

July 11, 2018

Super Senior International Pickleball Association

## **Board Minutes of Conference Call on July 11, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm CST

The following members were present:

President: Ford Roberson

Vice President: Tim Kuss

Secretary: Marc Rinehart

Treasurer: Fred Thompson -

IFP Liaison: Alice Tym

Tournament Scheduler: Winnie L. Montgomery

Tournament Operations: Vicky Noakes

\*Staff Mark Kellam - Membership

\*Staff - Dave Allenbaugh – Webmaster - Absent

Minutes of the May 31, 2018 were approved as submitted.

### **President:**

- Board Election – nominations close on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Current candidates. - Katie Lawler, Jeff Stone, Debbie Forrester, Chris Thomas. Tim will head the committee. Voting by the membership in November. Possibly some training prior to assuming office on January 1, 2019. Coming off the Board will be Tim Kuss, Winnie Montgomery, Fred Thompson and Marc Rinehart. Agreed that while we have 4 getting off we will still hold an election.

- Ford discussed the 3 SSIPA tournaments and the help we will have. Current signup/estimates of players – East (205), Worlds (215) and West (300+). - - For the East we will have help from a lady at Robson who will travel to East and agreed to - \$250.00).

– World's - Melissa will run Worlds for free.

- We discussed paying our organizers – Mark and Ford for each tournament – Board of Fred, Mark, Alice, Tim, and Winnie will discuss a fair payment for all the work involved.

- Jeff Stone (\$500.00) has volunteered to run the West – Melissa (\$2500 to West) and referee coordinator \$600.00)

- We continue to refine Tournament Coverage for the rest of the year as we need coverage at SoCal, Catalina/Tucson, and Florida State PB Championships.

- July and August tournaments - 5, 4, total 9 - three fourths of the schedule, with 4 months to go.

- We discussed the Atlantic Regional and the associated issues. Board decided to wait until the dust settles between correspondence between Rocky Clark and Christine before we make decision on our next steps reference TD – non compliance with SSIPA age/skill. Of the 517 players there were only 38 SSIPA members involved – 7% - he did do every age group – all got points. Better off to wait and see what USAPA says back to us.

-As a result of this discussion, Ford proposed sending out this reminder to the Regional Tournament Directors:

- To be sent to 3 regions that are listed as skill/age

### **SSIPA Brackets for Region Tournaments**

SSIPA brackets for players 60+ in age, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, and 80+ are developed using the age/skill format in [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com).

Skills within an age group may be combined or separated based on the number of entries within each age group. Generally, an age group with less than 3 entries at a skill level will be combined with another skill level. Medals are awarded by age/skill levels.

In all tournaments, players may request to play down in age or up in skill. Age groups that have fewer than three entries may be combined down in age with a lower age group, if the players agree.

If you need assistance with these guidelines, please contact Ford Roberson: [ssipa.pb@gmail.com](mailto:ssipa.pb@gmail.com) or Mark Kellam: [ssipa.membership@gmail.com](mailto:ssipa.membership@gmail.com)

- Winnie pointed out that the issue remains as to how SSIPA responds when TD's do not follow our guidelines. Board requested that Winnie start the conversation via an email proposal for evaluation and comments.

- Ford reported that West Regional, Mid-Atlantic, Middle States, Great Lakes, all set up Age/Skill, visited with Mid and Middle both this past week to get them to change from Skill/Age.

- Northwest, Great Plains, Atlantic South, not sure.
- Italian Open – 147 players – Bainbridge Cup (24 players – 18 US and 6 European – Very small this year.)
- Tabled until next meeting - May/June Edition of PB Mag - explanation of age group changes. – See attached pdf – how does this impact future SSIPA tournaments? This was not discussed and tabled until next meeting.
- 2019 Tournament Schedule – has been started. Not for publication yet:

Date	Tournament
1/8-13/2019	USAPA Southwest Regional
1/29-31/2019	Sun City Marinette SSIPA Tournament
2/7-11/2019	Sombbrero Showdown and Amigos Cup
3/18-21/2019	SouthShore Sunshine Sizzler
3/22-24/18	The Lakes Spring Fling Hosted by Marcin Rozpedski/Engage
4/9-11/2019	Kissing Tree Invitational
6-1-19 - Estimate	Hawaiian Boomer Classic
7/18-22/2019	Mid-America Indoor PB Championships

- Tabled until next meeting - At some point we need to discuss SSIPA State Representatives and having more people in the field supporting us.

**Vice President:**

- Update on Colorado Pickleball Open – 430 players.
- Currently in Simi, CA for the President’s Cup.
- Discussed and Board agreed that we need to hold elections in November even though we have 4 qualified candidates and 4 departing the Board.

**Secretary:**

- Currently have over 1400 Facebook followers.
- Kudos to Mark for July Newsletter
- East, World and West Pins – order quantities – will coordinate with Ford for number to order
- 2019 pin discussion – what direction to take? Pins – new format, no pins? Most felt that the pins have run their course. We will continue to research other options: decals, magnets, etc. Tabled decision.

### **Treasurer:**

- Recommendation to suspend the Marriott Holiday Classic for 2018 – for non-payment in 2017.
- Board voted to remove the JW Marriott from our SSIPA schedule until resolution of payment in 2017. Fred and/or Ford will make positive telephone contact with Brian Thorfinnson and Jack Thomas to resolve issue.
- Staff paychecks and travel reimbursements have been mailed.

### **IFP Liaison: Alice**

- Bainbridge Cup – Ford and Alice will attend
- San Felipe – open for registration on July 16
- IFP – no change
- Montreal – working on a SSIPA tournament there.
- Global Paddle Share – a SSIPA initiative for East, Worlds and West – Will start promoting this Facebook and Newsletter closer to the tournament.
- The Board agreed to recognize all 7 “Founding Board Members” with the same plaque this year. Alice will coordinate the plaque
- We will recognize Gamma and Franklin this year as Outstanding companies at World’s in Robson Ranch. Alice will work up prototype.

### **Tournament Coordinator: Winnie**

- Mid-America will be July 18-22, 2019 and she will submit TD commitment shortly.

## **Tournament Operations: Vicky**

- Working the East, Worlds and West medals with Symbol Arts – need to order 45 days out. Will coordinate with Ford.

## **\*Membership – Mark Kellam –**

- MemberLeap – we are live with MemberLeap system. The implementation went very well. A few small problems, but nothing that couldn't be fixed easily. New members are joining (13 so far in new system), and we have a total of 1,391 members. The “best” thing so far is that there is ZERO work when a new member joins, I just get an email that it happened, and smile.....

I have tested sending the newsletter through ML and it works great. I can also target audiences with emails. For example, if we want to send something to members from a particular state(s), we can do that.

Has everyone logged on to ML? If not, let me know and I will help you.

Going forward, I will be building some instructional videos (videos of computer screen) for standard functions in the system. Items such as, renewing membership, searching for members.

Note that everyone's information was converted to only show their name online. Everyone must proactively change their privacy settings to allow personal information to the other members. I will highlight many of these items in the next newsletter.

In summary, the MemberLeap implementation took longer than I expected, but it was worth the extra time to ensure a seamless project.

- Board authorized up to \$100.00 expenditure for purchase of additional software for the system.

## **\*Webmaster – Dave Allenbaugh –**

– Web Statistics – See Below

**Unfinished Business - Discussion Items - None**

**New Business - None**

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm CDT.**

**The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date by the President.**

### **SSIPA TREASURER'S REPORT July 6, 2018**

BANK BALANCE LAST REPORT 5-27-18	\$54484.55
<u>EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT</u>	
MEMBERLEAP	\$2592.50
MAILING	\$5.00
PRINTING	\$37.86
STAFF PAYMENTS	\$1800.00
WEBSITE/URL FEES	\$38.85
<u>INCOME SINCE LAST REPORT</u>	
PAYPAL MEMBERSHIPS	\$2340.00
PAYPAL TOURNAMENT PAYMENT	\$1329.00
MEMBERSHIP CHECK/CASH	\$45.00
CHAMPIONSHIP CHECKS AND CASH	\$55.00
TOURNAMENT PAYMENTS-CHECKS	\$396.00
PAYPAL SSIPA CHAMPIONSHIPS REVENUE	\$14560.00
<b>BANK BALANCE AS OF 7-6-18</b>	<b>\$65327.64</b>
PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE 7-6-18	\$1526.21
OUTSTANDING TOURNAMENT PAYMENT- HOLIDAY CLASSIC	\$746.00 (180 DAYS)

**Web Statistics for June 2018**

## Website statistics

Total Visitors	1686
Total Page Visits:	4894
Unique Vistors	1101
(Visited website only once)	

Dates Covered: 6/01 - 6/30/ 2018

<b>Website Page</b>	<b>Num. of Visits</b>
Home	1703
2018 Tournaments	976
SSIPA Point Leaders	376
SSIPA Star	298
Membership	278
Application Form	168
Newsletter	162
Tournament Director Guidelines	145
Tournament Planning	92
Tournament Gallery	79
PayPal Payment	77
Membership Renewal	64
SSIPA Board	50
Planning Tool	50
SSIPA Info	44
Contact Us	40
FAQ	37
Mid America (Gallery)	37
SSIPA Board Elections	34
Stars Archive	32

Founder Members	30
Tournament Archives	26
Mid South Reg. (Gallery)	24
Southwest Regionals	22
Spring Fling (Gallery)	21
CO Pickleball Open	18
Can AM Super Slam (Gallery)	16
Sombrero Showdown (Gallery)	16
SSIPA Documents	15
About Us	13
Code of Ethics	12
Sunshine Sizzler	12
Bylaws	9
TD Commitment Form	9
Sun City (Gallery)	7
SSIPA Financials	7
Ruidoso Championship	3



