

HORSESHOE CANADA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2013

The annual general meeting of Horseshoe Canada was called to order at 7:05 p.m., July 9th, 2012 at Quite Sports and Wellness Centre in Belleville, ON

1. Vice President Tom Moffat welcomed all present. 25 people in attendance.

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Coach: West Tammy Christensen, (see above) **Maritimes** (0), **Ont.** (0)

Tournament Director: Diane Beck, 721 Pentecost Bay, Calgary, AB, Ph403 236 8220, djbeck@shaw.ca

National Award Chairperson: to be appointed

2. A moment of silence was observed for horseshoe players whom have passed on.
3. The agenda was presented and accepted
4. Secretary read the minutes of the 2012 meeting.
5. Mary Holley moved to adopt the minutes as read, 2nd by Jane Cordingley, carried.
6. No business arising from minutes
7. Auditor's report/Treasurer's report was combined and Sheryl Arnold handed out a copy to the executive and delegates. Attached to the reports was an invoice for the 2013 edition of the Yearbook as well as a reminder invoice to the provinces that have yet to pay their annual membership fee. The books for the fiscal period June 2, 2012 to May 31, 2013 have been audited by Joyce Branson, CGA of Dunnville, ON. World Tournament fund in at \$6,255.00. As interest is paid out, it is directed to the general account. Net loss as of May 31, 2012 was \$684.00. Our bank balance as of June 30, 2013 is \$31,319.33. This includes \$10,000.00 additional travel expenses from Belleville, \$2,632 in annual provincial membership fees from 6 provinces, \$200.00 from Saskatchewan to top up the travel expense fund for the Elders A class and 95% of the entry fees from this year's tournament entries.
Jack E Adams asked about the GST rebate and Sheryl replied she made a phone call, and the Treasurer needs to work on the Association's behalf to get it sorted out through a form RC – 59. Jack also questioned the difference between 2012 and 2013 scorekeepers and judging costs, reply, depends on the number of entries. Dale Squires moved to accept the reports, 2nd by Terrie Singbeil, carried.
8. Correspondence: none
9. **REPORTS**
 - **Tournament Director:** Wally Arnold gave his report 211 entries consisting of 92 in the open men, 45 open women, 47 elders, 6 Senior Men, 6 Senior Ladies, 6 juniors and 3 peewees. Prize payout and playing schedule have been posted. Jane Cordingley asked why the payouts are different when the number of players in a group is the same. Jack E Adams said that everything is done in proportion, there are more men in the open class then women, therefore the men get paid more.
Marie Hartman asked if there is a rule about the required tournaments needed to play in the Canadians. Jack E Adams said you need 3 sanctioned tournaments, but there is also a qualifying procedure that can be followed. Wally Arnold stated it is up to the home province to qualify the player if the number of tournaments have not been played.
 - **NHPA:** Lia Snell was our representative this year
2013 – St George, Utah, (July 22 to Aug 3)
2014 – Buffalo, NY, (July 14 to July 26)
 - **Rules and Regulations:** Several changes, not all pertained to us.
 1. Elder Men-once a member declares himself a short-distance pitcher, he must remain **in that Division until the next year's membership card is purchased. At that time he may switch back to the Open Men's Division**, but must remain in that Division **until the next year's membership card is purchased.**
 2. Delivery of Shoes-The contestant pitching first shall deliver both shoes (**underhand, and** one at a time).
 3. Junior Cadets (any pitcher **twelve (12)** years old or younger for the entire calendar year).
 - **Yearbook:** Andre Leclerc's report was read by Sheryl Arnold. Report available upon request. Our cost per book is \$10.11. We sell for \$12.00. 140 books printed at a cost of \$1,415.34. The packages were distributed at the Canadians this year, saving on postage costs. Andre stated is his report that the Yearbook is one of our communication tools, but is used perhaps more as a reference and collector's item. Newsletters and emails are more effective ways to communicate. He would like to suggest a great tool that

could be used: Mailchimp <http://mailchimp.com>. You can build various email contact lists, send batches without being considered SPAM, use templates to build your newsletters and messages. A lot of efforts are put into the Yearbook compared to the results. Maybe it can benefit our membership with other communication tools, or could be reconsidered. Andre also stated if someone is interested in doing the yearbooks he would gladly hand it over.

- **Coaching:** Tammy Christensen is still working on getting someone to revise the manuals.
 - **Hall of Fame:** Mike Holley reported that this year's category is outstanding builder/promoter male and female. The inductees are Kay Mckay from Alberta and Cecil Mitchell from Nova Scotia. Mike has made a few small changes to the operation of the balloting and hopes everyone on the committee understands his reasoning for doing things this way. Next year the category will be outstanding female player. Margaret Johns from Alberta still remains on the ballot from past years. Require resumes for new inclusions by April 15, 2014 with the ballots and resumes being mailed out to the committee by May 1, 2014.
 - **Progress 2014 Championships:** To be held at the Calgary Horseshoe club in Calgary Alberta, from Aug. 13th to 16th. The AGM will be on Aug 12th at 7:00pm and opening ceremonies at 8:30am, Aug 13th. Mary Holley handed out packages for the delegates and executive. There will be onsite camping and still working on a hosting hotel.
 - **CANSTATS:** Andre Leclerc's report was read by Tom Moffat. Available upon request. The Canstats section of the website and the online database can be visited at http://www.horseshoecanada.ca/constats_db/index/php. The current Canstats reports include only members that have been active in the past 12 months. However, reports from past years are also available back to 2008 including a report showing all pitchers (sorted alphabetically). Also there is the "Frequently Asked Questions" section. Main improvements made this year – players' pictures added to their profile page, update on the Excel file to help convert Canstats standings towards the HSMaster program and tournaments reported recently are now listed according to the date when they are reported or entered in the database. Two special pages provide an overview of the stats compiled for each province.
-tournaments and participation totals per province, and players and participation totals per province. Note that we have lost more than 200 members since 2008.
 - **Public Relations:** Mary Holley reported that she had some inquiries by e-mail mostly questions asking where to play and about joining a club. Most provinces have a web page with the sanctioned tournaments listed and local contacts. Mary would like to see a similar page on the Horseshoe Canada site. This year's purchases were hats and pins and still have a supply of vests, sweat shirts and t shirts. The remaining past yearbooks will be moved to Calgary in Aug. Mary has orders for some but would appreciate if each province would spread the word that past issues are available. Perhaps there are collectors out there that need a few copies to complete their collections.
 - **National Awards:** Dorothy Butts sent an e mail to President Cecil Mitchell stating that she will no longer be chair of the National awards. Dorothy will complete them and send to Cecil.
 - **President:** Cecil Mitchell's report was read by VP Tom Moffat. Available upon request.
10. **Motion to accept reports:** Tammy Christensen, 2nd by Jane Cordingley, carried.

11. **Business arising from reports:**

Motion by Dianne Beck, 2nd by Jane Cordingley to appoint Total Solution Inc, Ronald Baker as auditor, carried.

12. **Unfinished business:** Motion by Wally Arnold to pursue use of electronic scorekeeping, 2nd by Mary Holley, amendment by Tammy Christensen to send the financial implications to the executive and bring back to the AGM in 2012 for discussion. Very costly, NHPA had a lot of their equipment donated. Motion by Tammy Christensen to take this issue off the books, 2nd by Dianne Beck, carried

13. **Resolutions**

#1 Notice of Motion from rules and regulations

Proposed Resolution from rules and regulations – NHPA

Current wording – Pee Wee any pitcher nine (9) years old or younger on Jan. 1 of the current year

Requested wording – Pee Wee any pitcher twelve (12) years old or younger on Jan. 1 of the current year.

Tammy Christensen asked that we change the wording on the entry form to match the rule.

#2 Notice of Motion from Horseshoe Ontario

To increase the number of inductees into the Canadian Hall of Fame from one inductee to a minimum of two in each category. No one second the motion.

#3 Notice of Motion from Horseshoe Quebec – sanctioning of the “Official” shoe. No one second the motion.

14. Canadian Championship bid was received from St. Stephen Horseshoe Pitchers Club, St. Stephen NB
Motion by Tammy Christensen , 2nd by Jane Cordingley to accept New Brunswick’s bid.

15. **Election of Directors:**

1) President (two years) –nomination – Mike Holley, accepted, Jason Rideout, accepted, Jack E Adams, declined, open vote **Jason Rideout - President**

2) Treasurer (two years) –nomination – Mary Holley, accepted, Sheryl Arnold, accepted, open vote **Mary Holley - Treasurer**

3) Public Relations (two years) – nomination – **Mary Holley**, accepted, no other nominations.

4) Tournament Director (three years) – nomination – Dianne Beck, accepted, Wally Arnold, accepted, open vote **Dianne Beck - Tournament Director**. Motion by Tammy Christensen thanking Sheryl and Wally Arnold for all their time provided as treasurer and tournament directors, 2nd by George Barton.

16. **Appointments by the President.**

National Award Chairperson:

NHPA representative:

Rules and regulations chairperson: Jane Cordingley and Wally Arnold

Hall of Fame Chairperson: Mike Holley

Canstats: Andre Leclerc

Yearbook Editor: Andre Leclerc

Coaching: as above

17. **Meeting adjournment** at 9:06 by Jane Cordingley, 2nd by Tammy Christensen

Special meeting call by VP Tom Moffat on Thursday, July 11th, 2013 called to order at 9:20pm.

Jack E Adam, Saskatchewan suggested the following:

WHEREAS: The Association wishes to encourage playing the sport at all levels, and

WHEREAS: The Association wishes to maintain a standard of horseshoes played in Canada, and

WHEREAS: The Association desires clear guidelines for tournament draw masters, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Sanctioned horseshoes definition be expanded to include a classification of shoes called a "Grandfathered Group" which will include the following guidelines:

- 1) Each manufacturer and shoe model be noted and listed in a separate schedule of the sanctioned shoe bylaw;
- 2) Meets the dimension and weight characteristics of existing sanctioned shoes guidelines;
- 3) Were originally manufactured before 1979;
- 4) No fee required to be paid to sanction the shoe;
- 5) The sanctioning to be approved by the Executive of the Association and be effective at the time of approval;
- 6) The Executive determine acceptable proof of original manufacturing date for each manufacturer and model;
- 7) A photograph be taken of the top and reverse side of the shoe and also be included in the schedule.
- 8) Any individual who is a member of their respective Provincial Association can submit the shoe for approval.
- 9) This group of shoes can not be used by the Men's and Women's Championship ("or A") Classes at the Canadian Championships.

Moved By: Andre Leclerc

Seconded By: Tammi Christensen

Amended by Jane Cordingly, 2nd by George Barton to remove #9, all in favour, carried.

VP Tom Moffat informed us that no person can hold more than one position. Mary Holley is Public Relations and Treasurer. Mary Holley chose the Treasurer's position. Dianne Beck nominated Jane Cordingley for Public Relations, no other nominations, Jane accepted.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:45 by George Barton, 2nd by Dale Squires.