

BCHA EXECUTIVE MEETING April 28th 2018 – Abbotsford Horseshoe Club

SIGN IN: Tom Moffat, Sam Tomasevic, Brian Ryder, Lorraine Hubick.
CALL TO ORDER: 2:14 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Horseshoe Mania

ADOPTION OF LAST YEARS MINUTES: Moved by Brian/Seconded by Sam. - Carried

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Doing the same thing and expecting different results is insanity. We have been doing the same things for a long time, are we getting better results. Even though we have many dedicated volunteers we are not getting better at recruiting new members. Is it time to come up with different ways. The world has changed and getting their attention to our sport has never been more difficult. But I believe if we can come up with interesting but will be slightly different ways we can attract more members.

We have tried ringer only formats and it is interesting but does not attract new members.

Victoria is trying a format that has been successful in the Eastern USA called Horseshoe Mania. We are advertising, getting members fired up about bringing a friend for the one day unsanctioned tournament to introduce them to the sport of horseshoes.

There must be other ways too, but just the executive can not come up with all the answers, we need the members to help to find ways to get people involved in horseshoes.

Like I have said many times we need everyone to be on the lookout to invite their contacts out to give it a try. 5 people on the executive might be able to attract 5 people, but 100 people have the possibility of attracting 100 people.

Lets put our efforts into what can bring us better gain in the recruitment area. Lets get everyone fired up about inviting. That has to be our new battle cry. Each one, Reach one

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters from Jim Grant/Cloverdale Horseshoe Club. President Tom Moffat reported to the Executive on the in person meeting he had with Mr. Grant on the matter. It was the opinion of the Executive that matter had been dealt with satisfactorily.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership recruitment continues to be an ongoing issue. The Executive discussed various ideas to assist with recruitment. Ultimately they agreed to investigate the possibility of providing Clubs and or Individual members that recruit new members, with a financial incentive for doing so. Tom suggested that our new Battle Cry for recruitment should be Each One, ReachOne.

HORSESHOE CANADA REP: Tom Moffat indicated that he plans on attending the Canadian Championships and offered to be one of the 2 Reps B.C. is entitled to. The Executive agreed to accept his offer and will continue to seek a second Rep. Sam Tomasevic advised the meeting that Stan Dahl had been nominated for the Canadian Horseshoe Hall Of Fame.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Brian Ryder presented Interim Financial Statements as of March 31st, 2018 to the Executive along with his comments. He noted that Cash On Hand As Of March 31st, 2017 was \$13,600.14.

REGIONAL REPS REPORTS: It was noted that several Clubs had submitted reports and that they were included in the Spring Newsletter. The Executive expressed their thanks to these Clubs. It was also noted that there were still a number of Clubs who had failed to submit reports. President Tom Moffat updated the Executive on the Comox situation and the Cumberland connection.

OLD BUSINESS: Brian reported that he and Sam hoped to have the Societies Act Transition completed shortly. Sam said work on revisions to the Constitution will begin in earnest upon completion of the Societies Act Transition. It was noted that the category for the Hall Of Fame inductee this year was Organizer-Promoter. It was agreed to continue with the Presidents Awards and Certificates Of Achievement again this year.

RAFFLES & FUNDRAISING : Brian mentioned that the BCHA Raffle Tickets were ready distribution and thanked Tony Rondow for his work on the raffle. It was noted that there had be an adjustment made this year in the number of Single Tickets printed.

55 + GAMES: Sam pointed out that Horseshoes was not part of the Games being held in Cranbrook/Kimberley this year. He also brought to the Executives attention that Cheryl Degraff would like to step down from her position as Horseshoe Rep for the Games. It was agreed that the BCHA should stay involved with the 55+ Games . Tom agreed to contact Cheryl to see about a replacement for her.

TOURNAMENTS: B.C. International/Highwayman-May 19 & 20, Abbotsford, B.C. - World Championships-July 9 – 21, Florence S. Carolina – Western Canadian Classic-August 4 & 5, Prince George, B.C. – Canadian Championships-August 15-18, Whitewood, Saskatchewan - B.C. Championships-September 1 & 2, Kamloops, B.C.

A request was received from the Prince George Horseshoe Club for financial assistance to aid them in hosting the Western Canadian Classic. Discussion took place on what had transpired in the past regarding such requests and it was subsequently moved by Brian, seconded by Sam that we provide Prince George with the sum of \$250.00 to be used for added money at the tournament: Carried The Executive agreed that they would do everything in their power to see that an Executive member be in attendance at this years Western Canadian Classic in Prince George. The Executive once again reiterated that as with the BC Championships, any Club wishing to host any other Major Tournament must go through the BCHA. As a result of concerns from the members at last years AGM the Executive has come up with a revised formula for prize money payouts at the BC Championships and the BC International/Highwayman. It was agreed that the new formula would be put into place starting with this years BC International tournament.

NEW BUSINESS:

2019 B.C. Championship : Applications were received from Vernon and Victoria. Following a review of the applications and discussion it was moved by Sam, seconded by Lorraine to award to 2019 Championships to Victoria: Carried Promotion Of Horseshoes: Discussion took place around ideas on how to promote Horseshoes. It was agreed that whenever possible avenues such as E-mails, Facebook, Twitter, Newspapers, Radio and T.V. should be used to promote Horseshoes.

Etiquette: The topic of proper Etiquette was raised and Sam agreed to look into producing a Brochure on Horseshoe Etiquette.

Women With Disabilities: Brian raised the question that it might be time for the Executive to address the issues faced by women with disabilities playing Horseshoes. He pointed out that whereas handicapped Men under the age of 65 are allowed to pitch from a shorter distance (30 feet) provided they meet certain medical criteria, handicapped Women receive no such benefit. After considerable discussion on the topic it was moved by Brian seconded by Lorraine that on a Trial Club by Club basis, the foul line for Handicapped Women who meet the same criteria as Handicapped Men, be moved forward 2 feet. Carried

Junior Fund: The Executive discussed the lack of activity in the Junior Fund and expressed the hope that more Juniors would participate in Major Tournaments. Assistance to struggling Clubs: Brian expressed the need for the BCHA to let struggling Clubs know that the BCHA would endeavor to assist them in various ways in their time of need. The Executive agreed that there may be ways the BCHA could do more to assist struggling Clubs and that the BCHA should communicate more with these Clubs.

Horseshoe Mania: Tom Moffat shared with the Executive the idea Victoria had come up with to promote and hopefully recruit New Members (Horseshoe Mania), which was going to be held in Victoria on May 12th/18. The Executive wished Victoria well with their endeavor.

ADJOURNMENT: Sam moved adjournment at 4:37 PM