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2015 SCHEDULE MEETING

The 2015 Tournament Schedule meeting was held at TNT Courts in Eclectic on January 24. Present were President, Hall of Fame Committee member, Regional Director and Tournament Director (Montgomery) Ron Kindrick, 1st Vice President Keith Poston, 3rd Vice-President Joe Waggoner, Secretary/Treasurer and Hall of Fame Committee member Don Hathcock, Tournament Director Tom McGowan (TNT), Tournament Director Wayne McGehee (Huntsville) and Tournament Director and Rules and By-laws Committee member Orville McElroy (Gadsden). Others present were Chad Ellis, Mark Stevens (grievance committee) and Tim Segrest (rules and by-laws committee). Ron Kindrick opened and welcomed all to the meeting. The meeting minutes are included in this newsletter. The schedule was then set for 2015, which includes 28 open tournaments in addition to the state doubles and singles.

2015 STATE OFFICER ELECTIONS

The office of President, 1st Vice President and 3rd Vice President 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, 2016. Elections will be held at the state meeting following the state singles tournament in August.

The 2015 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. All new memberships and renewals **must** be sent with the new membership application form including your birth date and preferences on how to receive your newsletter. List all longevity patches and awards you have received and/or believe you are eligible for on the bottom of the form.

MONTGOMERY, AL 2016 WORLD TOURNAMENT HOST

Now is the time to get out and recruit new pitchers and bring old ones back!!! All tournaments pitched after May 15, 2015 count toward the qualification requirement of 4 for the 2016 world tournament. Let's go get 'em!!!

**ANNUAL AHPA OFFICER'S AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2015
TNT COURTS**

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

**RON KINDRICK PRESIDENT
DON HATHCOCK SECRETARY-TREASURER
KEITH POSTON 1st VICE PRESIDENT
JOE WAGGONER 3rd VICE PRESIDENT**

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

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

The meeting was opened by Ron Kindrick. Ron brought up that the AHPA needed to purchase equipment such as a printer, laptop, software, etc., that could be passed on instead of a person having to use their personal equipment to do their job. A discussion on where the funds would come from ensued. The idea of raising the adult membership dues from \$4.00 to \$8.00 was talked about. It has been several years since the dues have been increased. Most states are charging \$8.00 to \$13.00 on average with the highest dues being Washington at \$47.00. The juniors' dues would remain unchanged at \$2.00. It was decided that the increase in dues would be put on the ballot to be voted on at this year's state singles and if passed, would go into effect for the 2016 season. The amount of the increase would be specifically earmarked for the purchase of office equipment to be owned and maintained by the AHPA. It was also decided that the tournament directors would sell 50/50 raffle tickets at all of the scheduled tournaments and those proceeds would also be specifically earmarked for the purchase of equipment. The exception will be the proceeds from raffle ticket sales at the state singles and doubles tournaments. The money from the sale of raffle tickets at the 2015 state doubles tournament will be put into the prize fund for the 2016 state doubles and the sales from the 2015 state singles tournament will be put into the prize fund for the 2016 state singles tournament.

Gus brought up some ones question about rotating the playing order of the classes. We discussed it and decided that it was better left up to the tournament directors. That way they can try to arrange the playing order to the benefit of the players.

I was unable to attend last year's state singles, but a situation came up in the elder's class with the arrangement of the class. There were 9 elders entered and a 9-man championship class would have taken a long time. It is required that the state championship classes be played to 40 points. I had discussed the situation with Ron and he said we would need to divide it into 2 classes, a 5-player championship class and a 4-player B-class championship. The difference between the #5 seed in the championship class and the #1 seed in the B-class was only 1.77%. Ottie Reno dropped out, but still left an eight player class, which still takes a long time to 40 points. I wanted to make it a 9-player championship class, but play 40 point count-all games. That would have made the tournaments go a lot quicker and if you are not in the championship class, you can't win the championship. Ron did not think that the state championship was a good venue to try a "new" method of play.

It was discussed with the tournament directors and all agreed to try some count-all matches during this season. This method of play would allow more people in a class without it taking all day to play. I know that in past years, members have expressed interest in having more pitchers be able to compete for the top prize and this may be the answer.

The city of Montgomery is hosting the 2016 NHPA World Tournament. We all need to be promoting this and trying to get new members to get ready for this.

The meeting was adjourned and there was some great food afterward.

AHPA 2015 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT NAME	LOCATION	TIME
SUN, FEB 15	TNT OPEN #1	ECLECTIC	10am
SAT, MAR.21	TNT OPEN #2	ECLECTIC	10am
	HAZEL GREEN OPEN #1	DAN'S COURTS	10am
SAT, MAR 28	GADSDEN OPEN #1	MORAGNE PARK	10am
SAT, APR 4	MONTGOMERY OPEN #1	OAK PARK	10am
SAT, APR 11	HAZEL GREEN OPEN #2	DAN'S COURTS	10am
SAT, APR 18	GADSDEN OPEN #2	MORAGNE PARK	10am
SAT, APR 25	HAZEL GREEN OPEN #3	DAN'S COURTS	10am
SAT, MAY 2	GADSDEN OPEN #3	MORAGNE PARK	10am
SUN, MAY 3	TNT OPEN #3	OAK PARK	10am
SAT, MAY 9	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #1	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	3pm
FRI. MAY 15		ENTRY DEADLINE FOR WORLD TOURNAMENT	
SAT, MAY 16	MONTGOMERY OPEN #2	OAK PARK	10am
SAT, MAY 23	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #2	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	3pm
SUN. MAY 24	TNT OPEN #4	OAK PARK	10am
SAT, MAY 30	GADSDEN OPEN #4	MORAGNE PARK	10am
SAT, JUN 6	MONTGOMERY OPEN #3	OAK PARK	10am
	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #3	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	3pm
SAT, JUN 13 Entry fee for state doubles tournament due to sec-tres	TNT OPEN #5	ECLECTIC	10am
SAT, JUN 20	GADSDEN OPEN #5	MORAGNE PARK	10am
SAT, JUN 27	STATE DOUBLES- CLOSED	GADSDEN MORAGNE PARK	10am

SAT, JUL 11	HAZEL GREEN OPEN #4	DAN'S COURTS	10am
JUL 13- 25	WORLD TOURNAMENT	TOPEKA, KANSAS	
SAT, AUG 1 Entry Fee for State Singles due to Sec- Tres	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #4	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	3pm
SUN, AUG 2	TNT OPEN #6	ECLECTIC	10am
SAT, AUG 8	GADSDEN OPEN #6	MORAGNE PARK	10am
SAT, AUG 15	STATE SINGLES- CLOSED	GADSDEN MORAGNE PARK	9am
SAT, AUG 22	MONTGOMERY #4	OAK PARK	10am
	HAZEL GREEN #5	DAN'S COURTS	10am
SAT, AUG 29	HUNTSVILLE OPEN #5	BRAHAN SPRINGS PARK	3pm
SUN, AUG 30	TNT OPEN #7	ECLECTIC	10am
SUN, SEP 13	TNT OPEN #8	ECLECTIC	10am

Tournament Directors

Gadsden:

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

Hazel Green:

Dan Watson – 256-656-2355

Huntsville:

Wayne McGehee – 256-683-0224

Montgomery & TNT:

Ron Kindrick – 256-200-9546

Register 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time.

40 point or 50 shoe games – method of play, handicapping, pitching order, etc. - will be determined by tournament director

Each pitcher pays scorekeeper \$1 per game

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 must be in Alabama, from the day after the cut-off of last year to the cut-off this year.
- August 4, 2014 – August 1, 2015
 - Entry fee must be received by the State Secretary/Treasurer at least 14 days prior to tournament date

If you pitch in any out-of-state tournament or travel to a tournament that is rained out and need the tournament to count toward your qualifying for the state singles, have the tournament director contact me asap. Rained out tournaments will not count toward your qualifications for the world tournament.

Entry fee for all open tournaments is \$10.00.

Exceptions for special tournaments can be made by the tournament director.

Entry fee for the state doubles and singles is \$20.00.

If it is approaching or at the deadline for entry, get your entry fee into the hands of a tournament director or officer and have them contact me no later than the cut-off date.