



March 13, 2012

To all BCHA members:

This is a reminder that all membership dues (\$20 per member) must be remitted to BCHA no later than May 31st. Anybody who has not paid their dues will not be covered under our insurance policy should injury occur at your club or any other facility you may be participating at. Would all members collecting dues on behalf of their clubs please give to Dorothy Krimmer directly, or to your Regional Rep. who will pass on to Dorothy. Provincial members can mail dues to Dorothy at #8 – 759 Sanctuary Court, Victoria, BC V8X 5L6.

Thank you,

Sue Macdonald, Secretary

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APPLICATION TO HOST THE BC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

We the _____ Horseshoe Club wish to
host the 2013 BC Championships.

By applying to host this Tournament, it is understood that we have the following:

1. We will provide a minimum of \$500 towards added prize money
2. Provide prizes for the juniors
3. Number of permanent courts (minimum 24)
4. Clubhouse
5. Washroom facilities
6. Overnight parking available at the courts
7. Room for people who wish to camp
8. Capable people to assist in the running of the tournament
9. A place to hold the Annual General Meeting of the BCHA on Friday evening 7pm. The place should be able to hold approximately 50 people to attend the meeting
10. 50/50 draws and raffle. BCHA will run and receive profits from these draws on the Saturday and the host club will run and receive all profits from these draws on the Sunday
11. The BCHA may or may not run a prize raffle draw. Arrangements to be made.
12. The host club will hold the Fun Doubles on the Monday

On a separate sheet, please provide us with some information about your club, and if possible a list of hotels/motels, etc. that are close to the courts. Does your club have a computer or access to one? And any other pertinent information that we should know about.

Please have TWO Executive Members of your club SIGN this form and return to address above.

BCHA EXECUTIVE MEETING IN CLOVERDALE MARCH 10TH, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 11:40 AM

SIGN IN: President Sam Tomasevic, Vice President Cheryl DeGraaf, Secretary Sue Macdonald, Treasurer Dorothy Krimmer, Northern Rep. Marcel Pinette, Lower Mainland Rep. Elyse Brunelle, Island/Powell River Rep. Lorraine Hubick, Interior/Kootenays Rep. John Hamler

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

2011 AGM MINUTES: Motion by Cheryl Degraaf that the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by John Hamler. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter received from Derek Thorpe, 2nd Vice President, Victoria Horseshoe Club. Raised questions regarding the amount of membership cards being issued to his club, as well as BCHA Raffle tickets, and will they be received in a timely manner as last year raffle books were not received in time for people to get in on the early bird draw. Lorraine Hubick to reply to Derek's letter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Welcome to 2012, looks like it will be an interesting year. The dates for the tournaments are on the website. Some clubs had to change their dates to try and make sure they get as many players attend as possible. One being the International/Highwayman Open, the date was changed because of the Canadians being in Saskatoon. 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 assist as much as possible. I do not want to see or hear about things not getting done because someone was too 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 attended, make sure you get assistance from 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 will not be able to play in 2012, have minor operation scheduled for the back of my leg for June 14, after that hopefully I can get the last operation done and get back to normal, whatever normal is for me. I am not sure if I will be able to attend the Internationals, I sure plan on it but will see how things go with the operation. I know that if I can't make it the Abbotsford club will do a good job. I will set things up in advance.

The NHPA has several proposed rule changes, one of them will affect us in Canada, they want to change the age of Juniors to 17 years of age instead of 18. I think this will be a good move. The other would be changing the Elders age to 65 instead of the present 70. This change would not affect us as we already use age 65. Let's make 2012 the best year we have had in many years. Sam Tomasevic

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dorothy Krimmer handed out financial reports as of Jan 1, 2012. Cheryl had questions regarding figures for merchandise, raffle proceeds and junior fund, all of which were explained and accounted for. Dorothy Krimmer moved that the financial report be accepted as read. Seconded by Marcel Pinette All in favor. Sue to prepare memo to all members regarding dues.

MAJOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

2012 BC CHAMPIONSHIPS: Victoria (Sept 1-2)

2012 BC INTERNATIONALS: Abbotsford (July 28-29)

2012 CANADIANS: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (July 11-15)

2012 WORLDS: Knoxville, Tennessee (July 31 – Aug 12)

2012 SENIOR GAMES: Burnaby

BCHA RAFFLE/OTHER FUNDRAISING: Raffle ticket license has been received. Raffle tickets will be printed and available at the end of March, and distributed to the regional reps. Any unsold tickets need to be returned to BCHA. Dorothy also to apply for a "B" license for our raffle prizes and 50/50 sales.

SUPPLIES/JACKETS/CRESTS: Cheryl has some inventory. Will order another 20 jackets, and 500 master sheets. Others will also check their clubs to see if they have round robin cards or master score sheets that are no longer used.

REGIONAL REP REPORTS:

NORTHERN: Marcel Pinette – We in the North are still quite frozen. We hope to begin throwing by May this year since we need all the practice we can get. Our season is short. The Western Classic will be in Prince George this year. Quesnel is hoping to see all of you take time to visit our beautiful Caribou and take in some of our usual tournaments. We have lots of room for motorhome parking not too far from shopping facilities. The Casino would also appreciate your patronage. Quesnel has fun nights on Monday and Wednesday at 6:30pm, everyone is welcome to join us. If there are people interested we could have extra fun nights. The pits are always open to anyone wishing to practice. The north has had not a good winter on members. Phil Stolarski passed away. Earle Gillard has had two heart surgeries, but is doing well. Joe Brietnekopf had a bad truck accident in Edmonton, totaled his big truck, but he is doing well. Nora Scholefield had a pace maker put in her heart and doing well. Gloria Pinette got shingles and is getting better, Georgina Gordon is on kemo and not doing well, we send lots of prayers. Many of our pitchers are bowling, which is a good place to get new pitchers, the eye hand coordination.

INTERIOR/KOOTENAYS: John Hamler – I sent an e-mail to all clubs in my area. I got two replies from **Summerland**. One from Nick Culic and the other from Juanita Laye. I did not get any other input from the clubs in my area. **Nicola Valley** will not be hosting any tournaments this year and probably is finished as a club. I am doing good since my heart attack last August. I go for my final stress test on a treadmill next month. I should do fine as I am doing all my shoveling, snow blowing and skiing. I come off some of my meds in August, but will stay on the rest for life. I plan on pitching this season. Letter from Nick Culic – My only concern is survival of this game, I am going back 10 years and looking at the membership numbers and thinking about how many more years have we got? The way things look right now it is not promising! So let's do something about it before it's too late. I am talking about the handicap system it is the only option.

Last season I spoke with many players at the tourneys I went to and at the Senior Games, and would guess 9 out of 10 people agree with me. So let's get 2 or 3 delegates from each region and hammer this out. That's our only chance, we don't have much time, we are sinking fast. This should not be up to a president to decide, let majority rule and change it right across the Province. What say you all? Before we shake hands with the Dinosaurs, I hope this will open some eyes, and people will act on it sooner than later. Letter from Juanita Laye – My mother passed away early this morning. The doctors took her life support off at 6pm last night and the whole family was there with mom. We are going through grieving. Mom is at peace now.

LOWER MAINLAND: Elyse Brunelle- **Cloverdale** saw our members have another successful 2011 pitching season. We also felt the effects of the drop in membership participation. Despite this we hosted our usual tournaments and the BC Championships and all seemed to be well received and we wish to thank all those from other clubs that pitched in to help us. We have lost many horseshoe players and many are in physical distress. The Cloverdale Horseshoe Club members send our condolences and best wishes to those that have been touched. We are preparing for what we hope is another successful season.

Central Park lost 2 members in 2011, Violet O'Neil and Bill Allan, both passed away. We play washers when it's too cold and on rainy days, when the weather is nice we play shoes and we did have a few nice days. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2012.

Abbotsford had a quiet winter. We moved a wall inside the clubhouse to make seating area bigger. Due to the ages and gender of players we have a shortage of 30 foot pitches. If the weather is nice we would like to make pits 9 to 12 able for both 40 and 30 foot pitchers. We would like to have them ready for our first tournament April 29, if not, for the BC International. We have moved the BC International from July 21-22 to July 28-29 so the players that are planning to attend Canadians will have more time to come back and be able to join us.

ISLAND/POWELL RIVER: Lorraine Hubick – **Port Alberni** had their AGM and the board remains the same, as our membership has declined, nobody wanted to change. We are still trying to recover from the fire that burned our shed and all of our tools (rakes, shovels, brooms, tools, tents, canopies etc.) We got an old Chip container donated by a local contractor, now we have to put a roof, insulation and flooring in and then connect back to power. We are still in discussion as to the amount of members we have available and whether we will be able to host our tournament. We will know more by the 15th of April. We have lost in the last year, Pete McMurdo, John Schroeder and Dave Williams, all of whom passed away.

Victoria - George Holland (Fred Ormiston's uncle) passed away, as well as Dominic Jagiello and Cam Lawson. Spring League has started and has had an OK turn out, numbers have been down over the past years. Our Men's league draft is April 1 and they start play that week Tuesday and Thursday. Ladies draft is April 22 and league starts April 25th. We have had our Executive meetings for January and February. No events planned yet except for upcoming tournaments. Plans are a go for our memorial shelter once the weather settles. Our club had raised our dues to \$60 per year to off-set the insurance increase to BCHA. We continue working on increasing club membership as this has also declined over the past few years. We look forward to hosting the BC's this year. Hope all is well and we are hopeful that we will see great turnouts for our tournaments from our sister sites on the mainland as well as the Island and Powell River. **Ladysmith** will probably get their league night going in April, no set date yet, see how the weather is by then. The loss of Murray Rayner was a shock to our members as we all figured that Murray would still be throwing shoes for the next ten years or more, he will be truly missed. Some of our dedicated horseshoe throwers have been playing Monday and Thursday afternoons since last Fall, as it was a pretty good winter overall with very little snow and some wet days. We have plans drafted up for an addition to the back of our clubhouse of two more bathrooms and two showers. At this time we are working on getting hold of trades people to get quotes on the costs of materials and labour, then back to the Town for the final go ahead, hopefully later this month. We have four tournaments lined up for the 2012 season and at the Ladysmith Spring Open we are planning on doing a commemoration of Murray Rayner's horseshoe pitching career, which Anne Rayner said she would like to attend. Also Murray's sister Velma and Rayner family members made a monetary donation to the Ladysmith Club, for which we are very thankful. We are hoping to get some new members out this year and one of our former members Wilf Gregory, who quit playing due to eyesight problems, had successful cataract eye surgery last Fall and very soon he is going to try throwing shoes again. Lou Bush, Ray Jerome and Vince celebrated Wilf's 90th birthday with him at one of his favorite pubs. That's about all for now. **Powell River** has an upcoming meeting on March 14th, to discuss the business of BCHA and setting up the League teams and the club tournaments for 2012. Our tournament director, Betty Blacklock has been working on these programs. Director Derek Boyes is looking after the club trophies and repairs are being made to some of them. Once all information is final, reports will be sent out to local media of club dates and times. Instructions going out to members of the membership increase. If weather permits we should be able to start our Sunday morning drop-in, and League play first week of May.

NEW BUSINESS: There will not be a BCHA meeting held at the Internationals this year or in the future. Executive decided that this meeting was too close to the AGM and was no longer necessary. This however, can be changed should the need arise. Based on this decision, Executive will be reducing expenses associated with attending and running this tournament.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:00 PM

B. C. Horseshoe Association
 Balance Sheet (Cash basis) As At 19/03/2012

ASSETS

Assets		
Bank Account - CCCU	3,939.94	
Bank Account - Jr Fund	176.35	
BC Gaming Account	(0.00)	
Accounts Receivable	(0.00)	
Inventory Account	2,727.65	
Total Current Assets		6,843.94
Fixed Assets		(0.00)
Insurance Contingency Fund	1,007.44	
Credit Union Shares	5.00	
Inactive Club Fund Acct	(0.00)	
Host Club Ass. - O.P.Tourneys	788.00	
Total Fixed Assets		1,800.44
Total Assets		8,644.38

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LIABILITIES

Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	(0.00)	
Prepaid BC Champs Entries	(0.00)	
GST Payable	(0.00)	
PST Payable	(0.00)	
Prepaid Newsletters	(0.00)	
Total Current Liabilities		0.00
Term Liabilities		(0.00)
Bank Loan	(0.00)	
Total Term Liabilities		0.00
Total Liabilities		0.00

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EQUITY

Retained Earnings		
Retained Earnings prior year		11,085.41
Current Earnings		(2,441.03)

Total Retained Earnings	8,644.38
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B. C. Horseshoe Association
Income Statement (Cash basis) 01/08/2011 to 19/03/2012

REVENUE

Revenue		
Raffle Proceeds	538.00	
Other	0.00	
Total Ways & Means		538.00
Sales of Supplies - Inventory		0.00
Yearbooks	36.00	
Mastersheets	14.00	
Round Robin Cards	14.00	
Scoresheets	24.00	
Horseshoes	120.00	
BCHA Pins	10.00	
BCHA Jackets	45.00	
Total Sale of Supplies		263.00
Donations	28.75	
Total Newsletter		28.75
BC International		0.00
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BC Championships		0.00
BC Entry Fees	1,880.00	
BC Ways & Means	655.50	
Host Added Money	1,000.00	
Total BC Championships		3,535.50
Other Revenue		0.00
Club Affiliaion Fees	84.00	
Prov. Membership Fees	102.00	
Insurance Assessments	120.00	
Total Other Income		306.00
Total Revenues		4,671.25

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EXPENSE

Expense		
Prizes	1,000.00	
Ticket Expense	179.20	
License	25.00	
Payout Raffle Prizes	0.00	
Total Ways & Means Costs		1,204.20

Supplies Purchases		0.00
Total Purchase Supplies		0.00
Costs - Newsletter		0.00
Total Newsletter Costs		0.00
BC International Costs		0.00
Facility Rental	(56.00)	
Trophies & Crests	92.00	
Total Payout BC International		36.00
BC Championship Exp		0.00
Payout Entry Monies	3,695.00	
Total BC Championships Costs		3,695.00
Other Expenses		0.00
Directors Expenses	1,882.27	
Tournament Director Expenses	0.00	
Office Supplies	0.00	
Telephone Expenses	244.81	
Annual Report Filing	50.00	
Bank Charges	0.00	
Payout Inactive Club Funds	0.00	
Total Other Expenses		2,177.08
Total Expenditures		7,112.28
TOTAL EXPENSE		7,112.28
NET INCOME		<u>(2,441.03)</u>
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