

AGM AUGUST 31, 2012 – VICTORIA

SIGN IN: Sam Tomasevic (President), Dorothy Krimmer (Treasurer), Cheryl Degraaf (Vice President), Sue Macdonald (Secretary), John Hamler (Interior/Kootenay Rep.), Lorraine Hubick (Island/Powell River Rep.), Elyse Brunelle (Lower Mainland Rep.)

DELEGATE SIGN IN: (Abbotsford: Dan Coffin) (Cloverdale: Jim Grant, Don Cameron) (Ladysmith: Lou Busch) (Penticton: Vivien Fendle) (Port Alberni: Jack Dabney) (Powell River: Lionel Hanson, Sandra Hanson) (Quesnel: Helene Bodreau) (Summerland: Juanita Laye) (Vernon: John Belliveau) (Victoria: Betty Clarke, Mike Thompson, June Thompson, Dick Stevens, Bruce Bodneruk) (Winfield: Cindy Helgeson) (Provincial: Bob Price) (Prince George, Central Park, Kamloops, and Salmon Arm not represented) (Vivien Fendle became ill and left meeting with Juanita Laye)

GUESTS: Tom Moffat, Cheryl Cliché, Pat Stevens, Diane Grant, Clair Belliveau, Frank Hubick, Robin Degraaf, Dale Bauer

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED

AGENDA: Addition of NHPA Rules under Open Floor – Tom Moffat

MINUTES FROM 2011 AGM IN CLOVERDALE: Motion by John Hamler that the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Jim Grant. Passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: This has been another tough year for the BCHA when it comes to tournaments; the economy is once again hurting attendance. A few clubs have shown an increase in membership this year which is promising.

The Executive has worked hard to keep you the members informed and I applaud them for the work they have done.

We managed to do a couple of newsletters which can be found on the BCHA website. Speaking of our website, I have to say it is fantastic and something the membership should be proud of. It is hard work but I do enjoy doing it.

For the BC Championships we had 100 entries, I am sure we all had hoped it would have been more but I guess travel costs made it hard for a lot of the members from the north and interior to attend. Thank you to Tom Moffat for setting up the tournament on HSMaster which will be used to run this tournament. Victoria, as usual has done a fantastic job for this year's BC Championships, the club always knows how to do a great tournament.

We have proposed on the agenda to change the present structure of the BCHA Executive. This proposal was not, and is not, a knock at anyone. This is designed like in most organizations to save money as much as possible. Over the years we have lost members and a number of clubs have folded, and it has come unfeasible to have regional reps only representing 2 or 3 clubs. One day I hope we will return to the present structure, but first we need to increase our membership.

We will miss Marcel Pinette this year. Marcel has always been a hard worker and helps where and when needed. I think we can all take a look at what he does and do the same. Thank you Marcel and may your health improve and that we will be able to see you next year. My position is not up until next year, I have thought long and hard about things and where the association is headed and if I can help to make it grow. It is not easy for me to say this, but this will be my last term, and I will not be running for re-election next year. My health has not been that great over the last couple years, along with personal issues which are getting the better of me, so another reason to step down. It is time for me to get healthy and not have the burden of trying to run this organization. Next season I am hoping to be able to play horseshoes and enjoy it.

If the organization still wants me to be the statistician, do the website and put tournaments together, I am more than willing to do this, as these are jobs I enjoy to do.

We need someone new to get us over the hurdle and get memberships up. Next year I would like for all of us to think of some ideas to build our sport and pass these ideas on to all our clubs.

We all need to communicate better with each other, seems a lot of bickering, refusing assistance etc., let's drop all this and start with a clean sheet for next season.

I hope those on the Executive whose positions are up for election will run again, you are valuable assets to this organization and you can make it grow and make it that much better for all those involved throughout the province.

No club has stepped forward to run the 2013 BC Championships, which is very discouraging, we hope since the required courts of 24 has changed to 16, some smaller clubs will consider hosting.

Thank you for your time and have a pleasant weekend. Sam Tomasevic

FINANCIAL REPORT: No questions regarding financial statement. Dorothy Krimmer moved that the financial statement be accepted as read. Seconded by John Hamler. Passed.

REGIONAL REP. REPORTS:

NORTHERN REP. HELENE BOUDREAU READ FOR MARCEL PINETTE:

Marcel's health is forcing him to resign as Northern Rep. Prince George started the season off with the first tournament in April. Their next tournament was in June, followed by the Western Classic. Each tournament was smaller than the last year as all clubs seem to be losing players. Quesnel had their usual tournament each month starting in May and ending in August. Not as many players as past years, but those who attended had lots of fun. The weather has not been bad on tournament weekends, surprisingly. We seem to have a hard time getting juniors interested in joining horseshoes. Prince George and Quesnel each have one junior. This past year we lost Georgina Gordon. Bob Campbell was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

ISLAND/POWELL RIVER REP. LORRAINE HUBICK:

Ladysmith:

This year the Ladysmith Horseshoe Club has seen an increase in membership which has made it more fun at our Thursday evening get together at Transfer Beach Park. We have had a very busy horseshoe pitching season with the hosting of three, three-day tournaments on the long weekends in May, July and August. We started these tournaments with a Mixed Open on the Saturday, a Men's Open on the Sunday, and a Ladies Open on the Monday, which is usually only one shift in the morning, allowing for players to head home early or catch a ferry home. The Mixed Opens have been well attended with over fifty entries at each one. Next year the Ladysmith Days Celebration is returning to the August BC Day Holiday weekend, so once again Transfer Beach Park will be filled with lots of activities including entertainment and our famous fireworks display, which the horseshoe players always get first class seating from which to view the spectacular event. On Sunday Sept. 16 we will also be hosting the Islands & Powell River Championships. Plans have been drafted up for an addition onto the back of our club house for 2 showers and 2 more bathrooms, one being handicap accessible, hoping we'll have this in place for next year. The 2012 tournaments the Ladysmith Horseshoe Club hosted were all very well attended with players coming from the mainland, Powell River and other Island locations. We would like to thank all of the attending players for making our tournaments so much fun and we hope to see you all at our next year tournaments, "may your horseshoes all be ringers & count six ... BamBam," ... all the best in horseshoes ... the Ladysmith Horseshoe Club.

Powell River:

Since our last report on March 10, 2012, our season began with so much enthusiasm, as in early April, the weather co-operated for Sunday morning drop-ins. On April 22, we had our OPEN HOUSE with a nice turn-out. Members were accepting of the increased dues. Betty Blacklock, our Director of League, was in full swing to getting the League schedule set up, and on May 3, we were ready to roll with 6 teams. Oh, the pressure began, with the addition of 7 new members, and how quickly they found the box!!! But as time goes by, there were team members missing - holidays come along, so where they were absent, we had spares to fill their spots. Or we were short pitchers, so just did the best we could. The League play-off was won by Carol Skrodolis' team, then there were two sets of finals and the winning team final is on Aug 30. June 2, we held our first tournament, with 31 pitchers, joining us were pitchers from Winfield, Ladysmith and Dry Creek. As the season progresses, we do have our club tourneys, yearly trophies are handed out to the winners of many classes. During the year, some of our club pitchers have traveled to many tournaments, as far as Saskatoon this year to the Canadians, Abbotsford for the BC International, and soon the BC Championships in Victoria. We have just held our 2nd tourney on Aug 25th, 40 pitchers this time, happily challenging 11 pitchers from Dry Creek and Victoria. Now the arrangements of the banquet and awards night are in progress, holding later in October. We have 38 members. The Powell River pitchers wish everyone success and fun at the BC's and until next time we all meet again in 2013. Season's greetings to you all.

Victoria:

Message from Derek Thorpe - He spoke to Victoria President after my request for information or concerns of their club. Until this recent time, Derek has not heard any response. Quoting in this case, "I am to assume that all is good with the way our club is currently running" Cheryl Cliché spoke regarding the new construction of the roofed seating area in-front of the club house and the renovated area of the BBQ cooking area , outside of the kitchen area, concrete blocks for flooring, have made working so much easier, and for clean-up

Port Alberni:

As everyone knows last spring Port Alberni had a fire that destroyed their holding shed, so they lost all their equipment. It is going to be some time before they can get everything set up again. Hoping they can get their tournaments up and running again for 2013. They have a small membership, so the efforts of them all, is a struggle, hopefully they can achieve what they would like. The walls and roof are up, but there is the electrical etc. to contend with.

INTERIOR/KOOTEANY REP. JOHN HAMLER:

I contacted all the clubs in my zone and asked for input to be presented here and I had no response from any of them. I held a zone meeting at the Salmon Arm tournament August 4. There were 24 members present. I talked about the AGM and how important it is to get their delegates to the meeting if they have members attending the tournament. I was quite surprised to hear that there are some members that did not even know there was a BCHA. It seems like when new members join the information about the BCHA, the great website that Sam created and maintains, player etiquette, etc. is not being passed on. I will work harder with the clubs to get the message out. The clubs are not following the "Rules For Running a Sanctioned Tournament" set out by the BCHA and the "Rules Governing the Sport of Horseshoe Pitching" from Horseshoe Canada as closely as they should. There are problems with payouts, payouts not being posted, lack of peg painting & pit watering, setting up of classes and club members not getting along with one another. I will work closer with the clubs to try and improve on this situation. I also reminded all the clubs that there are only 16 courts required now for the provincials. All the clubs are getting smaller and can't handle a big tournament on their own. I have suggested that clubs get together to host this event. I suggested Penticton as it is central, has great camping facilities, a hall right on the property, a tournament office, and lots of accommodation. I have asked the clubs to let me know about this but so far I have had no response. I will keep pestering as I would like to see the Provincials back in the Interior as the last time was in Winfield in 2009. The added benefit is that the members would not have to travel as far to the provincials and would give more members in the area a chance to compete. In Winfield we are still having our famous jam sessions after tournaments.

The house band "Andy Danyleyko & His Dandelions" is always ready to provide the dance music and those that take part always enjoy themselves. We added the "Spur of the Moment Mixed Open" on July 14 as there was no tournament in the area for a month.

LOWER MAINLAND REP. ELYSE BRUNELLE:

Cloverdale club membership has been a rollercoaster ride and with 10 new members we are still in the mid-40 range. Members Steve White, Ben Meyer and Dennis Mustchin, all passed this year and are missed by all pitchers who knew them. We miss those lost and hold dear the visits of those members who can no longer pitch shoes regularly. Cloverdale has hosted our usual 3 tournaments this year and we have enjoyed good times with good friends while pitching shoes at these tournaments. Members have participated in many tournaments throughout BC and we thank those who travelled to our tournaments this year. Our school program has grown from one school and one class four years ago, to four schools and many classes participating in our introduction to horseshoes followed by a BBQ. Our sponsors have been good to us again, with donations to our tournaments and school program allowing us to spice up our events. This year our club is hosting the Lower Mainland Championships September 16, and our sponsors have come through again to help us give back to the participants. Our membership was extremely pleased with the article in the Horseshoe Pitchers Year Book to do with our club and the hosting of the 2011 BC Championships. As all clubs do, our members care and have worked hard to host tournaments and show all a good time. The 2012 pitching season has been an up and down year for tournament support and we hope 2013 will be a year of higher participation by all clubs and their members.

Central Park has had three successful tournaments this year, although the last one was poorly attended. We were pleased to host the 25th BC Senior Games at our courts. We had three medal winners from our club. We have members playing every afternoon except Sunday, and a group playing every Wednesday evening. Some organizations are also using the courts.

Abbotsford: has had a successful season so far. We held the BC International/Highwayman July 28/29. Although participation was lower than in previous years, everyone seemed to have a good time. On August 26 Danny Coffin put together a one day get together tournament, at which the Elks were invited to participate. Again, participation was low, but those that did attend had a good time. A total of 14 pitched. The format was partner switch and the entry money was all put in as prize money. We had lunch after the second round and then continued with three more rounds. A good time was had by all. Our final tournament of the season will be September 9. Hope to see a good turnout.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Canadian Hall of Fame: Colin Finnie, Saskatchewan

BC Hall of Fame: Bernie Lepper

Supplies/Jackets/Crests: Inventory Sheet Available on request

BC Senior Games: Held in Burnaby. We had 37 participants. Cheryl Degraaf read out medal winners. Congratulations to all.

2013 Tournaments:

- BC Championships – To be announced (Aug 31-Sept 1)
- BC Internationals/Highwayman – Abbotsford (July 6-7)
- Western Classic – Saskatchewan
- Canadians – Belleville, Ontario (July 10-13)
- Worlds – St. George, Utah (July 22-Aug 3)
- BC Senior Games – Kamloops (Aug 20-24)

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed amalgamation of Vice President and Secretary. 1 delegate did not vote. 10 in favor, 11 opposed, Motion Defeated.

Proposed amalgamation of Vancouver Island/Powell River Rep and Lower Mainland Rep, and proposed amalgamation of Northern Rep and Interior/Kootenay Rep. 17 in favor, 5 opposed, Motion Passed.

ELECTIONS:

Vice President: Dorothy Krimmer nominated John Hamler. John declined. 2nd Round – Robin Degraaf nominated Archie Radowits, Elyse Brunelle nominated Jim Grant, Sam Tomasevic nominated Cheryl Degraaf. Archie declined. Jim declined. Cheryl declined. 3rd Round – Cheryl Cliché nominated Sue Macdonald, Tom Moffat nominated Lorraine Hubick, Dorothy Krimmer nominated Tom Moffat. Lorraine declined. Tom declined. Sue accepted. New Vice President Sue Macdonald.

Secretary: Dorothy Krimmer nominated Cheryl Degraaf, Cheryl Cliché nominated Lorraine Hubick. Cheryl declined. Lorraine declined. 2nd Round – Tom Moffat nominated Elyse Brunelle, Cheryl Cliché nominated John Hamler, John Hamler nominated Betty Clarke, Dorothy Krimmer nominated Jim Grant, Cheryl Degraaf nominated Cindy Helgeson. Cheryl Degraaf nominated June Thompson. Elyse declined. John declined. Betty declined. Jim declined. Cindy declined. June declined. Sue Macdonald to resume duties of Secretary.

Interior/Kootenay/Northern Rep: John Hamler let his name stand. Cheryl Degraaf nominated Helene Boudreau, Sam Tomasevic nominated Bob Price. Helene declined. Bob declined. John Hamler will stay on for another term.

Island/Powell River Rep: Lorraine Hubick let her name stand. Don Cameron nominated Cheryl Degraaf, Elyse Brunelle nominated Jim Grant. Cheryl declined. Jim accepted. Vote was in favor of Lorraine. Lorraine Hubick will stay on for another term. John Hamler motioned to destroy ballots. Seconded by Dorothy Krimmer.

OPEN FLOOR: Tom Moffat spoke on some of the NHPA rulings. Seniors age 70 to age 65 was defeated. Pee wee/Cadet 9 to 12 years old, Junior 13 to 18 years old.

Mention that our insurance runs from May 29 to May 28, so it is important that clubs get their BCHA dues in by May 1. Dorothy Krimmer mentioned she would like to see the fiscal year to be April 1 to March 31. Dorothy will have to add to agenda at next year's AGM.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 PM

WINNERS OF BCHA RAFFLE: \$100 Early Bird Draw – Guy Chaisson of Victoria
\$400 – Gord Butts of Victoria
\$300 – Helen Chapel of Victoria
\$200 – Colin Nicholson of Victoria
\$100 – Bob Fedoruk of Cloverdale

Fundraising at the BC International/Highwayman – Raffle Prizes and 50/50: Proceeds of \$263.50

Fundraising at the BC Championships – Raffle Prizes and 50/50: Proceeds of \$444.00

On behalf of the BCHA...thank you for your support.

