

BCHA EXECUTIVE MEETING IN BURNABY MARCH 23, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 11:45 AM

SIGN IN: President Sam Tomasevic, Vice President/Secretary Sue Macdonald, Lower Mainland/Vancouver Island/Powell River Regional Rep. Lorraine Hubick, Northern/Interior/Kootenay Regional Rep. John Hamler, Guests Brian Ryder and Dorothy Krimmer

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPOINTMENT OF NEW TREASURER: Dorothy Krimmer has stepped down as Treasurer effective February 28, 2013. Sam acknowledged and thanked Dorothy for all her hard work and commitment over the years. Sam Tomasevic appointed Brian Ryder as the BCHA Treasurer. All in Favor. Brian will resume the duties as Treasurer until the next elections at the Annual General Meeting in Penticton, and it is our hope that he will stay on longer. Brian has experience in banking and will be an asset to our organization. Brian and his wife are in the process of moving to Abbotsford from the Kootenay's.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to 2013, looks like it will be an interesting year. The dates for the tournaments are on the website.

I know that as an executive we will work hard to please our membership, which is what we are here for.

If any of us have a problem with something that has been assigned to them, please let others know and we will all assist as much as possible. I do not want to see or hear about things not getting done because someone was busy or could not get the information.

The newsletter is still hard to do, I thank the usual contributors, which is appreciated, but, I would like to see more clubs send in articles. I know the regional reps have enough to do, I am wondering if they could send something about the tournament they have attended, and make sure you get assistance form the host club and let them know you will submit the article.

Our website continues to be up to date as much as possible. Maps to get to the clubs are all available, as well as contacts.

On a personal basis, I lost both parents in a 105 day span, been rough on both Wendy and I, and I must admit, that horseshoes has been the furthest thing on my mind, but I will do the best I can until things settle down.

I would like to thank Dorothy Krimmer for her great job as our treasurer over the years, and we all welcome Brian Ryder as the new treasurer.

Let's make 2013 the best year we have had in years.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dorothy distributed financial statements for Aug 1, 2012 to March 21, 2013. Dorothy made a motion to approve financials as presented. Lorraine Seconded. All in favor.

Dorothy handed all financials over to Brian. While the position is an enormous undertaking, Dorothy and Brian will be working together through a transition period. Dorothy will look after ordering the BCHA Raffle Tickets, collecting the 2013 Memberships, as well as getting our Insurance this year.

Brian made a motion to purchase an Accounting Program. John Seconded. All in Favor.

MAJOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

2013 BC CHAMPIONSHIPS: Penticton (Aug 31 – Sept 1)

2013 BC INTERNATIONALS: Abbotsford (July 6-7)

2013 WESTERN CLASSIC: North Battleford, Sask. (June 29-30)

2013 CANADIANS: Belleville, Ont. (July 10-13)

2013 WORLDS: St. George, Utah (July 22 – Aug 3)

2013 SENIOR GAMES: Kamloops (Aug 20-24)

BCHA RAFFLE/OTHER FUNDRAISING: Dorothy will order Raffle Tickets and distribute as soon as possible. Sue will purchase Raffle Items. Thank you Dorothy for your donation.

SUPPLIES/JACKETS/CRESTS: Sue provided list of inventory handed over at Provincials from Cheryl Degraaf. We have decided we are not going to order any further inventory. One old style jacket will be used as raffle item, as well as dated Horseshoe Canada Year Books. Hats are going to be sold at 50% off. Jackets will be ordered on an on demand basis, pay up front. Sam will order Crests for the Internationals and Provincials. BCHA will no longer order Crests for other clubs. All Master Scoresheets are in John Hamler's possession.

REGIONAL REP REPORTS:

NORTHERN/INTERIOR/KOOTENAYS: John Hamler

I contacted all clubs in my area and I got only two replies.

Summerland: We lost a couple of members through the winter, but picked up four new ones. Picture looks rosy for our 57th annual tourney , we will start our practice very soon Nik Culic

Salmon Arm: The Salmon Arm Horseshoe club has spent an inactive winter. Because of the deep snow at the pits, and the pushed up snow banks in the parking areas, we are glad not to have the "early" tournament. The club last gathered at the home of President Doug Winslow on Dec. 13 for our Christmas Social. There was a very good turnout. The executive will meet soon to discuss insurance, utilities, and start times. This will be a busy season in the Valley, with the Sr. Games in Kamloops Aug. 20 - 24. Everyone is hoping for a good turnout of Zone 8 participants at the tournament capital of Kamloops. It will also be great having the Provincials in Penticton, followed by our own Interior Championships in Vernon in Sept. Our club members enjoy playing mixed walking doubles and would enjoy seeing it at the Provincial level. That's it from us, John. See you in the pits soon. Amy

I will meet with Penticton at their first tournament regarding the provincials to make sure they have enough rakes, brooms, scoreboards, and scoresheets. If not, Winfield will supply whatever is needed.

Bob Price in Terrace has advised that they set up two indoor courts in a building on his property. They have had 6 pitchers playing all winter. They are sending in money for 6 members to Sam.

Winfield: Sylvianne Morgan passed away while on a South American Cruise. There will be a mass for her on April 12, and a celebration of life at the club on April 13. She has served as club treasurer for many years and was a huge asset to our club. Sharon has advised she will not run for President again. She has served for a decade. We have been holding our crib tournaments on Saturdays since October, with a full house most times.

I am doing much better this year health wise, and continue to improve. I have skied 41 days so far, and have way more energy since coming off all the heart meds. I would like to welcome Brian Ryder on board as the new treasurer. Thanks for stepping up to the plate. I would like to thank Dorothy for her many years of service.

LOWER MAINLAND/VANCOUVER ISLAND/POWELL RIVER: Lorraine Hubick

Central Park : Not many shoes being thrown in the cold wet weather but we have about seven members playing washers every day in the club house and up to ten or more on Wednesday's. Our General meeting will be held April 14th. Dean Pelletier from the Burnaby Parks Board may attend. We will be renewing our lease agreement with the Park's Board. We have not yet heard from the Park's Board regarding R.V. parking if we apply for the B.C. Championships. Jim Ball

Abbotsford: Hi Folks Sorry to be so slow in giving you a report from our club but Sherry and I have been in Arizona since January 8th and won't be home until Apr. 1st so I'm sort of out of the loop. Last season went quite well and now that most of our construction is done things are much easier. Our tournaments were successful but we could have had a few more pitchers. I have had a meeting with the owner of the Highwayman Pub and she has confirmed her support for this coming year so that is good. Before Christmas we had our Club Appreciation Dinner and that was well attended but we have not had any luck with getting anything like cards or darts to make use of the clubhouse through the winter. We were in touch with the Parks Board to see about putting more pits and we didn't get much response. Then after a shuffle of staff they called us to say that they wanted it approved so it could be put in next year's budget. When the Museum Society heard this they were upset and started going after the Commission to squash our expansion so now it is going back to counsel in March so it will be a while yet before we will know if we can expand or not. This might take some time. Our membership remains about the same as last year but we did get one new member through the winter. Danny Coffin

Things have been slow at our club this winter. Seems like interest has gone downhill. At present we are waiting for word from the parks board on whether we will be able to expand our courts to 24 courts. Seems like we are getting some opposition from the MSA Museum Society. Hopefully things will pick up as the weather improves. The first tournament of the season is not that far away. Archie Radowits

Cloverdale: Not much happened over the winter months so far so not much to report. We all look forward to pitching shoes and seeing our friends this year. We have our pre-season meeting on March 2nd to discuss our tournaments and the BC Seniors Games as it is a biggie with our members. Our memberships are due March each year and we forward the BCHA fee in April, so no problem here. Jim Grant

Ladysmith: has been fairly quiet over the fall & winter months, some members still get together at the pitches on Monday & Thursday afternoons, Mike & June Thompson came up from Victoria one afternoon to play with our members. We have not proceeded any further yet on the extra washrooms & showers, as the driving force behind this project, myself, has had to commit more time and energy towards keeping my business going, tough doing business in Ladysmith over the last year or so. Our Club Members have not discussed or decided on whether to cancel The Ladysmith Spring Open, as I will be away on a holiday prior to and including that May weekend. We'll probably be having a club meeting sometime in April, at which a decision should be made. Vince Herkel

Victoria: Don't forget to visit our new website gvhpa.org Just finished 6 weeks of Spring League, play-offs will be on Sunday. Our Men's League Draft is also on Sunday, and play will begin after the Easter long weekend. Ladies League will begin later in April. The club members are busy preparing for our grand opening of our newly constructed Memorial Shelter, to be held on May 11. We are inviting all family and past members to join us for this event in recognition of all our members we have lost over the years. Sam Quinn/Sue Macdonald

Powell River: Here we are, the start of another season. There has been no activity for any of our pitchers, other than sidelines for some, and some spending the few months basking in the sun (if they did not get snow) down South. The club executive held their meeting to get things organized on March 13, the 11 members had great input, so the club is pretty well set up for the whole season ahead of us. A variety of events to take place during our schedule, as it is our 30th Anniversary of the Horseshoe Pitching Club. The fun begins with all the phone calls, getting past year members to come to the General Meeting March 20. This is where everyone gets information on what has been decided and can ask or add to these events. We start with our Open House on April 21, and League Play starts May 2 under the well organized and confidence of Betty Blacklock, setting up teams, until late August. During our season, we have all the group % level pitch offs, and presented with awards. This year we are hosting the Island/Powell River Championships on August 24-25, pitchers will play both days. We do hope for a lovely turnout with all the competitive pitchers. That is it for now, see you all very soon and good luck to all of you. Lorraine Hubick

BC SENIOR GAMES: Will be held in Kamloops. Dorothy Krimmer and Brian Ryder will be in contact with the BC Games Sports Director. Sam would like to see the elimination of % and Senior Women.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Alice Hickman of Victoria passed in December, Sam Tomasevic's mother passed in February, Sylvianne Morgan of Winfield passed in March, Carol Ormiston and Bea Leblanc of Victoria are receiving cancer treatment, and Diane Grant had a hip replacement and is doing well. Our thoughts are with all of you.

NEW BUSINESS: Future Executive Meetings to take place after April 15

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:30 PM

