



## *Hall of Fame*

### **Table Shuffleboard Association, Inc. (TSA) Meeting (Feb. 28, 2003) Minutes/Summary**

**OVERVIEW:** The Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) held an open meeting on February 28, 2003 at the Plaza Hotel/Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada during the 2nd Annual Board Talk Open 2003 tournament just prior to Bobby Goldsmith's TSA Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The TSA meeting was called to order by Don Valk, TSA Pres. at 2:08 pm.

#### **TSA Officers & Directors present were:**

- Don Valk (Pres.)
- Al Salazar (VP)
- Ray Boyett (Treas.)
- Lynda French (Sec.)
- Larry Creakbaum
- Cliff Goff
- Hal Perry
- Harvey Kidd.

#### **Absent Directors were:**

- Dave Arndt (proxy Lynda French)
- Louise Freer
- Bob Hunt
- Frank Macko

**TSA DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE SUMMARY:** Eight of the twelve TSA Directors were present. **TSA ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Strong & Tom French

#### **GUESTS PRESENT FOR TSA OPEN MEETING:**

- Wendell Herbison from the Arizona Hall of Fame organization

**CALL TO ORDER:** Don Valk called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm & Al Salazar gave the opening prayer.

#### **AGENDA DISCUSSION:**

The first item of discussion presented by Don Valk was the fact that nomination and election of officers (per by-laws) should occur three years from August 2000 (when the last appointed Director accepted office, being Cliff Goff). Don Valk also reiterated that at the last TSA meeting (held July 2002 during the SW Open in Del City, OK) that a majority vote was made by Directors that the number of Directors could be increased by up to 20 Directors if/when needed (rather than the current limit of 12 Directors) to provide a broader geographic coverage if/when the current Directors felt that there were qualified/willing candidates of other geographies to warrant/justify vote and expansion beyond the 12 Directors of specific geographies already in office.

Areas of potential expansion discussed were Missouri, Michigan, and potentially one additional in the Northwest.

Ray Boyett brought up discussion of whether or not the TSA Associate Membership at large would be allowed to vote in the upcoming TSA Officer and Director elections... currently planned to occur in the August 2003 timeframe and that only TSA Associate Memberships would be able to volunteer for a TSA Director position. Motion was made, seconded, and passed that the TSA Associate Members would be able to cast a vote on the ballots prepared by the current Directors in the TSA 2003 Election of Officers & Directors and that any new TSA Director or Officer candidate volunteers must be TSA Associate Members in order to volunteer. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for the TSA to purchase a flyer in The Board Talk to solicit new members before the election.

Don Valk agreed to get all TSA Directors a current a list of TSA membership which would also include any new potential members who signed up during the Board Talk Open 2003 tournament or thereafter upon his return to Austin.

The TSA President requested that we solicit any TSA Associate Members who would like to volunteer to be considered as a candidate for the upcoming election as a TSA Officer or Director to get in touch with him as soon as possible, so that the TSA Officer and Director ballots may be prepared, reviewed by all current Officers & Directors, and be distributed in the August 2003 timeframe (or the earliest possible month thereafter.) After preparing the ballots, the TSA President will send ballots to all TSA Associate Members and hopefully have all TSA Officers & Directors voted/decided and announced during 3rd or 4th Quarter of 2003.

Motion was also made, seconded, and passed that the TSA Treasury would reimburse Don Valk for costs of supplies and printing of the TSA Associate Membership cards.

Discussion of the best and most economical way to acquire the greatly needed TSA Hall of Fame display cabinets for placement in the TSA Hall of Fame Museum (TSA Museum space donated, renovated by, and located at Champion Shuffleboard, 7216 Burns St., Richland Hills, TX) which is rennovated and ready for placement of display cabinets. Don Valk and others may get estimates on what the cost might be for purchasing or having display cabinets built. Once estimates are acquired, any acquired estimates will be distributed to TSA Directors. TSA Directors would then have to vote before approving any such expenditure. Hal Perry also mentioned that he could probably get display cabinets built/made at cost of the supplies, but if an economical alternative were found nearer to the museum facility in Texas that it might be less costly than having to ship cabinets from California to Texas. Don Valk mentioned that a local cabinet professional, Scott Harrington of Austin, Texas had indicated he might be able to provide a reasonable quote to consider as an option for acquiring custom display cabinets.

Discussion on planning for the upcoming TSA HOF induction ceremony for Russ "The Colonel" Miller to be held in Spokane, Washington at the Season Ticket followed... Since the TSA is very limited on monies/budget to afford to pay TSA Officer/Director's travel expenses to conduct induction ceremonies, typically those TSA Directors living near or attending a tournament where the TSA HOF petitioners and inductee family have decided to hold a ceremony will conduct the TSA HOF induction ceremony (due to TSA very limited monies/budget). However, this does not make TSA Director representation equal at all ceremonies. There are typically more TSA Directors already attending major tournaments and they absorb their own travel costs because they live near or plan to attend the major tournament anyway... therefore, in situations where the petitioners and/or inductee and/or the inductee's surviving family (posthumous) opt to have the TSA National Hall of Fame ceremony at a local facility (not one of the 4 major tournaments - which is quite common especially in a "posthumous" induction ceremony) there is not equitable TSA Director representation compared to ceremonies performed at a major tournament. There was discussion that the goal should be to have at least two TSA Directors present to help conduct any/all induction ceremonies if at all possible... but again the discussion of limited TSA funds if there were not one or more TSA Directors able to attend

induction ceremonies and absorb all/part of their own travel expenses. So, Don Valk ask that all Directors please let him know if they will be attending and able to help conduct the upcoming TSA HOF induction ceremony being held at the Season Ticket in Spokane, Washington on Memorial Day Week. Don Valk agreed to make contact with the two TSA Directors from that area and requested all other Directors to let him know if they will be attending this specific tournament. Lynda French will do the induction booklet and agreed she would coordinate with the petitioner/sponsors Dan Hitt and/or Jim Foran to gather information needed for the induction program booklet preparation.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 3pm. All meeting attendees then went back to the Plaza Hotel/Casino ballroom to participate in Bobby Goldsmith's TSA HOF Induction ceremony.

*--Minutes/Summary by Lynda French, TSA Secretary*