

NWOPPA MEETING MINUTES 11-13-22

Call to Order

A Board Meeting of NWOPPA was held on November 13, 2022 at Napoleon Legion. It began at 1:05 pm and was presided over by Char Hanenkratt (Pioneer Vending Rep) with Jan Cannon as Secretary.

Attendees

Present: Jason Britenriker, Karen Armstrong (NWB) Amy Schlegel (AV) Chad Betts, Mark Wiemken (MV) Annie Justinger, Deb Jagers (BC) Matt VanAtta, Gene Cook (FFC) Dean Ricker, Jan Cannon (TWC) Brad Stough, Dawn Boone (FC)

Absent: Matt Borton (NWB) David Gambler, Mike Hahn, Vic Sanchez (DS) Pam Lee, Brent Ankney (AV) Jeff Harper (MV) Larry Duke(BC) Corey Sayre (FFC) Rick Bowling (FC)

Treasurers Report

Matt VanAtta reminded League secretaries of the amounts due by each league for the Regional Tournament prize fund.

6 Weekends of Tournaments?

The idea of extending our tournament to a 6th weekend had been broached. Several ideas were entertained. One option was a Juniors Tournament weekend. If so, do we make it a strictly Junior player tournament or an Adult/Junior duo tournament such as State. Another idea was to make Scotch Doubles a weekend of its own, instead of on Sunday of Womens weekend. The question of cost also arose as the Legion does not charge us the other 5 weekends, so would there be a charge for the 6th? Matt Van Atta motioned that we currently table and readdress this topic in the spring of 2023 to make a firm decision for the 2024 Tournament season. Jason Britenriker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Sanctions

Char reminded all League secretaries that sanction fees were due to her. VNEA had also decided this year that player VNEA sanction only has to be paid once per player per year, regardless of how many different leagues/charters they may play in. It will be the **players'** responsibility to make sure they have paid their sanction in any one league they play in. Apparently league coordinators are not able to see if a player is sanctioned in another charter, so they are not able to cross reference the players' sanctions. Make sure your players understand this as it may affect state tournament eligibility.

Web Access

It had been brought up that a 2nd person (besides Gene Cook) should have access to the NWOPPA website. This was as a backup in case something happened to Gene. Matt VanAtta offered to be back up in case Gene fell off a cliff. Vote was unanimous.

Supplies

Gene Cook suggested that new "Referee" flags that are placed at each table be replaced. He also reiterated that walkie-talkies has been suggested so there was communication between the Head Table and the Auxiliary Hall next door. Gene made a motion for these purchases, seconded by, vote was unanimous.

Referee Classes

The topic of referee classes for persons interested in refereeing our regional tournament was again broached. It had previously been suggested that interested persons get state certified but no concrete information had yet been provided on the cost and requirements for this certification. Amy Schlegel motioned that we see if we can get Troy or Helena Emerson to do a class for next year as it is too late to do one prior to the 2023 Tournament dates. Seconded by Matt VanAtta, vote was unanimous. In the meantime, Char texted Troy Emerson as to his availability to again do a class for interested persons. Troy responded that due to personal issues and discrepancies in "call" protocols at various tournaments not always being consistent, he was not comfortable with committing to doing a class. After discussion, Char Hanenkratt motioned that anyone that had taken a prior referee class with the Emersons would be considered "certified " to referee at our 2023 Regional Tournaments. Seconded by Karen Armstrong, vote was unanimous. Jason Britenriker stated that he would look in to possible options for next year for our 2024 tournaments. Several attendees that had not previously participated in a class provided by the Emersons also showed interest in refereeing if needed. Gene Cook stated that he had access to a written test that could be taken by interested parties as part of a certification process if needed.

Invitational Tournament

Jan Cannon brought up the point that sidepot for teams is not due with team registration and can be paid up until 5pm Friday night of tournament weekend. This has been a problem since the draw has already been established prior to this deadline. It was agreed that Invitational sidepot fees must be paid at the time of team registration. It was also decided that all Invitational fees would remain the same for the 2023 Tournament.

Adjournment

Char Hanenkratt moved that the meeting be adjourned and everyone ran for the door at 3:40 pm

Minutes Certified

Jan Cannon – NWOPPA Secretary

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