

# **NSHF Year 2000 Annual Meeting “Minutes”**

**American Legion Post 73**

**Del City, Oklahoma**

**July 1, 2000**

**(Open Session: Started at 2pm – Announcement made on microphone inviting any/all tournament attendees to join the Open Meeting)**

**Attendees: Don Valk, President**

**Al Salazar, Vice President**

**Ray Boyett, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer**

**Lynda French, Secretary (also proxy for Dave Arndt & Louise Freer)**

**Larry Creakbaum, Director**

**Bob Hunt, Director (flight late - arrived towards end of “Open” session – was designated proxy for Hal Perry)**

**Harvey Kidd, Director**

**Mike Keevil (Proxy for Frank Mako – Mike also arrived late, after 3pm)**

**Absent w/ Designated Proxy Director:**

**Dave Arndt, Director (Designated Proxy: Lynda French)**

**Louise Freer, Director (Designated Proxy: Lynda French)**

**Frank Mako, Director (Designated Proxy: Mike Keevil)**

**Hal Perry, Director (Designated Proxy: Bob Hunt)**

**Other Guests/Attendees: George and Donna Wilber, Jack Scott, Kelye Stites, Tom French (others came in/out during the open session, but these 5 were there for the majority of the open meeting and provided great assistance and valuable input)**

**Don Valk, NSHF President, followed by Al Salazar, Vice President, giving the opening prayer, called meeting to order at 2pm.**

**I. First item of discussion: Financial Committee Chairperson, Ray Boyett, gave Financial Report and Proposed Expense/Budget items that were reviewed, discussed and agreed upon by the Finance Committee during their committee meeting that was held just prior to the Open Session (12N to 2pm).**

## **Proposed Fund Raising for Revenue:**

- 1) Solicit help from tournament directors, including but not limited to the current major tournaments: SW Open (Del City), NASC Reno, and Houston Holiday Open to have one Draw Team event where 5% of the proceeds would go to the NSHF as a donation. Ray stated he already had verbal commitment from the Houston Holiday Open and Del City tournament directors, but had not yet spoken to NASC Reno tournament director. Estimated minimum revenue projection: \$4,170/year**
- 2) Solicit and encourage all tournament directors (major & local) to have Raffles for NSHF HOF. Estimated minimum revenue projection: \$2,000/year.**
- 3) Solicit shuffleboard maintenance and supplies companies to donate to NSHF. Estimated revenue projection: \$1,000/year (these supplier donors could, for instance, receive sponsorship plaques for such donations)**

- 4) Sell of NSHF logo items – having an NSHF table at as many tournaments as possible throughout the year selling promotional items such as logo shirts and hats.  
Estimated revenue projection: \$500/year.
- 5) Solicit players to become TSA members, giving them an annual membership card.  
Estimated revenue projection: \$4,000/year.

**TOTAL MINIMUM REVENUE PROJECTIONS: \$11,670.00**

**Identifiable Projected Expenses:**

- 1) Induction Expenses (assuming State HOF Associations will assist and hold the ceremony and at least one NSHF Directors attends and presents inductee awards).  
Projected Minimum Expense: \$4,000/year.
- 2) Inductee Plaques: \$500/year (assuming to be prepared for up to 5 inductions/year).
- 3) General Office Operating Expenses (supplies & mailing): \$500/year.
- 4) Printing Costs (e.g., induction ceremony materials): \$500/year.
- 5) Place NSFH ads in The Board Talk: \$1,200/year.
- 6) Purchase of promotional items to sell or raffle: \$1,000/year.

**TOTAL MINIMUM EXPENSE PROJECTIONS: \$7,700.00**

The difference (all/part) between the actual revenue less actual expenses could be set aside, but not restricted to, a NSHF Building Fund. Harvey Kidd made the motion to accept the proposed budget, motion was seconded and motion carried Director vote in favor of it.

After the vote to accept motion was completed, Ray Boyett agreed to mail all Directors a copy of the approved proposed budget upon his return to Florida.

**II. Second Item of Discussion: Don Valk asked Lynda French to give a By-Law Committee report.**

1. **Naming of Organization:** Lynda French opened the presentation and discussion based on the fact that the By-Laws were written 5 years ago, they need to be reviewed and updated to reflect current mission and scope with the 1<sup>st</sup> item being the need to change the name of the NSHF organization. Lynda French presented prior to and during this session that there was a need to rename the organization as part of the NSHF By-Laws review/revision, due to a longtime existent deck/floor shuffleboard association (with over 25,000 members – internationally) already having a: 1) Shuffleboard Association; 2) Shuffleboard Hall of Fame; 3) Shuffleboard museum. She expressed the need of the NSHF organization to reflect ‘table shuffleboard’ to be able to properly identify the NSHF organization as being for table shuffleboard and to not infringe on the deck/shuffleboard existing organization. Ray Boyett expressed the urgency to get the name resolved immediately (Larry Creakbaum and others agreed) because he must have the By-Laws to pursue immediately getting our organization registered since he had no proof of anything being filed officially in the State of California or elsewhere that gave the NSHF any ‘registered’ status since the organization was formed on February 4, 1994. So, organization name was determined to be top priority and

crucial to begin the process that would enable Ray Boyett to acquire a ‘registered’ status and to allow him to execute his NSFH financial officer duties in the State of Florida. After item 2 (below) motion was voted, then the renaming discussion continued and Larry Creakbaum made motion that was carried that the new name would be Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) with the understanding that we could later rename if desired or needed.

2. **Age 60 Minimum Age Limit Restriction for HSHF HOF Inductees:** Lynda French explained to the group that a number of players and By-Law committee members have indicated the need to remove the age 60 requirement. requirement needed to be removed. Much discussion transpired on this subject as to how/when the requirement initiated. Larry Creakbaum read the group the age 60 requirement resolution from February 1996 and explained it was a ‘resolution’ and not in the form of a By-Law ‘amendment’ – a temporary ‘resolution’ to help ensure that those legacy players worthy of induction could be nominated and considered for induction into the NSHF before others were inducted. Therefore, he stated, that if the Directors wished to rescind the age 60-resolution requirement that there would be no need to remove it from the By-Laws, since the requirement existed only in ‘resolution’ form. Larry Creakbaum made a motion that the age 60 requirement be rescinded; Harvey Kidd seconded the motion; motion carried to rescind the resolution requirement.

Don Valk expressed that when the By-Laws are formally amended that there should be consideration for legacy players, especially those that are deceased, when considering the requirement of 20 signatures on a nomination application typically coordinated by petitioner(s) that personally know the player(s) being nominated.

Larry Creakbaum said that he would give copy of all his records to Lynda French, Secretary, as nomination procedures have always existed, but not necessarily followed during the birth of the NSHF organization, but he felt that with more directors now, we could get better organized and expressed that we need to communicate consistently and more frequently the nomination criteria and process to our shuffleboard community.

Donna Wilber suggested that the National HOF organization coordinate with the State HOF organizations on the inductee nomination procedures, as they could assist with the needed communication process.

Several directors expressed the need to fully evaluate the Officer and Director tenure section – extending the years of tenure.

3. It was agreed that Lynda French would take these new revision suggestions to the By-Laws committee immediately upon her return to Texas to distribute final drafts for approval and signature by all Directors so that Ray Boyett would be able to pursue the urgent matter of getting the organization ‘registered’ and able to perform his financial responsibilities in the State of Florida. She also shared the comments received on the By-Law Committee’s initial and revised drafts, which were previously sent to all Directors for input, and revision comments prior to the Del City annual meeting.

4. **Future Plans of Expanding the Scope of the NSHF Discussion:** Lynda French presented some items (based upon shuffleboard community input) that many
5. **Players seemed to want the NSFH to expand their scope beyond Hall of Fame inductions. Items included:**

**Making the NSHF a sanctioned association with expansion of needed committees (beyond the current 3 committees: Finance, By-Laws, and Historical) under one umbrella (e.g., NSHF) such as 1) Hall of Fame (primary task); 2) Rating System Committee (could consist of the Bowers and the Raters); 2) Rules Committee (as many have expressed this need to the By-Laws Committee); 3) Association Membership (as described by Ray Boyett and approved by the Finance Committee and NSHF Directors), as the membership expands, could be more involved in the nomination and voting of NSHF Officers and Directors; 4) Tournament Directors (via having 'sanctioned' membership status) could hold NSHF sanctioned tournaments (Jack Scott gave a lot of constructive input and support on this subject too); and etc.**

**It was determined that no vote or decision to expand the number of committees or scope of the organization would be made during this meeting, but may be further discussed or considered in the future - as ways the organization could better serve the shuffleboard community and promotion of the sport of table shuffleboard. Limitations of making expansion decisions primarily discussed were insufficient resources and funds at this time to consider expanding the scope of the organization.**

- III. **Next Don Valk asked Lynda French if Louise Freer had provided her any input to present for the Historical Committee. Lynda responded that nothing was provided since Louise had a family emergency and had not yet been able to make the trip to visit with Sol Lipkin (she had planned the trip to occur before the Del City Meeting).**
- IV. **Kelye Stites of Champion Shuffleboard gave a presentation to the group, offering free space for the NSHF to use as a HOF museum (has 3,000 sq. ft. and could expand to more if needed) until such time the NSHF has a building fund to purchase or lease their own place. The Directors accepted this offer and they expressed their gratitude to Kelye for his commitment to the sport and the national hall of fame efforts. He stated that he hoped that the NSHF or some other entity would pursue getting a bonifide shuffleboard association established as in other sports. He also explained that he wanted to keep The Board Talk alive and well, as he felt it was a crucial communication channel to further build and grow the sport.**
- V. **George and Donna Wilber extended their gratitude and best wishes for the new TSA organization and the upcoming new The Board Talk owners and editors/publishers. Donna said that they have been supportive and actively promoted the national organization since inception and felt the current Directors were going in the right direction.**

- VI. A number of attendees indicated that they were very pleased with the meeting discussions and results – stating this was one of the most interesting and productive meetings they had attended. Don Valk thanked all for attending and adjourned the Open Session and stated that all Directors would reconvene after the "Closed" session to officially adjourn the meeting. Directors went into closed session to review, discuss, and vote on NSHF HOF nomination applications and then reconvened for a formal adjournment of both sessions of the meeting.**

**Minutes Provided By: Lynda French, Secretary**

**NOTE: two videos of the “Open Session” exist: one taken by Tom French and another video taken by George/Donna Wilber of most of the Open Session are available to view or get copies of – there is a lot of background noise, but most parts of the meeting (between the two videos which were placed on opposite sides of the room) were captured in these two videos).**