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## **2014 SCHEDULE MEETING**

The 2014 Tournament Schedule meeting was held at TNT Courts in Eclectic on January 25. Present were President, Regional Director and Tournament Director (Montgomery) Ron Kindrick, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dallas Ricker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Barry Goree, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Joe Waggoner, Secretary/Treasurer Don Hathcock, Tournament Director Mike Harrison (TNT), Tournament Director Wayne McGehee (Huntsville) and Tournament Director Orville McElroy (Gadsden). Don Hathcock opened and welcomed all to meeting. The meeting minutes are included in this news letter. The schedule was then set for 2014, which includes 23 tournaments in addition to state doubles and singles. Discussion on several by-laws was held. The location of the Singles and Doubles tournaments being the most significant changes. See the meeting minutes for more details

The qualifications for the state singles tournament remain the same. A member must play in 4 sanctioned tournaments. No less than 3 of these tournaments must be played in Alabama. These 4 tournaments must be played between the day after the cut-off for the state and the day of the cut-off for the state. For this year, the 4 tournaments must be played between Aug 4, 2013 and Aug 2, 2014.

Each member can count 1 rained-out tournament toward the qualifying for the state singles championship. In order to count, the member must be at the scheduled location on time and in the event of a cancellation, let the tournament director know that you want it to count as a qualifying tournament.

Each new member is to receive a copy of by-laws, tournament schedule and NHPA rulebook. By-laws and schedule are available on state website. Secretary/Treasurer Hathcock will provide copies of by-laws and tournament schedules to tournament directors, if needed, for them to give to new members. The last item of business was a request for current email/ mailing address for each member to be sent to Secretary/Treasurer. In an effort to communicate more quickly and with less cost, email will be utilized by Secretary/Treasurer Don Hathcock whenever possible.

## **2014 STATE OFFICER ELECTIONS**

The office of 2nd Vice President and Secretary-treasurer are up for election this year. If you wish to run for office, you must notify President Ron Kindrick by the end of June. Each office consists of a two year term, terms to begin January 1, 2015. Elections will be held at state meeting following state singles tournament in August.

The 2014 pitching schedule is attached to this newsletter.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Membership dues are \$21.00 for adults, \$7.00 for juniors. In an effort to not overload

tournament directors at early season tournaments, please send your dues to me. I will send your card back within a few days. We have several new members, if you know of other potential first time members, please give them my address so they can purchase their cards prior to the season, also.

## **HAVE YOU SEEN THE WEBSITE RECENTLY?**

If not, go to [www.alahorshoes.com](http://www.alahorshoes.com) and check it out. Find your ringer percentage, membership application, by-laws, tournament schedule, directions to tournament courts, officers/tournament directors contact information, world tournament information and more!

### **ANNUAL AHPA OFFICER'S AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 25, 2014 TNT COURTS**

#### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**RON KINDRICK PRESIDENT  
DON HATHCOCK SECRETARY-TREASURER  
DALLAS RICKER 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT  
BARRY GOREE 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT  
JOE WAGGONER 3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

#### **TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE**

**RON KINDRICK OAK PARK, MONTGOMERY  
MIKE HARRISON TNT COURTS, ECLECTIC  
WAYNE MCGEHEE BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK, HUNTSVILLE  
ORVILLE McELROY MORAGNE PARK, GADSDEN**

**The meeting was opened by Don Hathcock and a copy of the financial statement was provided.**

**There were several topics discussed at the officer's meeting.**

**At our state meeting last year, Terry Miller brought up a question about the number of shoes thrown in the state tournament. The rules and by-laws Article VIII, Section 4, Part C state, (C) The method of play shall be:**

**All games of 50 shoes or in special circumstances as directed by the tournament director (Example Handicap or 40 shoes.) The exception to this rule is the State Singles Tournament, which is 40 points for the Championship Classes.**

**The special circumstances were the weather and the schedule in general. The change to 40 shoes was made at the discretion of the tournament director. The 40 point games for the championship classes can not be changed.**

**It was brought up by Huntsville TD Wayne McGehee that the members in his area were in agreement that the 2014 State Singles Tournament should be held in Gadsden to provide a more centralized location for all the members and covered courts for protection from the elements. It was also brought up to have the State Doubles Tournament in Gadsden. It was agreed upon by the executive council to have both the State Singles and State Doubles Tournaments in Gadsden as long as the facilities were available without having to vote on or rotate the location. The new schedule reflects the change.**

The status of the Coon Shack in Lacey's Springs was discussed. There was no representative from the Coon Shack at the meeting, so no AHPA sanctioned tournaments were scheduled. We hope that someone will step up and fill that void.

It was brought up that Phil Bragg's widow had sent an e-mail wanting to donate Phil's trophies. Dallas Ricker said that he would take the trophies and if any one else had trophies that they wanted to dispense of, he would take those also. Dallas is doing work with homeless vets and they will be put to good use. We need to show our appreciation for his work.

The city of Montgomery is putting in a bid to host the NHPA World Tournament. We all need to be promoting this and trying to get new members to get ready for this.

The status of the rules and by-laws committee and the grievance committee were discussed. We still need members to participate on these committees. It was also decided that an officer would be appointed by the president to oversee each committee.

It was discussed that a list or "cheat sheet" be made that each tournament director should cover before the start of each tournament. Things such as etiquette, tie breakers and so forth.

The schedule was set and the meeting was adjourned and there was some great food afterward.

### 2014 Tournament Schedule

DATE	TOURNAMENT NAME	LOCATION	TIME
SUN, FEB 23	TNT OPEN #1	ECLECTIC	10am
SAT, MAR.22	TNT OPEN #2	ECLECTIC	10am
SAT, MAR 29	GADSDEN OPEN #1	MORAGNE PARK	10am
SAT, APR 5	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #1	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	10am
SAT, APR 12	MONTGOMERY OPEN #1	OAK PARK	10am
SAT, APR 19	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #2	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	10am
SAT, APR 26	GADSDEN OPEN #2	MORAGNE PARK	10am
SAT, MAY 3	TNT OPEN #3	ECLECTIC	10am
SAT, MAY 10	MONTGOMERY OPEN #2	OAK PARK	10am
SAT, MAY 17	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #3	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	3pm
SAT, MAY 24	TNT OPEN #4	ECLECTIC	10am
SAT, MAY 31	GADSDEN OPEN #3	MORAGNE PARK	10am
SAT, JUN 7	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #4	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	3pm
SUN, JUN 8	TNT OPEN #5	ECLECTIC	10am
SAT, JUN 14	MONTGOMERY OPEN #3	OAK PARK	10am

<b>Entry fee for state doubles tournament due to sec-tres</b>			
SAT, JUN 21	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #5	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	3pm
<b>SAT, JUN 28</b>	<b>STATE DOUBLES- CLOSED</b>	<b>GADSDEN MORAGNE PARK</b>	<b>10am</b>
SAT, JUL 5	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #6	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	3pm
<b>JUL 14- 26</b>	<b>WORLD TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>BUFFALO, NY</b>	
SAT, AUG 2 <b>Entry Fee for State Singles due to Sec- Tres</b>	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #7	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	3pm
SUN, AUG 3	TNT OPEN #6	ECLECTIC	10am
SAT, AUG 9	GADSDEN OPEN #4	MORAGNE PARK	10am
<b>SAT, AUG 16</b>	<b>STATE SINGLES- CLOSED</b>	<b>GADSDEN MORAGNE PARK</b>	<b>9am</b>
SAT, AUG 23	MONTGOMERY #4	OAK PARK	10am
SUN, AUG 31	TNT OPEN #7	ECLECTIC	10am
SUN, SEP 14	TNT OPEN #8	ECLECTIC	10am

### *Tournament Directors*

#### Gadsden:

Orville McElroy – 256-820-0396  
256-473-0707

#### Huntsville:

Wayne McGehee – 256-683-0224

#### Montgomery:

Ron Kindrick – 256-200-9546

#### TNT:

Mike Harrison – 334-799-8692

**Register 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time.**

**40 point or 50 shoe games – 6 player round robin – may be mixed and/or handicapped**

**Each pitcher pays scorekeeper \$1 per game**

**Pitching order will be determined by tournament director**

**Minimum Requirements for Participation in State Doubles Tournament**

- Current membership in AHPA/NHPA
- Must have pitched in at least one sanctioned tournament in Alabama from the day after the cut-off of last year to the cut-off this year.
- Entry fee must be received by the State Secretary/Treasurer at least 14 days prior to tournament date

**Minimum Requirements for Participation in State Singles Tournament**

- Current membership in AHPA/NHPA
- Must have pitched in at least four sanctioned tournaments, three in Alabama, from the day after the cut-off of last year to the cut-off this year.
- Entry fee must be received by the State Secretary/Treasurer at least 14 days prior to tournament date