

## **BC INTERNATIONAL MEETING JULY 09, 2011 ABBOTSFORD**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sam Tomasevic (President), Cheryl Degraaf (Vice President), Dorothy Krimmer (Treasurer), Sue Macdonald (Secretary), Elyse Brunelle (Mainland Rep.), Marcel Pinette (Northern Rep.), John Hamler (Interior/Kootenay Rep.), Lorraine Hubick (Vancouver Island/Powell River Rep.), Dan Coffin (Guest), Robin Degraaf (Guest), Frank Hubick (Guest), Archie Radowits (Guest).

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05pm

**AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Insurance to be discussed under Financial Report.

**MINUTES FROM MARCH 12, 2011 MEETING:** Elyse Brunelle motioned that the minutes be accepted as read. Dorothy Krimmer seconded. All in favor.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Thanks to the Executive for a job well done, especially at the last meeting that I could not make, Cheryl did a great job running that meeting. Things are as good as they can be, tournament results come in on time, and the website gets updated. We have 69 entries for the International/Highway Man Open, this includes 4 juniors, 2 from Alberta, and 4 from the State of Washington. I look forward to seeing you all at the BC Championships in Cloverdale.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Dorothy Krimmer handed out her report as of July 7, 2011. She pointed out that the \$1455.06 Inactive Club Fund was monies transferred to BCHA from the Maple Ridge Club. Dorothy motioned that the financial report be accepted as read. Elyse Brunelle seconded. All in favor.

Discussion was held regarding our Insurance Policy. Dorothy to get wording on policy clarified as to who is covered. Also, BCHA has been subsidizing the insurance policy approx. \$800-\$1000 each year. Currently each club pays \$120 towards insurance. Under the "Act" the cost of the insurance is to be divided evenly based on the number of clubs affiliated with BCHA. Some clubs have folded, some clubs have small memberships and can't afford the \$120.00. Should BCHA continue to subsidize? No, but we need to come up with a solution. Cheryl Degraaf and Sue Macdonald to come up with a motion to present at the AGM in Cloverdale in September.

Discussion regarding the BCHA Raffle. It was agreed that tickets should be printed and made available to the Regional Reps at the March meetings so they have lots of time to distribute to the clubs in their area.

Full page Ad was sent to Blainville for insertion in the official Canadian's program, Dorothy to send payment of \$150 to Rene Croteau.

## **REGIONAL REP. REPORTS:**

**NORTHERN (Marcel Pinette):** We had a bad spring. Prince George had a good tournament. Quesnel has had bad weather, only held 3 fun nights, membership is down and no meetings this year. I have been sick with prostate surgery. Hope the rest of the year will be better.

**ISLAND/POWELL RIVER (Lorraine Hubick):** **Victoria** – Dropping in at the Victoria club house on June 26<sup>th</sup>, it was noticed that there was a way to go to returning to normal after the heavy smoke damage of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hopefully all damage will be un-noticed by tournament day. Our next tournament is the Island Championships on July 16/17. Hope to see you there. In August, we have both the Victoria Open and the Saanich Open Aug 6/7. The Victoria Open was re-scheduled from May due to the fire. Our final tournament is the Autumn Mixed Classic on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Dry Creek** – We held our first 2 day tournament even though our numbers were down this year. We had 43 participants. This year we had our dinner catered as Doug (our pig roaster) wanted to play horseshoes instead of cooking. We thought it ran smoothly. No computer glitches this year. Hopefully for next year we will have some new members. Pete McMurdo will be missed. We had no shortage of prizes to raffle off this year.

**Powell River** – Month of March we held our Executive meeting, and General meeting, Open House was April 17, 2011. The lovely clear blue sky was a welcome for our first of the season pitching shoes. Despite the cold wind that came over from the Island, the 23 pitchers that braved the cold had a very good fun time. Free coffee and donuts. Of these 23 pitchers, we had 4 new folks try out, pitching their 50 shoes for a ringer %, then joined our club. We welcome them with open arms. Many of our past members have not returned from their holidays, had to work, or just too cold yet to pitch. The League teams are temporarily being scheduled, will have a few changes coming, a good sign of what's to come...May 1<sup>st</sup> there were 24 pitching shoes...eager for league start-up. As the weeks continue, and luckily each time we had our league, or open Sunday's, the sun came out. In between, it has rained. Up to present time, our 5 teams in league, 5 pitchers each, plus a few spares, the games begin, with lots of laughter, and very few shoes miss the box now! These pitchers are climbing up the ladder. Our 5 new members purchased new horseshoes. I guess they chose the right make, as their % are improving fast. We held our first tournament on June 4<sup>th</sup> with a total of 24 entries, so pleased to have 1 from Ladysmith, 1 from Comox Valley, 3 from Dry Creek, 2 from Winfield joining our locals. Some of these folks joined our open Sunday also. Thanks to our handy man, Lionel Hanson, we now have repaired boxes, and are painted gray, nice contrast to the green grass. Our canteen is taken care of by a few members, in between their pitching. Betty Blacklock and assistant members keep the Sunday mornings just a rolling along 9:30 am to approx. 12:30 depending on how serious we all are. We are now 35 members strong, 33 are pitching, and few folks are stating they want to join our club.

**Ladysmith** – Has a larger membership this year due to the Nanaimo Horseshoe Club folding and their members becoming a welcome addition to the Ladysmith Club. With about 20 members we have been able to set up a count all league play which to say the least is fun and very competitive as everyone has both a league average and ringer percentage. That means that not only ringers, but also single points are factored into each player's handicap, which can even result in tie games. At our spring club meeting, after hearing that there was not going to be a sanctioned tournament in Cumberland on the May long weekend, the club members were in favor of hosting a BCHA sanctioned tournament in Ladysmith. We decided to call it “The Ladysmith Spring Open”, with ladies, juniors and fun doubles on the Saturday, men and elders on Sunday, along with a Mixed Open Tournament on the holiday Monday. The attending players were afforded the opportunity to take part in many hours of horseshoe pitching fun and good competition, and this same format will be used for the “Stew Battie Memorial Open: on the BC Day long weekend July 30/31 and August 1<sup>st</sup>. Ladysmith hosted the first annual “Bernice Bush Memorial Tournament” on June 25/26, which was enjoyed by all who were in attendance. Dedicating this tournament to Bernice, who was an absolutely wonderful person, and recalling her many horseshoe pitching achievements was indeed an honor and a tribute to one of Canada's best female horseshoe pitchers.

**INTERIOR/KOOTENAY (John Hamler)** – We have been averaging 40 entries in our tournaments so far this season. Kamloops was the exception with only 12. As of today we have still not received the results from this tournament but not due to lack of trying on my part and Sam's. Some of the clubs are holding mixed doubles (unsanctioned) on the second day of their event. Turnouts on Sunday have been half of Saturday in most of the tournaments. I think it will even be less with doubles and have suggested sanctioned events on the second day. I think some will not come for the one if there is not sanctioned event of the second day. Some will think to bring their rig or drive and hotel for 1 day is not worth it. We will see. I will watch what happens at the events. We are still having issues with the set up of groups in some cases. Multiple classes in a group. I have had some comments that it would be better handicapped or mixed. I agreed. Nicola Valley has still not confirmed with me if they are going to have their August event. When I find out I will advise.

**LOWER MAINLAND (Elyse Brunelle)** – **Central Park** saw May and June tournaments very successful. We will have a tournament on July 17 and we are hosting the Lower Mainland Championships on September 18<sup>th</sup>. We have 41 members, too bad only 15 are pitching. Our fun night so far was very quiet, because of the rain, and of course hockey night that kept most of the players at home.

**Abbotsford** – had a very busy year since the last International. The club has come a long way since last year when we hosted the tournament with just a plastic roof and the next tournament we put the gyproc up, then took it off so we could finish the wiring and insulation. We are in a much better position now, and things are less hectic, but we are still trying to improve the club. We have got a few new members and most times we are around the club, we have people stop to see what we are doing and they show some interest, so we are hopeful that we will continue to grow.

**Cloverdale** – the club is busy preparing for the BC Championships and our own mid summer Open, sure hope summer shows up. Cheryl has sent an e-mail update to all reps and to clubs. Our earlier tournaments went well and future ones will be better as our computer problem is fixed, Hopefully no more starting delays. Our membership stands at 54 which includes card players and honorary members. Cloverdale member participation has been down this year as some shoe pitching members have not returned and others are traveling or have other reasons for not being available. Edwin Krieg has moved to Salmon Arm and we all miss him and all he did for the club. The City of Surrey and Langley have asked the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club for the use of our facility and for our support in their bid for the 2014 BC Senior Games which we have given, and wish them luck with their bid. Again, we have been vandalized and our members have worked hard to repair the damage.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**HALL OF FAME (Fred Ormiston)** – I apologize for not being there in person, but due to other commitments and scheduling I just couldn't get away. I congratulate the Abbotsford Horseshoe Club for making the commitment on hosting the BC International Tournament and I know they will put on a great tournament as they always have in the past. I wish you all well and also congratulate you for making the commitment to volunteering on the Executive as I know the hard work it requires to keep horseshoes organized and promoted in the Province. My report as follows:

**Horseshoe Canada Hall of Fame:** The 2011 category is Outstanding Female Player. Nominations are Marg Johns from Alberta and Angeline Moison from Quebec. Balloting was completed on June 15<sup>th</sup> and to date the winner had not been announced.

**Horseshoe BC Hall of Fame:** The 2011 category is Outstanding Female Player. Nominations received to date are Maryse Atkinson and Linda Prentis, both from Victoria. The deadline for receiving nominations is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Forward all nominations to me before this date so I can get balloting out to the Executive.

**SUPPLIES/JACKETS:** Cheryl Degraaf handed out an itemized list of inventory she has on hand, as well as all inventory sold as of July 8, 2011. All monies handed over to Treasurer. Crests have been ordered, delivered and clubs invoiced. Scorepads have been ordered, printed and delivered. Some clubs have received a supply and have been invoiced.

**PERCENTAGE PINS:** No longer doing. Too much data was lost a few years ago.

**SENIOR GAMES:** The 2011 Games will be held in Castlegar (8 portable pits with clay). Burnaby will host the 2012 Games.

**ELECTIONS:** Regional Reps for Northern and Island/Powell River will be held at the BC Championships in Cloverdale.

**2012 TOURNAMENTS:** BC Championships – No clubs have bid yet  
BC Internationals – Abbotsford  
Western Classic – BC's turn to host, no bids yet  
Canadians – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
Worlds – Knoxville, Tennessee

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was decided to have the Regional Reps. survey their clubs to find out if they would like to see the BC Internationals kept as a 2 day tournament, or change to 1 day. Bring response to BC Championships meeting at Cloverdale.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:25pm