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ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the cost of postage, paper, envelopes and printing ink and the availability of email and on-line access, all future newsletters will be delivered either through e-mail or on-line from our website. If you wish to receive a copy of a newsletter via US postal service, there will be a \$1.00 per copy charge. First time members will receive a copy of the latest newsletter in their new membership package along with the AHPA pitching schedule, NHPA RGS booklet, NHPA By-Laws, NHPA introduction to horseshoes, and AHPA Constitution and By-laws with their membership cards.

For current members, all of this information is available at no charge either on-line or through your tournament director or AHPA officer.

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2017 SCHEDULE MEETING

The 2017 Tournament Schedule meeting was held at TNT Courts in Eclectic on January 21. Officers present were Ron Kindrick, Jim Ellison, and Don Hathcock. Tournament Directors present were Ron Kindrick, Diane Dorler, and Jim Ellison. Others present were Chuck and Joan Garrison, Keith Poston, Lyle Dorler and Joe Waggoner. Ron Kindrick opened and welcomed all to the meeting. The schedule was then set for 2017, which includes 29 open tournaments in addition to the state doubles and singles.

We are excited to announce the addition of a new pitching venue in Gulf Shores, AL. Jim Ellison has done a tremendous job in getting this venue ready and sanctioned to be on the 2017 schedule. We will have 5 sanctioned tournaments in beautiful Gulf Shores, AL. Jim Ellison is the tournament director for these tournaments.

There was not a representative from Hazel Green, Huntsville or Gadsden present. Wayne McGehee e-mailed the schedules for the Hazel Green and Huntsville tournaments. After calling and checking around, I learned that Danny and Tammy Floyd have abdicated all of their duties as it pertains to the AHPA to dedicate their full attention to their family, which is very admirable. I would like for all of us to thank them for the hard work and dedication that they have shown the AHPA during their tenures. Tammy said that they would probably be pitching some this year. Wayne Cate has stepped up and agreed to take on the responsibilities of being the tournament director for the Gadsden tournaments. He provided me with dates and times that are on the schedule. We need to give him as much support as possible and show our appreciation for taking on this task.

The 2017 pitching schedule is attached to this newsletter.

Once the schedule was set, the state meeting began and various issues were discussed. The meeting minutes are included in this newsletter. Danny Floyd's vice-president position and his and Tammy's positions on various committees, once approved by the Executive Council, will be announced at that time. Chuck Garrison and the Rules and By-Laws Committee have done a terrific job of rewriting our AHPA Constitution and By-Laws. The newly amended document is attached to this newsletter and will be available on the website.

2017 STATE OFFICER ELECTIONS

The office of President (currently held by Ron Kindrick), 1st Vice-President (recently abdicated by Danny Floyd) and 3rd Vice-president (currently held by Jim Ellison) are up for election this year. If you wish to run for office, you must notify President Ron Kindrick and submit your name to the Secretary/ Treasurer (Don Hathcock) by the end of June. Each office consists of a two year term, terms to begin January 1, 2018. Elections will be held at the state meeting during our AHPA State Singles Tournament on August 26 in Gadsden.

Also on the ballot will be a proposal to make the AHPA State Singles Championship Tournament a 2 day event. The exact details on how this 2 day event will be formatted have not been worked out, but will be similar to the NHPA World Tournament, providing more pitching and opportunities to compete for the title. As it stands, we pretty much use the season as a whole as the preliminaries for the state.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership dues are \$25.00 for adults, \$7.00 for juniors and we now have a family membership for \$50.00 that is for 2 adult parents and their dependent children who would be classified as juniors or cadets. 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. If you are submitting a family membership, the names and ages of all qualified pitchers must be included on the form.

The NHPA World Tournament for 2017 will be held in St. George, Utah, July 17 – 29. Links to information and entry forms will be on our website.

I hope that everyone had a great holiday and is ready for the start of a new and fun-filled season of AHPA horseshoes!!!

ANNUAL AHPA OFFICER'S AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2017
TNT COURTS

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE
RON KINDRICK PRESIDENT
DON HATHCOCK SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIM ELLISON 3rd VICE PRESIDENT

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

**RON KINDRICK OAK PARK, MONTGOMERY
DIANE DORLER TNT COURTS, ECLECTIC
JIM ELLISON GULF SHORES COURTS, GULF SHORES**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

**CHUCK GARRISON RULES & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON
JOAN GARRISON RULES & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE MEMBER
JOE WAGGONER GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

OTHERS PRESENT

**LYLE DORLER
KEITH POSTON**

The tournament directors got down to the business of putting the schedule together. Wayne McGehee sent an e-mail with the dates of the Huntsville and Hazel Green tournaments. Diane Dorler has taken the position as tournament director of the TNT Courts in Eclectic. Jim Ellison has been instrumental in building courts in Gulf Shores, Alabama and getting them sanctioned in time to get them on this year's schedule and he will be the tournament director for these events. There was no representative present for the Gadsden facilities. Attempts were made to contact a representative to no avail. Once the schedule was planned and agreed upon, President Ron Kindrick opened the officer's meeting.

Don Hathcock gave the financial report.

There were enough officers present to have a quorum. Several issues were discussed.

The Rules and By-Laws chairperson, Chuck Garrison, presented several clarifications and additions to the rules and by-laws. All were approved by the executive council. There were no "changes" per se, but some parts were re-written to include previously voted in changes, to clarify certain articles and to make sure that there were no conflicts with the NHPA rules and by-laws. Chuck and the Rules and By-Laws committee are commended for a job well done. Once the complete document is put together and approved, it will be published and made available to the membership.

A proposal made by Randal Light about making the scorekeeping less complicated for the state doubles tournament was presented and discussed. No "up or down" vote was made on this proposal at this time.

A proposal was made by Lyle and Diane Dorler to make the AHPA state singles championship a 2 day event. An understandable argument was made that playing in the state championship tournament should consist of pitching more than 4 games, which is the case in a 5 person round robin class. I, Don Hathcock, as tournament director for the state singles tournament, have always strived to make it as fun and competitive as possible within the allotted time and the courts available. To have larger classes, there would be great disparity from top to bottom. The rules allow the handicapping of classes at a state championship tournament except for division championships (Requirement 3, Section A-2). The problem is that larger classes mean more time and more courts used. Also, several years ago, there were members who felt that they were unfairly left out of the championship class, so it was decided to make the championship class an 8 person round robin. The championship class in any division must be played to 40 points, no shoe limit (AHPA Constitution and By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 4-C). Also, the men's and women's state championship divisions cannot be mixed (NHPA Requirement 3, Section A-2).

I, as tournament director, welcome any and all suggestions in making the state championship tournaments as competitive and fun as possible.

The proposal to make the AHPA State Singles Championship tournament a 2 day event will be placed on this year's ballot for a vote of the membership.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded.

Great food was prepared by Diane Dorler.

Once the meeting was over, several stayed to pitch in a horseshoe tournament and all had a great time.

Prepared by:

Don Hathcock

AHPA sec/treas

January 21, 2017

