

NWOPPA MEETING MINUTES 9/8/24

CALL TO ORDER

A Board Meeting of the NWOPPA was held September 8, 2024 at Napoleon American Legion. I assume it began at 12:00 and I know it was presided over by Char Hanenkratt (Pioneer Vending Rep) since she glared at Amy and I from the head table when we arrived at 12:04; Jan Cannon as Secretary.

ATTENDEES

Present: Jason Britenriker, Paul Hawkins, Deb Jagggers (NWB) Mike Hahn, Kiley Pelland (DS) Amy Schlegel (AV) Jim Van de Bussche, Mark Wiemken (MV) Courtney Irwin, Doug Northrup, Deb Jagggers (BC) Matt Van Atta, Kevin Rogers, Gene Cook (FFC) Dean Ricker, Jan Cannon (TWC) Dawn Boone (FC)

Absent: Vic Sanchez (DS) Pam Lee, Brent Ankney (AV) Chad Betts (MV) Vic Sanchez (TWC) Rick Bowling, Nick Reza (FC)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Char Hanenkratt asked if anyone had nominations or interest in the position of Moderator, but it was crickets. Mark Wiemken re-nominated Char as Moderator, seconded by Mike Hahn. Vote was unanimous.

Char asked if any nominations for Treasurer, no new nominations, Matt Van Atta agreed to run again as Treasurer. Nominated by Jason Britenriker, seconded by Dean Ricker. Vote was unanimous.

Ditto for Jan Cannon as Secretary. Nominated by Dean Ricker, seconded by Amy Schlegel. Vote unanimous.

Char asked if anyone was interested in being Regional Director for tournament weekends. No one showed interest, Amy Schlegel nominated Dean Ricker to again be Director, Mike Hahn seconded. Vote unanimous.

Ditto for Jan Cannon as Invitational Director. Deb Jagggers nominated, seconded by Dean Ricker. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2024 Regional Tournaments we used Compusport for scorekeeping. It was agreed that this was a much more streamlined way to do it. The cost last year was approximately \$1000.00 and was paid by the Association. The question was raised how to cover this cost for 2025 Regional Tournaments. Multiple ideas were brought forth including each team having to pay additional \$1 per player fee before playing, an additional flat fee per team or increasing the current \$.75 per player per week fee paid to cover this cost. Issue was tabled at this time.

FUNDRAISING

The point was raised that fundraising throughout the Tournament has been lacking. One point is that fundraising has not been promoted as much as possible throughout the Tournament weekends, in addition to should the raffle items be changed. Multiple items for raffle were introduced instead of a pool cue. Would a gun raffle work better? Possibly pull tab raffles for bottles of liquor? Gift cards to Seyberts or Pool Dog? A set of billiard balls? All were discussed, liquor or gun raffle would have to be approved by Legion due to possible legalities. Have Chad Betts as our Legion liaison check in to those options for a decision at a later date. It was also introduced to possibly have raffle sponsors such as beer distributors, etc.

LIVE STREAMING

VNEA has partnered with Omega Billiard for a live streaming service, It is a free service but the host must provide the recording devices and be able to transmit to Omega's service. Just a thought.

2nd CHANCE TOURNAMENTS

The point was brought up to have a 2nd chance tournament on Regional weekends. This would have to be done on Sunday when tables are available. Many points were brought up, including to do a 1 and done or double elimination, how many rounds, entry fee, and interference with the Sunday leagues. Again, any thoughts?

FACEBOOK PAGE

Mike Hahn asked if we could possibly start a public Facebook page that is not a private group that you must be invited to. In this way we could possibly be available to more prospective players and be seen by more people in the area. This would require yet another Admin but is being considered.

PHOTOS

Let's get some good shots of our players at the table and promote our leagues!!!! Use that QR Code in your folder and get them to Gene Cook to post on our page.

CSR SCORES

CSR and Fargo ratings are becoming more prevalent for tournament placings. Vegas minis will be using CSR scores for placement in 2025, OCMA is also considering a similar determination for top 5 players on team rosters

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for Division placements at Ohio state tournament. Likewise, it was brought up if this would be a better way to place new teams in our own Regional Tournaments. Only a point, not yet a determination.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Damion Foor is heading up our Jr League this coming season, including several other qualified mentors. There has been a continuous problem with finding a venue open during available hours, at a central location, that is also suitable to minors. Findlay is definitely having an issue with this. The league is hoping to have a 20 week schedule, 6 weeks of play are required to qualify for tournaments. Pulaski Lounge is currently looking like a good candidate for NW Ohio Jr players.

CUE BOOTH

Gene Cook will not be manning the cue booth at the 2025 tournaments. If anyone is interested or knows someone qualified with the needed equipment, please notify an Association officer.

ADJOURNMENT

Jan Cannon moved that the meeting be adjourned at 14:30, seconded by Deb Jagers. Char Hanenkratt suggested that our next Association meeting be Sunday October 6 at noon at the Napoleon Legion. Vote was unanimous as we fled for the door with our right arms raised.

Respectfully submitted
Jan Cannon – Secretary