

## Minutes from the 03/29/2008 General SLSPA Meeting

**1.** Elections were held for SLSPA Officers on June 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2007. Currently, the term of the officers, are 18 months. The election for the next term of officers will need to be held sometime around December 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will probably wait till after the first of the year to hold the elections.

The Missouri Shuffleboard Players Association will be having their annual election in September or October. Anyone interested in running for a position for the state of Missouri, needs to notify Mark Gray before June 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the deadline for submitting your nomination.

Also, the Missouri trustee positions are coming up to be voted on. Currently St. Louis has 2 seats which are held by Mike Polson and Mike Simpson. The election for this will also be coming up soon. If anyone is interested in running for these, please contact one of the SLSPA officers (Jerry Romay, Doug Schmaltz, Jack Murphy, Jill Romay, or Dan Neaf), Mike Polson, or Mike Simpson.

Additional information on both the Missouri Shuffleboard Players Association election and the trustee election can be found in the last version of The Hammer.

**2.** The scoreboard for board 3 is going to be replaced again. The first scoreboard originally worked but then we could not get it to work. Glen Tubbs then exchanged the original scoreboard with one like Jack's, but it was wired into the buttons so we could keep score electronically. Well this one then didn't work either. So Glen is exchanging this second scoreboard with one that is similar to the original one we had. Jerry brought this back with him from the KC Shootout Tournament that took place April 2 -6<sup>th</sup>. We will work on getting this in place sometime in April.

**3.** The SLSPA bought lights for board 1 for \$175 for 2 lights. The lights basically look the same as the lights that were originally on board 1 (the vendor board), but nicer. We will try to get these up also in April. The Elk's are planning on paying for these lights. We will submit a bill for these lights and have it voted on in one of their upcoming meetings. We are sure this will be paid for by the Elks, but if not, the SLSPA will assume this cost for the betterment of shuffleboard play.

**4.** The Super Sam Tournament will probably take place mid July. We are waiting to get an official date until after April 1<sup>st</sup>. We have to wait till after April 1<sup>st</sup> until the Elk's have put down all of their events that are currently known for the current year (which for the Elks runs 4/1/08 – 3/31/09). The date for the Super Sam tournament will need to take place in June or July at least this year because of other tournaments that are currently scheduled. We may look into changing the date next year, depending on this year's turnout. As always, if there are people participating that are not Elk's, then they need to sign the guest book upon entering and be sponsored by a participating Affton Elk.

Mike Polson indicated that he is going to discuss at the next Mo Shuffleboard Association Meeting of putting together a committee to schedule tournaments and how this can be done in a more fair and equitable way for all of the cities in MO.

Currently we are trying to have some type of shuffleboard tournament once a month at the Elk's. Please check the bulletin board or the website for the dates and the format (if we have chosen a specific format for that particular month). One of these upcoming months, we plan on having a singles tournament, but most of the time these tournaments will be either AB Draw or ABC Draw.

**5.** A financial statement was supplied by Jack. Please see the financial sheet for details. But as of right now we have \$2576.91 in the checking account. We still owe Jerry Romay and Jack Murphy \$3100.00, since they actually purchased board #3. It was brought up and voted on, that we would pay both Jerry and Jack \$1000.00 each, towards paying them off for the purchase of board #3. We will be getting additional money in for the current league that is underway, which will add additional income into the checking account.

**6.** The website will be updated with information and pictures that were lacking for the Frank Kane Memorial Tournament, the Sweetheart (Bill Hill) Tournament, and the Casual Co-ed Tournament shortly.

**7.** Two different ideas were discussed about having some type of in-house Elk's shuffleboard events for the summer.

The first was having an in-house draft league on Monday nights at the Elk's. This would be like the Saturday draft league that took place a couple of years ago, but it would be on a Monday night.

The second idea was to have a draw every Saturday night (as long as it is not interfering with another scheduled Elk's event on that day) with a point system. It would work something like this; if it were a 10 week league, then every Saturday, you could come in, pay \$5 and be in the draw. For each win you would get 2 points, for every loss you would get 1 point. If you could not make it on a week, you could just not play and not receive any points, or you could pay \$5 and still get 1 point. At the end of the session, prizes would be awarded to the people with the highest points and there would be a BIG food fun night. So, with this if people were out of town or missed a week or so, it would not be a big deal.

There will be sign up sheets for this at the Elk's for you to sign up for either or both of these activities, or you can email one of the SLSPA officers indicating which activity you would like to sign up for. You will need to be a member of the Elk's to participate in these events. We will see what interest, if any either of these ideas generates to determine if we will go forward with these.

**8.** There is a draw on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Elks. This will be either an AB or an ABC draw.

**9.** We are trying to put together a mailing list of active SLSPA members to receive important information. Please contact Jerry Romay with either your email address, or if you do not have email, your home mailing address information so we can inform everyone of the current SLSPA information. If you have email, we will not mail out the information to you. Also, we will only be mailing out important upcoming information, we will not be mailing out results, etc. to people without computers.

**10.** Just wanted all of the SLSPA members that are Elk's to know that we are still looking for people to volunteer in many different capacities. There are many areas that are in need of people to volunteer, even if it is just 4 -6 hours a month. Please contact Dan Neaf, Jill Romay or Jack Murphy for additional information. Also, most people know, but at the Elk's we need to pick up after ourselves and clean tables off, take our glasses and beer bottles to the bar, and empty our own ash trays. The bartenders at the bar are volunteers, so we all need to lend a helping hand to keep the lounge area neat and clean.

**11.** Miscellaneous items:

1. The SLSPA will be putting together a St. Louis rating sheet to be used for the "Bar leagues" and possibly other St. Louis only type events.
2. Currently the "Bar league" rules and money payouts are not voted on like they once were (before the SLSPA was running the leagues). We will however, be having a general SLSPA membership meeting prior to the "Bar league" starting in the fall to discuss this and the current rules.
3. It was also discussed about the SLSPA having dues. At this point, this is not going to be something that we do. However, anyone wanting to make any type of donation, this would gladly be accepted.
4. Currently the only people that are "authorized" to do any adjustments to the boards are Jerry Romay, Larry Romay, John Boyer, Jimmy Dunn, Chuck Muehlhauser, Doug Schmaltz, and Mike Simpson. However, before any of these people make any adjustments, it needs to be authorized and discussed with Jerry Romay. We need to make sure we are not stepping on ourselves. We are learning how best to deal with these boards as we go, and that entails a lot of communication.
5. We will start having and trying to get people to sign up to bring food for major shuffleboard events. It sometimes gets confusing if the Elk's are going to have food, or if we can bring food in. Please be patient with us while we try to work thru this situation.