

ONTARIO SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
HELD AT ELORA, CWSC- ONTARIO, JUNE 3rd, 2025, at 4:30 PM.

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

Evan's opening remarks thanking board member who worked hard in the first year of a two year term.

The roll call was then taken.

Roll Call of the Executive Officers:

President - Evan Engell

1st VP - Gerrit Dykman

2nd VP - Trevor Martin

Secretary - Brian Doyle

Treasurer - Ray Hammond

Representation:

The OSA - AGM meeting was well represented by having the President of the International Shuffleboard Assoc. -Myrna Bilton; the President of the Canadian National Shuffleboard Assoc. -Norm Lindsay ,and Evan Engell-President of the Ontario Shuffleboard Club present and all playing in this tournament.

Minutes from last AGM Meeting:

The minutes are available online to be read by members. Evan Engell suggested that we accept the minutes from the last meeting. This was motioned by Marcel Jonker and 2nded by Jim Corbeil.

Presidents Report:

Evan Engell read out the highlights of the Presidents Report to all present.

- We worked to have 7 tournaments in 2025 however due to unforeseen circumstances the Town of Goderich canceled one of our tournaments. We have 6 tournaments scheduled, Chatham, Elora, Ingersoll, Rodney, Coldwater, Blenheim. Colderwater came back to us in 2025 as well.**
- Last Year – The main focus was to improve social media and the OSA website. The idea was to reach out to all clubs in our vicinity to build on the base of membership. There are 2 new members in our numbers today at the tournament from that effort. In addition, Guelph shuffleboard club has also reached**

out and Evan and Ann Engell have visited Guelph to provide information regarding the OSA and the tournament play.

- **Finances – Fundamentally, membership fees should cover the operating cost of the OSA and tournament fees should cover the cost of tournaments. We have been ending our year with a small deficit therefore we made the decision to increase the membership fee. The most significant component of the increase was the cost of Director and Officers Insurance for nonprofit organizations. These costs increased by \$1100.00 for the year that needed to be covered.**

Traveling Tournament Directors (TD):

The host is paid \$150.00 by the OSA to cover the cost of the TD. This amount pays a small portion toward traveling expenses for the TD. If the TD is local the \$150 provided by the OSA could be used by the Host club to support their amateurs coming up into tournament play.

Executive Changes Proposed:

After serving 3 years at the Canadian National Shuffleboard Assoc. Norm Lindsay has decided to step down and pass the torch to someone new. Evan Engell was asked to take over the position of president of the CNSA. Trevor Martin agreed to be nominated for the President of the OSA to replace Evan Engell. In addition, Al Little agree to be nominated to replace Trevor Martin as the 2nd VP of the OSA.

Evan stated that he was given a lot of latitude to make changes for the betterment of the OSA and is 100% committed to continue working with the OSA and will attend all the OSA tournaments.

End of Presidents Report

Treasurers Report:

Ray Hammond stated that a copy of the Treasurers Report was available on the web site for everyone to view before the meeting. A hard copy of the report was provided for the minutes of the meeting.

A Summary of the Treasurers Report as follows;

As of September 30, 2024

- **Receipts Total = \$ 2563.00**
- **Expenses Total = \$ 2974.71**
- **Net Income = \$ -411.71**
- **Sale of Equipment = \$ 2750.00**
- **Net Income = \$ 2338.29**
- **Balance Forward 2023 = \$ 15,953.93**
- **Balance Forward 2024 = \$ 18,292.22**

Ray Hammond stated that the \$ 411.71 deficit will be a \$ 300 surplus next year.

Tevor Martin motioned to approve the Treasurers Report. This was 2nd'd by Gerry Stull.

Executive Meeting September 2024

There was an Executive Meeting held at Henry and Lieta's farm in September 2024 to discuss a number of items of concern at that time. The following was the agenda from that meeting.

- **OSA Operating Costs**
- **Fees for Membership and Tournaments**
- **Training requirements for TDs at various host facilities**
- **8 court venues**
- **24 team limits at 8 court venues**
- **One Day Open tournaments reduced from current 2 day.**
- **Tournament of Champions to mitigate reduced Open Tournament**
- **Move up to Expert level mid season**

All of these items were discussed and some have been implemented such as the increase in membership fees to cover the deficit and the modifications made to 8 court venues that seemed to work quite well in Chatham. Some minor tweaking may still be necessary.

Committee Reports:

Shirley Bryan is the keeper of records. She requires any updates from the members regarding deceased members.

Hall of Fame Committee Bev Doyle:

Jim Corbeil was presented with a Hall of Fame jacket for reaching his 35 point requirement to enter the HoF for the Ontario Shuffleboard Assoc. Bev Doyle gave a short speech about Jim and Marlene Corbeil presented Jim with the HoF jacket. Great achievement Jim!! Jim has done so much for the support of shuffleboard. He has been a tremendous ambassador for the sport.

1. Rules and Regulations – Bev Doyle

No report at this time,

2. Membership - Ann Engell

No report at this time,

3. Nominating - Muriel Burnett

No report at this time

4. Keeper of Records - Shirley Bryan

No report at this time

5. Webmaster - Bill Boyes

No report a this time

Election of Officers:

Several changes will take place as follows,

Evan Engell - President will move on to President of the CNSA

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

Trevor Martin - 2nd VP will move up to President of the OSA

Al Little – Will replace Trevor Martin as 2nd VP

Ray Hammond - Treasurer accepts continuation as Treasurer

Brian Doyle – Secretary accepts continuation as Secretary.

Evan Engell made 3 calls to the members for new nominations for the Presidents position. There was only 1 nomination so Trevor Martin accepted the position of President of the OSA replacing Evan Engell.

Similarly, Al Little was the only nomination for the position of 2nd VP to replace Trevor Martin. Al Little accepted that position as 2nd VP of the OSA replacing Trevor Martin.

New Business:

Format Proposal by Gerry Stull:

Gerry Stull suggested that we could look at a couple of new formats for the tournaments. Specifically on day 2 of the Open Tournament.

- **Double Knock out for Day 2 or**
 - **A concern was raised that the double knock out format might run too late in the day on day 2 of the tournament.**

- **No distinction between 1st to 8th Place for Day 2**
 - **In this option the games would be played as follows**
 - **1st and 8th would playoff**
 - **2nd and 7th would playoff**
 - **3rd and 6th would playoff**
 - **4th and 5th would playoff**
 - **Winners to the Main bracket and Losers to the Consolation bracket.**

Marcel Jonker motioned to set up a committee to review new format options for future tournaments. Jim Corbeil seconded. It was also suggested that Gerry Stull head up this committee or a least be a part of the committee. Trevor Martin suggested that this could be part of the Rules Committee.

Reading of Maureen Bryan Letter to the Executive about increased cost of Shuffleboard Membership and Fees:

Concerns:

- **The right to increase fees without a vote or motion from the members.**
- **Concern that Amateurs cost to play will increase significantly.**
- **There is a problem with losing members every year.**
- **Will this have a negative impact on Shuffleboard?**
- **Can we have a discussion about this?**

Evan stated that according to the by-laws a fee increase is not a problem. The need to run a surplus for the year is the responsible thing to do.

Gerry Stull stated that he agrees with Maureen's concerns about losing members.

Trevor Martin stated that unless we change the constitution Amateurs and Experts are required to pay the same membership fees.

Rip Van Ginkel stated that the OSA has a lot of funds and what are we planning to do with all the monies that were made from the sale of courts and the future sale of the trailer.

Evan Engell stated that the operation of shuffleboard must run a surplus and that we need to determine what to do with the funds in the bank from the asset sales. This could be used for membership drives, training for new members and new tournament directors. This all has to be decided moving forward.

Trevor Martin - made a motion to adjourn. (6:00PM) Seconded by Evan Engell.

This concludes the June 3 2025 AGM of the OSA