

April 5, 2018

Super Senior International Pickleball Association

Board Minutes of Conference Call on March 28, 2018

The following members were present:

President: Ford Roberson

Vice President: Tim Kuss

Secretary: Marc Rinehart

Treasurer: Fred Thompson- Absent

IFP Liaison: Alice Tym

Tournament Scheduler: Winnie L. Montgomery

Tournament Operations: Vicky Noakes

*Staff Mark Kellam - Membership

*Staff - Dave Allenbaugh – Webmaster - Absent

Meeting was called to order by the Secretary at 8:04 pm CDT

President:

- Met with Jack Thomas today – USAPA wants to be as supportive in every way. All Regionals are now on-board with SSIPA and 5 year age groups. Tournament committee has 7 people and 6 meetings – whether they could manage 5 years with 40 courts and they could manage 1600 players with 40 courts. Felt that all senior had the SSIPA Worlds to look forward and possibly how USAPA could indorse Worlds. Possibly, in 2019, SSIPA and Nationals could be co-located. Want to work with and support us – but this year Nationals didn't have enough courts

183 and 144 were SSIPA members

Maybe we are better to support our SSIPA membership than USAPA.

533 – 144 at Worlds – 49 paid the \$5

- **110% in best interest to do what we can, to continue Regional's for 2019.**

- **Survey membership on a variety of topics to improve our.**

Recap: how do we manage the growth of pickleball and all the tournaments?

Vice President:

- Nothing gained by going against the USAPA at this time.
- Survey a good idea.
- Future point may post something against the USAPA.
- Move forward with Worlds

Secretary:

Letter was late - decision

Treasurer: IFP Liaison: Alice

- Its complicated, proud ally but never consulted us – don't need to invest in seniors.
- Melissa said – everyone she talks to wants 10 year increments and we are getting the 5 year message –
- People deteriorate and 10 years in unrealistic
- Would would be remiss if we didn't do something
- Make a plea for the 75's as they won't compete with the 70's as well as the 65's can compete with the 60's.
- What about a petition – doesn't seem like a positive way to fight the problem.
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Ford again said survey the membership, plus the \$5.00

Survey on Web site – if you are a 60+ player but not a member feel free to go to our web page and fill it out.

Tournament Coordinator: Winnie

- **We know we have the SSIPA for USAPA – Worlds could be the alternative to going to Nationals**
- **Thinks a survey would be a good idea.**

Tournament Operations: Vicky

- Not possible to do everything for everybody, so as TD they made a decision.

Not the best solution but looks – likes the survey idea. And we should promote the SSIPA Worlds

- Maybe Melissa is listening to the younger ages.
- Nobody commenting on Facebook as of now.
- Concentrate on making Worlds the best we can do.

***Membership – Mark Kellam –**

- Huge mistake to point fingers
- 11 Regionals – step back with other area
- They knew what our position was and didn't ask
- Survey would be ok – but must be structured appropriately.

***Webmaster – Dave Allenbaugh –**

Unfinished Business - Discussion Items - None

New Business - None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm CDT.

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

SSIPA TREASURER'S REPORT March 27, 2018

AVAILABLE FUNDS LAST REPORT 1-23-18

\$38594.25

EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT

MEMBERLEAP	\$2210.00
MAILING	\$184.79
PRINTING	\$73.33
BANNERS	\$500.00
STAFF PAYMENTS	\$1800.00

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS	\$1100.00
<u>INCOME SINCE LAST REPORT</u>	
PAYPAL MEMBERSHIPS	\$6428.00
PAYPAL TOURNAMENT PAYMENT	\$1072.00
MEMBERSHIP CHECKS AND CASH	\$695.00
TOURNAMENT PAYMENTS-CHECKS	\$2883.00
BANK BALANCE AS OF 3-27-18	\$43804.13
PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE 1-23-18	\$66.08
OUTSTANDING TOURNAMENT PAYMENT-	
HOLIDAY CLASSIC	\$746.00 (90 DAYS)
EL MIRAGE	\$1338.00
MID-AMERICA	\$980.00
SPRING FLING	\$962.00

FRED THOMPSON
SSIPA TREASURER

SSIPA Position Statement to USAPA

To: Jack Thomas, USAPA President
Christine Barksdale, USAPA Nationals X Tournament Committee Chair
From: SSIPA Board
Re: Nationals Tournament Competition Format
Date: March 29, 2018

At the regularly scheduled March 28th SSIPA board meeting, the SSIPA board voted unanimously to send the following position statement regarding the competitive format to be used at Nationals X in Indian Wells, California. We, the SSIPA board, as a strategic ally of the USAPA, believe it to be in the best interest of SSIPA and USAPA members to continue to use the five year groups for players 60+ and skill levels as appropriate at Nationals X. Just this year, USAPA recommended the format of five year increments for players 60+ in age for the 2018 Regional Tournaments. To change to any other model/format from what the USAPA membership has experienced this year in regional and thirty other SSIPA tournaments does not seem to be in the best interest of SSIPA or USAPA members. If the age format is changed for 2018 USAPA Nationals, this would be the third format change in as many years.

During the past 15 months, SSIPA membership has grown at a very rapid rate as players 60+ in age have supported this competitive format. The SSIPA guidelines have been used in 10 tournaments during the first quarter of 2018, including two USAPA regional tournaments, with player evaluation reports

being highly favorable. All SSIPA circuit events are sanctioned by the USAPA, and therefore; all SSIPA members are also members of the USAPA.

Changing the competitive format from five year increments would be a competitive disadvantage and disservice for both SSIPA and USAPA membership.

Please consider these comments as continued support of the USAPA by the SSIPA board and membership.