA Trailer Keys given to Evan Engell from Maureen Bryan.

Evan explaining his many ideas on changing the format of games, helping the webmaster with revising that system, as well as the financial system, as the OSA will run out of monies if changes are not done. He has been working all year with the board to try and solve many issues.

Roll Call: President- Evan Engell

1st Vice President- Gerrit Dykman

2nd Vice President- Trevor Martin (not Present)

Secretary – Maureen Bryan

Treasurer- Ray Hammond

Minutes of 2022- online to be read by members, I have a copy here if anyone wants it to be read. Evan made a **Motion** to have minutes passed as posted, **motion** seconded by Henry Strong, **Motion** carried.

Special Meetings- none this year.

Treasurers Report- Ray Hammond- also online, now having on record of \$5102.95.(Sept.2022). **Motion** to except report by Ray Hammond, seconded by Bill Boyes. **Motion** carried.

Bill Boyes stated about having Dom Sports ad for OSA being a sponsor for us for many years but have not used them, should ad be removed? Evan says they are giving gifts and such to the Interprovincial tournament , so we will hold off on this matter for now. Ad has run since 2008, last used in 2019.

Committee Reports:

1. **Hall of Fame: Dotty Koert & Bev Doyle-** **nothing to report.**
2. **Membership:** Ann Engell & Linda O'Connor-have changed Amateur numbers to start with a certain number and Experts with a different number. This will help the tournament director distinguish in which category they are in. This also is noted if the Amateur plays in the Open tournament, as the earning points they could receive , are different for them in move up points in that division. Everyone will be issued a new number each year. **Motion** to except changes in membership report- Myrna Bilton, seconded by Rip Van Ginkel. **Motion** carried.
3. **Keeper of the Records:** Shirley Bryan-last year the amateur list has been divided into two lists. Active and non-active. Please keep Shirley informed if any have deceased so she can update the records. As of now members are listed on record since year 2008.

Shirley makes a **Motion** to have list now continue only from year 2013, anyone buying a membership would be on the active list.

Seconded by Bill Bryan, **Motion** carried.

4. **Old Business:** donation made to ISA of \$350.00 from OSA.

OSA trailer going to IP in Winnipeg.

- 5. Webmaster Report: Bill Boyes: Spoke that the website has done it's job over the past year, which to mean providing information about Ontario shuffleboard and players. But more importantly, he thanks the people who have helped with the website particularly Muriel Burnett providing results and pictures for the tournaments she attended. Notably Evan Engell who started very quickly to do excellent postings, particularly as TD, about tournament schedules and results. Also Shirley Bryan who is the KOR, sends in Player Points reports at the end of each season. Bill says he has been producing the OSA newsletter and it's website successor "shuffleon.org", since 2008. That's right, 15 Years.**

Time for a change? You bet. Both the newsletter and the website have always belonged to the OSA. Ongoing changes should be under the control of the OSA President and the board. I may only suggest changes such as simplifying the website and dividing up the activities. I think of our tournament Schedule and Results in which Muriel and Evan have been involved, Players Points, Hall of Fame, our Documents such as Constitution and Bylaws, and Minutes Club information. Lots of opportunity for making it simpler and easy. He suggests all these areas and more could be put into their own Box on the website, and the chair of these committees could update their information themselves as they would send it to their respected Box on the web. Anyone searching certain questions can just search the correct Box and the answers would be their. Bill says he would like to see this happen as he would like to have it taken over. This Motion by Bill Boyes accepted by Myrna Bilton , seconded by Dotty Koert, All in favor, Motion carried.

We all applaud the years (15)of taking this job on and so well done, for the benefit of all shuffleboard enthusiasts.

- 6. Announcements- Passing of Ruth Tate-June 4th/2023. On behalf of the OSA, we send our deepest condolences to Max and family . Ruth was a great ambassador of shuffleboard, serving on many committees, being tournament director for many years, she was inducted into the CNSA Hall of Fame in 2022. She will be sadly missed.**
- 7. New Business: The Interprovincial board wants Ontario to host the next IP, so Evan has put out emails to our present**

tournament hosts to see who would like to do this in 2025.

8. **Elections:** Secretary Maureen Bryan has resigned after taking over in 2010, serving with Presidents George O'Reilly, Rendall Bilton, Carl Rogerson and Evan Engell. She has agreed to finish up with this AGM, post it to the web, and hand over material to next secretary elect. (It has been a learning experience, where one learns the inside of the workings of the OSA and the commitment it holds for the board and its members. Maureen wishes the next secretary an enjoyable term). Ann and Evan presented Maureen with lovely flowers and thanked her for the years of dedication as the secretary for the OSA. Bill Boyes extended his special thanks to Maureen.

9. **Election of Secretary for OSA:** Evan asked Bev. Doyle if she would be the next secretary, she has accepted this position. Three calls from the floor to see if there were any further nominations from, none came forward, Henry Strong made a **Motion** to close the nomination process. **Motion** by Evan to accept Bev as next secretary, Seconded by Roy Babcock. All in favour, **Motion** carried. Congratulations Bev.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

11. (A) **FORMAT of Tournaments:** Evan Engell has made changes to the format of our tournaments this year, he will keep tweaking and perfecting the system, this in turn should save the OSA up to \$1000.00 in TD fees, we will run out of monies if changes aren't made now. The cost of hotels, travel times, and going home after 2 games, does nothing to encourage players to play in the tournaments. We have to do some changes to improve and grow our membership and keep shuffleboard alive. Therefore Evan Engell has made a **Motion** to continue with this modified format change, with no major changes from what has been done here in Elora, until the next AGM. At that time, members will have the opportunity to vote to (a) make these changes permanent or (b) revert back to the old system. **Motion** seconded by Rip Van Ginkel, **Motion** carried.

12. **Changes would include**

A. Amateurs play and finish in one day, allowing them to play in the Open division if desired.

B. Saving hotel stays.

C. All players having lunch breaks together, enjoying time to meet and great.

D. Decrease in TD fees, and savings for OSA. TD will teach the system to each venue host club, this will be explained by Evan later.

E. Games finishing approx. 4 P.M. each day.

F. Open 2nd. Day of play will be top 8 teams playing for Main and Consolation positions, 2 out of 3 games . 16 frame games.

13. Rules and Regulations Report. Brian Doyle, Trevor Martin, Evan Engell.

THESE RULES HAVE BEEN UPDATED BY THIS COMMITTEE. WILL BE ADDED AT END OF MINUTES .

Motion by Evan and committee to have motion accepted, allow for some tweaking, issues will come up, this is what the tournament director will follow, with no changes as set here in Elora, there will be a vote next year at the AGM, do we adopt these as a base line for the OSA rules? Or revert back to the old system?

Seconded by Henry Strong, Motion carried.

Rip Van Ginkel - made a motion to adjourn. (6P.M.)

Regards - Maureen Bryan (outgoing) Secretary OSA.