



Ontario Shuffleboard Association Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 12TH 2024, 4:30 PM IN ELORA

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

Evan thanked Maureen and Elora for hosting the event and he thanked the board members who worked so hard this year.

Roll Call of the Executive Officers:

President - Evan Engell

1st VP - Gerrit Dykman

2nd VP - Trevor Martin

Secretary - Bev Doyle

Treasurer - Ray Hammond

Representation:

Evan introduced and welcomed the President of the International Shuffleboard Association, Myrna Bilton, and the President of the Canadian National Shuffleboard, Norm Lindsay, as both were not only present, but they also played in this tournament.

1. Minutes from last AGM Meeting:

The minutes are available online to be read by members. Evan Engell motioned that we accept the minutes from the last meeting.

Seconded by Dotty Koert. Carried.

2. Special Meetings:

On June 23 and September 2 special meetings were held by telephone and emails initiated due to the opportunity to price and sell our roll-out courts currently in storage.

Ten courts were sold to Pembina Curling Club in Winnipeg Manitoba. This has been a great success for the furtherance of Shuffleboard in that area as they exceed 40 players two times per week. We continue to receive requests for the purchase of our courts. It was decided by the board that we would continue to sell courts for \$1,100 and to sell all the remaining courts that we have. The following clubs have purchased rollout courts.

Pembina - 10 courts

Napanee - 3 courts

Palmerston - 1 court

There are 6 courts and 1 trailer remaining at the OSA. These items will be sold as the opportunity presents itself for the furtherance of our sport in Ontario.

Roger Kellam motioned that we accept the minutes of the special meetings. Seconded by Henry Strong. Carried.

3a. Presidents Report:

Evan expressed how busy the OSA has been this year working on the tournament format and rules. There has been a lot of work done to better the website/social media and finances. Special thanks to each of the committees involved in each these efforts.

In addition, Evan and Ann visited several Rec Centres and facilities this spring. Visits were made to Napanee, Tillsonburg, Rodney, Goderich, Ingersoll, Chatham, Scarborough, and Simcoe. The website now lists 24 places to play shuffleboard in Ontario. Evan emphasized how important it is for the OSA to focus more on the grass roots of shuffleboard. There are a tremendous number of players out there, but they are not tournament players. We need to help them help themselves. Through this growth, shuffleboard will become stronger going forward.

Dotty Koert motioned to accept the President's Report. Seconded by Donna Martin. Carried.

3b. Treasurers Report:

Evan Engell stated that the goal for the OSA is to run with balanced budgets. We cannot continue running annual deficits. With more tournaments, more members, and cost savings through the new tournament formats, we are well on the way to meet this goal.

Ray Hammond went through the Treasurers Report in detail. The bank balance is currently at \$15,954. This healthy balance is mainly due to the sale of assets which will continue to grow as more of the rollout

courts and the trailer is sold. Evan stressed that we cannot use the cash from the sale of assets towards funding our annual obligations. We need a balanced operating budget first and foremost.

Evan Engell motioned to accept the Treasurers Report. Seconded by Dotty Koert. Carried.

4. Committee Reports:

**4a. Hall of Fame Special Award: Dotty Koert & Bev Doyle
Deferred to “Special Awards”.**

**4b. Rules and Regulations - Brian Doyle
Brian Doyle and Trevor Martin did a tremendous amount of work
In preparing the Rules and Format to be voted on under “Old
Business”.**

**4c. Membership - Ann Engell
No report at this time.**

**4d. Nominating - Muriel Burnett
No report at this time.**

**4e. Keeper of Records - Shirley Bryan
Available on the website.**

**4f. Webmaster - Bill Boyes
Available on the website.**

**4g. CNSA Representative – Gerrit Dykman
Gerrit provided a verbal update on recent and future CNSA
activities.**

5. Old Business:

5a. 2025 Interprovincial Championships in Ontario:

The Golden Acres Shuffleboard Club in Blenheim's proposal was accepted by the CNSA. The IP will be the week of June 15-20, 2025. Both Ken Lafaive and Roger Kellam were present and acknowledged for accepting the responsibilities of this prestigious tournament. There is a tremendous amount of work involved in hosting an IP Tournament. The OSA offers our fullest support.

5b. Tournament Format:

A motion was passed at the last AGM allowing the tournament director "to continue with the 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 a) make these changes permanent or b) revert back to the old system."

Evan made the following motion, "After using and tweaking the attached tournament format for one year, I move that this be adopted as our new Tournament Format (dated June 12, 2024) and that the constitution and by-laws be updated accordingly".

Discussions from that motion were as follows:

Brian Doyle - Asked if we could keep the format as it is today but continue to work with the new format and tweak it as new suggestions came to light.

Bill Oostdyk - Asked why his letter suggesting some minor adjustments to better the current format was not brought up at this meeting. Evan suggested that there were many suggestions during the year and this is what the Rules & Regulations Committee presented to the Executive and this is what the Executive is presenting at this meeting. We need to deal with the motion at hand.

John Jefferson - Suggested that the work that has been done over the last 12 months has been quite well received and we should continue to work with it.

Henry Strong - Commented that no one is suggesting that we go back to the old format. We should keep the existing format and continue to make improvements.

Evan Engell responded that “yes”, we can improve with minor tweaks going forward.

Seconded by Bill Bryan. Carried.

5c. Rules:

A motion was passed at the last AGM allowing the tournament director to do some minor tweaking as issues come up, but “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?”

Evan made the following motion, “After using and tweaking the attached rules for one year, I move that this be adopted as our new Playing Rules (dated June 12, 2024) and that the constitution and by-laws be updated accordingly”.

Seconded by Dotty Koert. Carried.

6. Election of Officers:

Evan Engell - President and accepts continuation as President

Gerrit Dykman - 1st VP and accepts continuation as 1st VP

Trevor Martin - 2nd VP and accepts continuation as 2nd VP

Ray Hammond - Treasurer and accepts continuation as Treasurer

Bev Doyle - Secretary ... See below for recommended change.

Election of Secretary for OSA:

Evan stated that Beverley and Brian Doyle would like to switch positions as Bev feels better suited for the Rules & Regulations Committee and Brian feels he could do a better job as the Secretary of the OSA. Three calls from the floor to see if there were any further nominations and none came forward. Evan Engell made a motion to

close the nomination process and accept Brian Doyle as Secretary. Seconded by Dotty Koert. Carried.

8. New Business:

8a. 30 Day Notice:

There has been a vote in the past requiring that the AGM Date and Draft Agenda be made public 30 days prior to the AGM meeting. We need to vote to accept this requirement and have it added to our Constitution and Bylaws. Evan made the motion to add this to our Constitution and Bylaws. Seconded by Gerry Stull. Carried.

8b. Point System:

Evan Engell raised a concern about the point system and stated that we should appoint a committee to review it. On one hand, it would be nice if the top eight finishers receive some point recognition for their placement in their tournaments. On the other hand, we do not want to weaken the integrity of points required to reach expert and hall of fame status (and perhaps old player records) It was also stated that Shirley Bryan would be a real asset to this committee and would be recommended to work with the group.

Evan Engell motioned that we should move forward with this new committee. Seconded by Dotty Koert. Carried.

9. Special Awards:

Henry Strong was presented with a Hall of Fame jacket for reaching his point requirements (35 Points) to enter the Hall of Fame for the OSA. This is a very prestigious milestone. The presentation was made by Dotty Koert and Evan Engell. This recognition is Henry's 5th Hall of Fame award and shows his dedication and hard work in Shuffleboard. Henry has been a tremendous ambassador for the sport. Congratulations, Henry.

Mercel Jonker motioned to adjourn at 6:00PM. Seconded by Ken Lafaive. Carried.

This concludes the 2024 AGM.