

## **BCHA EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 2pm Abbotsford Horseshoe Club**

**SIGN IN: Tom Moffat, Sam Tomasevic, Brian Ryder, Lorraine Hubick, Juanita Laye\ CALL TO ORDER: 2PM**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Kootenay Country Music Festival, BCHA Membership Fee Increase**

**ADOPTION OF LAST YEARS MINUTES: Moved by Brian/Seconded by Sam – Carried**

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT TOM MOFFAT**

Another winter (long winter ) has gone and we are just starting the horseshoe season. I would like to thank everyone on the Executive for working hard in the area you are assigned too. We had a problem with the Cash lottery procedure and thankyou Tony for sticking with it and overcoming it.

Sam has done a great job with the newsletter and getting sponsors and prizes for the raffle at both the BC International and BC Championships. Also in preparing to update our constitution.

The rest of you well done. I want to welcome back Comox Valley Horseshoe club into BC Horseshoe association. We look forward to them getting their feet on the ground this year and then hosting some tournaments in the future.

Every year it seems there are a few minor difficulties and misunderstandings that we work our way through , but all the time we keep the best interest of all BC horseshoe players in mind.

It is my belief that we have talented people on our executive and are fitted in just the right spot doing what they do. To some it's a learning curve and to others it's a teaching role for newcomers to the executive.

With this age of media we must keep the word going about horseshoe playing and that it's a sport for all ages anywere in BC

Lets look forward to a great 2017 year.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Jim Grant of the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club regarding the 2017 BC Championships. Discussion took place regarding the points raised in the letter. It was agreed that the Executives response to each point would be forwarded to the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club by way of a letter from the President.

Letter from Bernie Lepper, BCHA Hall Of Fame Committee Member regarding the possibility of creating a Volunteers category for the Hall Of Fame. After considerable discussion it was moved by Brian /Seconded by Juanita, that the BCHA look at creating a new award outside of the Hall Of Fame to recognize Volunteers and that this award would be called the Presidents Award.-Carried

**MEMBERSHP:** Declining membership and the inability to attracting new members continues to be a problem. It was agreed that any and all possibilities to attract new members should be explored by the BCHA along with each individual Club.

**HORSESHOE CANADA REP:** At this point we are unaware of anyone from B.C. attending the Canadians this year. When and if we find someone who is attending we will inquire as to whether or not they would be prepared to be our delegate.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Brian Ryder presented Interim Financial Statements as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 along with his comments. He noted that Cash On Hand as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 was \$11,683.70.

**REGIONAL REPS REPORTS:** Individual Club reports were included in the Spring Newsletter. It was noted that several Clubs failed submit reports for the Newsletter and the Executive hoped they would do so in the future. Juanita reported that Vernon had signed up 5 new members recently. Speaking of the Vernon Club, Brian reported that Vernon had recently donated \$250.00 to the Junior Travel Fund. Bravo Vernon!

**OLD BUSINESS:** Revision of the Constitution was once again discussed with various ideas for change brought forward. Sam is working on some additional suggestions which he will present to the Executive as soon as possible.

**RAFFLES/FUNDRAISING/OTHER INCOME:** Brian noted that the Cash Raffle tickets which are the BCHA's biggest fund raiser were now ready for distribution.

Sam brought the meeting up to date on the success of his fundraising efforts for ads in the Newsletter. He also said that the Sponsors would be invited to attend the openings BC International/Highwayman as well the BC Championships. The other members of the Executive thanked him for his time and effort.

**55+ GAMES:** Tom reported to the Executive that he had been asked by Cheryl Degraff what the BCHA thought about the possibility of requiring Class winners to move up to the next class the following year. After a brief discussion the Executive agreed that the Class format for the 55+ Games should be based on ringer percentage, the same as any other BCHA sanctioned tournament

#### **TOURNAMENTS:**

B.C. International/Highwayman-May 20 & 21, Abbotsford, B.C. Western Canadian Classic-July 1 & 2, Calgary Alberta-World Championships-July 17-30, St. George Utah-Canadian Championships-August 8 -12, Guelph, Ontario-B.C. Championships-September 2 & 3, Cloverdale, B.C.-55+ Games-September 12 -16, Vernon, B.C.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**2018 BC Championships:** Applications were received from Kamloops and Prince George to host the 2018 B.C. Championships. After a review of the applications it was unanimously agreed to award the 2018 BC Championships to Kamloops.

**2018 BC International Tournament:** Abbotsford has expressed a desire to continue hosting the BC International and the Executive agreed that the 2018 Tournament would be held in Abbotsford.

**BCHA Banner:** The Executive discussed having a BCHA Banner to be displayed at various tournaments and promotional events. It was moved by Brian/Seconded by Juanita to have Lorraine investigate the idea and the possible costs (Up To \$200.00). Carried

**New Club – Comox Valley Horseshoe Club:** Tom Reported on his meeting with those interested reviving the Club and said he was pleased to report that the Club was up and running. Welcome Back Comox Valley!

**Day Memberships:** Tom spoke on the idea of possibly having Day Memberships to try and assist in recruiting new members. Brian expressed some concerns about the Insurance aspects of such a membership and suggested he should talk to our Insurer before we proceed any further. The Executive agreed. Brian reminded the Executive that our Insurer had previously approved us to hold Promotional Tournaments, which would allow prospective to take part without being members.

**BC Societies Registry:** Brian brought to the attention of the Executive that the Registry is going digital and as a result we will have to file a Transition Application before November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He requested and received approval to spend \$40.00 on a Transition Training Package.

**BCHA Membership Fee Increase:** A discussion took place with respect to the possible need for an increase to the membership in order to keep pace with the increased costs of doing business. In particular the cost of Insurance which had increased 11.89% in the past 3 years. It was moved by Brian /seconded by Sam that at the next AGM we as the membership to approve a \$2.00 increase in the yearly membership fee. Carried

**Kootenay Country Music Festival:** The festival is being held in Rock Creek in August and the BCHA has been contacted by the promoters to see if we would be interested in helping them organize a Horseshoe Tournament during the event. Members of the Executive thought this might be a good opportunity to promote our sport and agreed to the request. Juanita will head up the BCHA delegation. Jim and Dorothy Harrold have expressed an

interest in assisting her. Lorraine pointed out that this event would be a good place to display a BCHA Banner.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

**BC Championships-Minimum Added Money Requirement For Host Clubs:** The Executive discussed the adequacy of the current minimum requirement in light of the declining participation. In an effort to try and attract more participants it was the consensus that the current requirement of \$500.00 was inadequate. It was moved by Sam/Seconded by Lorraine to increase the minimum to \$750.00. Carried

**Penticton Horseshoe Club:** A discussion took place around the fact that Bud Perry along with several members of his family had resigned from the Penticton Horseshoe Club and that the Club was currently in limbo. Concern was expressed about the future of the Club and it was agreed to provide whatever assistance we could. Juanita as Area Rep is already providing assistance and in light of the fact that Brian will soon be moving to Penticton, he offered his assistance as well. The Executive would like to thank Bud Perry and his family for their years of service to the Penticton Horseshoe Club.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Tom moved adjournment at 5:15 PM