

**BCHA EXECUTIVE MEETING IN CLOVERDALE MARCH 12TH, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 11:50 AM

**SIGN IN:** Vice President Cheryl DeGraaf, Secretary Sue Macdonald, Treasurer Dorothy Krimmer, Northern Rep. Marcel Pinette, Lower Mainland Rep. Elyse Brunelle, Island/Powell River Rep. Tom Moffat, Interior/Kootenays Rep. Absent – Robin Degraaf in place of John Hamler

Cheryl Degraaf, Vice President chaired meeting in Sam's absence.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Add Cumberland Days (Comox Valley) Tournament under “2011 Tournament Schedule”

**INTERM POSITIONS:** Welcome to Sue Macdonald as Secretary and Tom Moffat as the Island/Powell River Rep.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Sorry I could not make our executive meeting, this is the first meeting I have ever missed as an executive member of the BCHA, and I hope I never have to miss another one. I have been having a number of health issues lately, one of the biggest concerns was why my body was not producing enough blood. I went to Eagle Ridge Hospital on March 1<sup>st</sup> to see a specialist to determine the problem. The next thing I know I am in the back of an ambulance headed for Royal Columbian Hospital to have an emergency operation. I was in the hospital from March 1-10, 2011. Slowly I am recovering, going to take a while but will be back to my old self, so watch out horseshoe world.

I would like to welcome two new executive members. Susan Macdonald is our new secretary, she replaces Jim Grant (who was elected at our 2010 AGM, but had to step down due to other commitments). Tom Moffat is our new regional rep. Island/Powell River. Tom replaces Derek Greveling who stepped down due to work commitments. Derek thanks for your hard work in the past years.

Our website now has the 2011 schedule. Changes are always happening to the schedule so be sure to check it often. Entry forms for the major tournaments are included on the schedule.

It is early in the year and not much is happening, I am sure we are all looking forward to better weather so that we can start pitching a few shoes. See you on the courts. Sam Tomasevic.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dorothy Krimmer handed out financial reports as of Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.. Bank balance is now \$1008.00 less, as 2 cheques have now gone through account. Dorothy also stated that all cheques must be made payable to BC Horseshoe Association, not BCHA. Dorothy Krimmer moved that the financial report be accepted as read, seconded by Marcel Pinette, all in favor.

**2011 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:** Sam has posted this year's schedule. Victoria will be hosting a non-sanctioned Charity Doubles tournament May 28<sup>th</sup>. Robin Degraaf suggested that SAT (saturday) SUN (sunday) also be included on the schedule along with the dates.

Letter was sent by Registered Mail on Jan 10, 2011 to the Comox Valley Horseshoe Club. Letter informed the club due to irregularities in the By Laws and complaints under the Society Act they will be suspended from BCHA unless they respond or appeal by March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Comox Valley did neither. All in favor of a follow up letter to be sent to Comox Valley Horseshoe Club informing them that they are now suspended and no longer affiliated with BCHA. A separate letter will be sent to the Comox Valley members informing them of the decision and also to let them know that they may join another club or become a provincial member.

**2012 BC CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Island/Powell River is due to host in 2012 and will be given priority, but any club can bid for the Championships.

**2012 BC INTERNATIONALS:** Discussion about the Highwayman Pub possibly not being a sponsor for this combined event. Sam Tomasevic will talk to Abbotsford to see if they want to continue hosting the Internationals. If not, this topic would be tabled at the 2011 BCHA AGM to see if rotating between zones again would be an option.

**2012 CANADIANS:** Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**2011 SENIOR GAMES:** Castlegar/Nelson/Trail

**CRESTS 2011/2012:** Crests are ordered every two years for the BC Championships and the BC Internationals as well as the Lower Mainland Championships. Lower Mainland clubs split the bill between them to cover the cost of their crests. Cost of each crest is \$4.76 each (includes taxes) If any other clubs would like to be included in future crest orders please send information to Cheryl Degraaf (how many, what you want printed on crest, and a cheque to cover the costs).

**BCHA RAFFLE:** Make sure raffle tickets get out early to the regional reps for distribution. Suggested having a cut-off date for ticket sales at the clubs to ensure all tickets are returned in time for the draws at the Provincials, but raffle tickets would still be sold at the host club right up to the time of the draw. Also, all unsold tickets need to be returned to BCHA.

**LICENSING/INSURANCE:** The insurance that BCHA carries, Government Mandated, covers all clubs affiliated with the BC Horseshoe Association. Questions have arisen regarding who is actually covered, mainly does it cover all the volunteers in the kitchen or on the grounds even though they are not registered horseshoe members. Wording under Sports-Can says **additional insured must be registered with the association.** As this statement is confusing, Dorothy Krimmer will have wording clarified. Also, additional insured may be covered under Municipal/City or wherever courts are actually located.

BCHA has licensing for their raffle tickets, raffle tables and 50/50 at a cost of \$50 for the year. Dorothy Krimmer suggested all clubs obtain a "B" License to cover their fund raising as outlined by the Gaming Commission. Executive suggested Dorothy look into re-wording the BCHA application for a "B" License to see if all Clubs under the BCHA umbrella could be covered under one license.

**AIR MILES:** Please support BCHA by using their Air Miles Number #8006-870-4519

### **REGIONAL REP REPORTS:**

**NORTHERN:** Marcel Pinette – We had a good Provincial in Prince George. The host club added \$1500 to the prize money. We had a bad winter. Myrtle Marsh, a member for many years passed away Nov 2010. Dave Dunlop's daughter passed away December 2010. Leona Mckinlay, Joyce Hamel's mom, passed away December 2010. Madilaine Ollinberger, Jeanette Ferrara's mom, passed away September 2010. Many of the members spent the fall and winter at the hospital, so the Quesnel Horseshoe Club did not hold their fall meeting, and have postponed until the spring.

**INTERIOR/KOOTENAYS:** John Hamler – I will not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow in Cloverdale. My work demands will not allow me to get away, and I am still recovering from a severe abdominal strain. I contacted all the clubs in my area and only had input from Salmon Arm, as follows: with the deep snow and unheated clubhouse, the Salmon Arm Club has been inactive for the winter. Advertising for spring has started. Some members bowl or curl for the winter, while several go away to warm spots. So far there has been no funerals or serious illness this winter. We are

pleased to hear John Thornton has improved. Our new president, Doug Winslow will soon return and more activities will be planned.

None of the other clubs responded, Winfield will no longer have internet at the club and will no longer have an e-mail address. The club can be contacted through Sharon. Cindy is the contact for tournaments as indicated on the schedule.

I have had some people express that they thought as a region we should be able to decide if our regional championships could be handicapped in some groups if needed. I have explained the championship tournaments are not to be handicapped as per the "Rules for running a sanctioned tournament". I will however take a survey at each tournament I attend in the my region this year to get a more accurate idea of how the members feel about this.. I myself think with our dwindling numbers this is not such a bad idea. It is very hard to set up good groups in some cases especially when turn out is low. In the old day when we got 60-70 entries this was not as much a problem. In Winfield we have done this on occasion in certain groups and it was well received. I will report back to the executive regarding this. John Thornton is doing well and should be pitching again this season. Best wishes to Sam for a good recovery so we can get him back to his grumpy old self ASAP.

**LOWER MAINLAND:** Elyse Brunelle- Cloverdale continued to be active by having games night on Mondays, poker night on Tuesdays and cribbage on Thursdays. We are getting some more members, but like all clubs will probably lose some this year. Of our six juniors we had last year we are losing 5 of them. Elycia and Nick have moved to their uncles', and Jessica and the other 2 juniors will be moving up to adult ladies league, so watch out for these competitors. Dennis Mustchin is very sick with cancer and Jeannie says it is terminal. Norm Lebrun is reasonably well, he is suffering from dementia. The Cloverdale Fair Grounds are changing in the future, they are building a trade center etc. and soon we may not be at our present location. Like Abbotsford, they will find us another location but at this time will not help us financially with the move, so Cloverdale could close down forever. We are safe this year and possibly next season, but unsure after that.

Central Park has nothing new. Everyone is playing washers. We have so many new players. By now, I am sure everyone is aware Sam was in the hospital but is home now recuperating. He was complaining about the hospital food, that is a good sign, means he is on the mend. Our club has 20 new members due to Abraham Kim, who worked very hard recruiting them. We are looking forward to spring and our Wednesday night fun league, plus our first tournament.

Abbotsford has had a very cool and wet winter. Have not done much in the way of horseshoeing. Held crib day on sundays at 1pm. Support has been a little slow. Have our first tournament scheduled for April 17. Need some warm weather for the grass to

grow around the club house. Had a couple of attempted break-ins. The second one had some major damage to the doors but they did not get in. City is suppose to replace the doors, but guess they are also waiting for better weather. See you all April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ISLAND/POWELL RIVER:** Tom Moffat – Victoria has lots happening this year as we have prepared to market our game locally. With presentations at Senior Expo and different neighbourhood events. An Open House is planned for March 26<sup>th</sup> with a fun doubles to let new people get the feel of the game. Also having a Charity tournament May 28 to raise awareness and money for the Salvation Army. It will cost \$50 for a two person team and registered horseshoe players are encouraged to invite a new person to the sport. March 12 a St. Patty Party with the Newfie Trio performing. Men's league starts first week of April, Ladies and Juniors start mid April. We are hosting 4 tournaments this year, Victoria Open, Island Championships, Saanich Open and our Autumn Classic. Tom's e-mail horseshoe league has just been started up and it is becoming a hit across Canada and the USA as people from Victoria to PEI to Pennsylvania are joining up. It is based on playing one game of 50 shoes count all, and then e-mailing your score in to Tom. You are then randomly matched against an opponent and Tom posts the results. On a sad note, Lloyd Milton passed away. One of our newer members, Cam Lawson, he absolutely fell in love with playing and volunteering at our club has become seriously ill. We are so sorry to miss his smiling face and cheerful enthusiasm around the club. Jack Greenside is recovering from multiple surgeries.

Ladysmith and Nanaimo have joined forces. They expect to have a healthy 30+ member club. Nanaimo has spent up the remaining cash they had to fix up some pits they used in Nanaimo, and will buy some new equipment for the Ladysmith pits. They are looking into changing the name of the June 25-26<sup>th</sup> tournament from the Nanaimo Open at Ladysmith to the Bernice Busch Memorial. Watch for updates.

Port Alberni has new executive, welcoming Jack Dabney as the new president. Club is planning on buying new equipment to replace older and stolen ones. Since October a few members have been out every Wednesday afternoon. Starting mid March the rest will join them for pitching till dark. Paul and Margaret Onyschtchuk are planning to travel to Winfield for the May long weekend tournament.

Powell River still very quiet so far this year. They plan to start drop-ins early April on sunday mornings. League starts first thursday in May. Frank Hubick is 30 feet, not 40 feet as in Canstats, and Darlene Ortloff passed away over a year ago, yet her name still shows in the system.

Cumberland – suspended

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:10 PM**

