

## **BC INTERNATIONAL MEETING JULY 09, 2010 ABBOTSFORD (MSA)**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sam Tomasevic (President), Dorothy Krimmer (Treasurer), Fred Ormiston (Vice President), Cheryl Degraaf (Secretary), Elyse Brunelle (Mainland Rep.), Marcel Pinette (Northern Rep.), John Hamler (Interior/Kootenays Rep.), Dan Coffin (Guest), Lorraine Hubick (Guest) and Betty Clarke (Guest).

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00pm

**AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2010 MEETING:** Elyse Brunelle motioned that we by past reading the minutes and accept them. John Hamler seconded it and was passed.

**CORRESPONDANCE:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Dorothy Krimmer handed out the report. She mentioned that some clubs sent her \$13 for memberships instead of the \$14 that was in the minutes from last year. Dorothy was able to get us a \$10 per club decrease in insurance from last years \$120. Clubs that paid the \$120 this year will be getting a reimbursement of \$10. Dorothy motioned that the report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Marcel Pinette and was passed.

**HALL OF FAME:**

**BC:** Fred Ormiston said that for this year the male player category had 3 nominations and that the nomination period was now over and the voting would be done shortly. The three nominated men are Matt Zablotny, Syd Lash and Lloyd Reyklin.

**CANADIAN:** Sam Tomasevic was inducted into the hall of fame as promoter.

**LAP TOPS:** Dorothy Krimmer has not purchased the lap tops yet. She said we did not receive any money from the gaming grant this year. She felt there may not be enough funds to purchase the 2 lap tops. Cheryl Degraaf mentioned that maybe we could buy just one for now until we had more money. Sam said that we had earmarked the money last year for the lap tops and that they we should still buy the 2 lap tops. Dorothy will go to Costco to buy them as they have a great return policy and fairly good prices. We just need basic lap top with Word.

**2011 TOURNAMENTS:**

- BC CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Will be in Cloverdale.
- BC INTERNATIONALS:** Will be in Abbotsford (MSA).
- WESTERN CLASSIC:** No one was sure think it is somewhere in Alberta, but Sam will check into it for us.
- CANADIANS:** Blaineville, Quebec
- WORLDS:** Louisiana

**SUPPLIES / JACKETS:** Fred has 12 pairs of Horseshoe in stock and suggests we don't buy anymore as he has sold hardly any in the last 2 years. He feels we should liquidate our stock. Everyone agreed. When people call requesting horseshoes he will direct them how to purchase them on line. He has lots of score pads in stock. HE is selling a jacket to Mike and June Thompson. And has approx. 20 in stock but all medium and large. He will have Robin Degraaf order some about a dozen more in other sizes.

**REP REPORTS:**

**ISLAND / POWELL RIVER:** Derek Greveling was not at the meeting and no report was emailed or sent with anyone.

**NORTHERN:** Marcel emailed Vic Vallee of the Prince George club but had no reply. Marcel went to the Prince George Tournament and Vic Vallee got outside tents for the Provincials. The pits looked good. The Quesnel Club had 2 tournaments They were not well attended as lots of people had gone fishing. They have 2 new members. They have 2 fun nights a week with about 14 to 16 people attending.

**INTERIOR/KOOTNEAYS:** John said that the summary of tournament were on the website. At the Interior / Kootenays / North Championships in Vernon last weekend the executive for that event held a meeting. TI was decided to move the tournament back to September and schedule so as not to conflict with the Senior Games, Provincials for other tournaments in the area. It was also decided to not charge the extra \$5 entry fee for provincial members to play in this tournament. Juanita Laye is the new president of the executive. The rest did not change. John also held a zone meeting at this event. I asked if anyone was interested in my position. No one spoke up and I advised that if anyone was to let me know. I also talked about following the "Rules for Running a Sanctioned Tournament" implemented at last years AGM. We are having problems with class designations, group set up, payouts, breaking ties, added money, you name it. I will make sure all the clubs have a copy of the rules. Either they don't know they exist or don't bother following them. I will try to help the clubs at any tournament I attend.

Cindy and I will be away from home for the Provincials again this year. We are making the trek all the way to Prince George.

**LOWER MAINLAND:** The Abbotsford Club is still under construction and a special thanks to Archie and Dennis for all the hard work they are putting in to have it useable for the BC International and Highwayman. Central Park had 2 tournaments that went great. We had players from the Island that we pick up and drive back to the ferry who were happy to go back with winnings. The fun night is getting better and better, one of our members made a sandwich board that he attached to the light post with a chain, inviting people to come and try horseshoes. There are a lot of people saying, they saw the sign on Boundary Road. Will they be new members? Sure hope so. Maple Ridge is very quiet. Neil Yaskow broke his arm falling in the stairs, but will be well enough to play in the BC Internationals. Simone Schneider is the new President.

Cloverdale has a new banner with the club logo on it and should be seen at any tournament we attend. Our parking fund raisers have been the most successful yet, and our sponsorships has grown by 1 this year. Our school program last year had 1 teacher bringing 2 PE classes to pitch and have a BBQ. 2010 saw 3 teachers bring 6 PE classes and we added a classroom lesson to give some history of the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club. Our next tournament is Aug 07<sup>th</sup> the Mid Summer Open and we hope to see you all attend. As host of the 2011 BC Championships the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club will begin meetings and preparation following our Mid Summer Open.

**MOTIONS GOING TO THE AGM:** There will be 2 motions going to the AGM, 1) That the appointed positions of Regional Reps now be elected positions and 2) the executive have 3 night accommodations at \$80 per night

**NEW BUSINESS:** We need 2 Reps to attend the meeting at the Canadians and Fred Ormsit and Dorothy Krimmer Volunteered. Fred says that Victoria has everything on track for the Canadians, with approx 20, 000 added monies. The banquet will be held at the Langford Legion and people will be bussed so they can drink and not worry. There will be goodie bags, freebies, raffles, 50/50 draws, food breakfast, lunches and dinners etc.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:** Elyse Jamieson from Victoria passed away and Roger Vaugeois. John Byfield from Washington State passed away also. Dave Basso is very sick and his daughter said he doesn't have much time left. Dorothy Krimmer asked that she please get emails when someone passes away as the BCHA is now sending out sympathy cards. Dorothy said that she now has 400 kids in Victoria form 5 schools.

**PRESIDENT REPORT:** Here we are well into the 2010 season. The weather has been anything but ideal. The economy seems to be hurting us more this year than in the past. I looked over the tournament participation this year compared to those of 2009. Most tournaments with the exception of the Island, seem to be down an average of 10 players per tournament, now is it the weather, the economy or both. People are finding it harder to travel these days, money is tight. I also looked at the 3 clubs in the lower mainland, 2 of them are pretty much on par compared to the previous year. The club that seems to be hurting, which was a real surprise to me, is Cloverdale. They have held 2 tournaments and are down 8 players per event. Now this may have something to do with the fact the club holds Saturday tournaments where the other 2 clubs hold theirs on Sunday, or again it could be the economy. Quesnel has held 2 tournaments and the numbers are down drastically.

I know one of the reasons for the decline in numbers is that we are getting older and not getting much in the way of new players who get involved with our sport. How to get them to join is another story and if I had the answers I sure would pass them along. This years International is down 12-15 players compared to other years. Maybe because the Canadians are being held in Victoria and people can't afford both events is the reason. Our website continues to be, as far as I am concerned one of the best out there. Results and lots of photos. I'm lacking photos from the North; if you live in the north email me those pictures.

I try to get the results and photos up shortly after I received them from the various clubs. To all clubs, if you have a member who has moved to 30 feet or back to 40 feet please let me know when you send the results. If you don't tell me I won't know. It's hard to determine if someone is a 30 footer or 40 footer in a mixed event. I would like to spend a moment on our general conduct as executive members of the BCHA. Remember we are elected people and we are here to serve the membership. I have heard far too many complaints about attitudes this year. When you are asked a question answer it to your best possible way, if you are in doubt tell the individual that you will have to check with others and get back to them. Don't tell players your club has not paid membership dues and if they are not paid you will not be permitted to play in any more tournaments. As a card holding member you're entitled to play, it is up to the BCHA to go after clubs to pay the dues. To the regional reps please ensure you care to each tournament you attend with application forms for such tournaments as the International, Worlds, Canadian and BC Champs. Do not think that someone from one of those clubs will bring them out for the members. I got a call from one club that was rather annoyed at me for not mailing them entry forms where available, they did not know for sure. Maybe before the tournament start, the regional reps, could make a little announcement that they have entry forms available. We can all do a better job of communication, and that includes me, this is not geared at one individual. The newsletter as we know is now done via email and is also available on the BCHA website. We have gotten out one so far this year; regretfully have not had any time to do another one. Hopefully soon. To the Clubs, start sending in your articles so that we have something to write about. Sam

**ADJOURNMENT:** Fred Ormiston motioned we adjourn and seconded by Elyse Brunelle.  
Adjournment at 7:55 pm