

**TSA Meeting (Thursday, April 3, 2008) “Open Session”
Minutes/Summary**

LOCATION HELD: (during KC Shoot Out 2008 Tournament)
Grandview-Hickman Mills Elks Lodge
13600 Arrington Road
Grandview, Missouri

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (3:05 p.m.)

Dave Shewbridge (President/VP) called the meeting to order on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 3:05 p.m., followed by Roll Call as follows:

TSA Officers and Directors Present (or represented by “Proxy”)

Dave Shewbridge, President/VP - Director (MD)
Lynda French, Treasurer/CFO – Director (TX)
Larry Creakbaum, Director (IN)
Frank Mako, Director (WA) – not present, but designated Lynda French as “Proxy”
Jim Payne, Director (NE)
Rick Pittman, Director (MO)
Steve Walker, Director (OK)

TSA Officers and Directors Absent

Debbie Sexton, Secretary – Director (TX)
Louise Freer, Director (PA)
Fred Johns, Director (WA)
Bob Hunt, Director (CA)
Harvey Kidd, Director (TX)
Hal Perry, Director (CA)
Al Salazar, Director (AZ)
Don Valk, Director (TX)

Other TSA Members Present

Ann Harrell (IN)

Guests Present

None

AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

TSA Minutes of Previous Meeting (which was held August 29, 2007)

Lynda French, TSA Treasurer/CFO (in the absence of TSA Secretary), asked Directors if anyone present wished the minutes to be read or whether they were already familiar with the minutes and preferred to accept/reject them without being read. All Directors present indicated they did not need the minutes to be read and they accepted the August 29, 2007 TSA Annual Meeting Minutes “as-is” without being read. She then reminded Directors that the prior year’s annual meeting minutes are posted on the TSA website.

Financial Report (Tax Year 2007 & 1Q2008)

Lynda French, TSA Treasurer/CFO gave a brief overview of the Profit & Loss Financial Reports net profit/loss for Tax Years 2000 through 2007 and stated that the detail reports for those are posted on the TSA website. She stated that the IRS 2007 Filing (Form 990-N e-postcard) has been submitted and accepted by the IRS and all current status for Financials is posted on the TSA website under “Non-Profit Filings” link.

She then presented a summary of the 1Q2008 Profit & Loss Report Status net profit and provided 1Q2008 Balance Sheet information. Financial Report for 2007 & 1Q2008 were accepted “as-is” by Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership-Sponsorship/Finances/Newsletter Discussion

- Dave Shewbridge, TSA President/VP opened discussion on above agenda item. Jim Payne asked for clarity on what separation of membership meant. Dave explained that the organization could use some volunteers to help with the workload on getting membership renewals notices out without the cost of mailing first class mailed reminder invoices and/or making hundreds of reminder phone calls to members-sponsors. He explained that renewal reminders had been done, thus far, primarily via email distribution (not all members have email and may or may not read all email) and via reminders printed in each newsletter issue. Also mentioned was that a join/renew flyer has been inserted into each quarterly issue’s mailing and the form can also be downloaded/printed from the TSA website. He solicited suggestions on how to reach more members-sponsors and potential new members with the limited human resources and funds and still be able to maintain current annual member/sponsor annual dues rates and how to get more volunteers and director involvement to help with the workload on this effort.

Additional Highlights of the members/sponsors and newsletter mailing discussion...

- Jim Payne provided several suggestions, such as: (1) Get a few extra sample issues printed of one of our newsletter mailings for directors and volunteers to take to local and national events, along with making copies of the blank member-sponsor forms available at each event; (2) use the calendar of events as one way to plan what tournaments are forthcoming and get volunteers and directors to take sample issue(s) and forms to the upcoming events; and (3) consider sending out postcard reminders (less expensive than 1st class mailing) to those members and sponsors that are not yet paid current as soon as possible (April if possible).
- Larry Creakbaum suggested to perhaps add a new member option (spousal option) with an annual fee greater than the individual membership of \$25/year, but less than two memberships of \$50/year (where both get membership cards, but only one copy of the newsletter is mailed).
- Lynda French commented that currently some couples want two newsletters and some others with two memberships have said they only needed one copy of the newsletter with their two memberships. She explained there are others with a similar situation, such as establishment/business sponsors who sometimes have two or more memberships (ex., business sponsor and an individual player membership and/or sponsors with more than one sponsor option such as business sponsor and major tournament sponsor) where some want multiple newsletters and some do not (ex., one mailed to establishment and one to home). To date, each paid current sponsor and/or member is on the mail list unless they have indicated they want fewer newsletters mailed to them.
- Discussion followed on redesign of the member-sponsor form to simplify the options and fees (eg, crisper separation of Individual Memberships and Sponsor Memberships). Lynda said the form has a need for some changes anyway and that this would be considered in the upcoming redesign.
- Jim Payne also suggested it be considered to send the establishment/business sponsor members an unframed certificate rather than a sponsor-member card so they can post the certificate in their business or establishment. Lynda French agreed that could be done w/o any significant difference in cost.

COMMITTEES

Hall of Fame Committee: Dave Shewbridge asked for Hall of Fame Committee guidelines amendment status. Jim Payne (only committee member present) stated that Debbie Sexton had sent the Addendum to ARTICLE VII HOF Operational Guidelines to all Directors, but was not sure if she had requested Directors to vote on the proposed guidelines yet. Lynda French suggested that the proposed draft title be renamed to **Addendum – Operating Procedures for ARTICLE VII – Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame – INDUCTION GUIDELINES**. So, when voted and finalized it would be Operating Procedures – an operating procedure addendum to the by-laws versus rewriting the bylaws Article VII and going through new legal fee review with the State of Florida.

Shuffleboard Rules/Guidelines Committee: Dave Shewbridge asked for status from the Rules/Guidelines Committee (consisting of Al Salazar (Chair), James Cummings (TX), John McDermott (MI), Jim Payne (NE), Dick Gorman (MD), and Vern Gonzales (WA)). Jim Payne was the only committee member present. Jim said he thought the rules/guidelines were near finalized and that Al Salazar (Rules/Guidelines Committee Chairman) should be providing status soon. Al was not present at the meeting to provide further status.

Historical Committee: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Hall of Fame Cabinets: Dave Shewbridge gave status on the TSA Hall of Fame cabinets, stating that Williams Shuffleboard delivered the cabinets to the American Legion Post 73 in Del City who agreed to store them. However, only 3 of the 4 cabinets were received (according to Debbie Allinder, AML 73 Manager). Lynda French said she had made inquiry to the Williams and emailed Champion Shuffleboard, but did not have an answer yet on the missing cabinet (stating cabinets cost were \$2,200 total/\$550 each cabinet & now missing 1). Jim Payne said he would check with the Williams (who were attending the KC tournament and did the pick up and delivery) to see if they had talked to Champion Shuffleboard to find out what happened to the 4th cabinet. It was decided that Directors present in Del City, Ok during the SW Open 2008 tournament would view the cabinets (take measurements, etc.) to determine size and type of HOF plaques would be appropriate to consider. Styles and plaque type options were discussed, but nothing finalized until Directors physically see the cabinets and know whether we will have 3 or 4 cabinets. None of the Directors present had seen the cabinets to have further discussion on plaques at this time. Discussion tabled until the SW Open 2008 tournament.

Adjournment of “Open Session” (3:55 p.m.)

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the “Open Session” at 3:55 p.m. and for then reconvened for “Board of Directors Closed Session”.