

NC HORSESHOE PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION

“Our association is dedicated to promoting the sport of horseshoe pitching throughout North Carolina. We organize tournaments, provide training for new players, and maintain a supportive community for enthusiasts of all skill levels. Whether you are a seasoned competitor or a curious newcomer, the NC Horseshoe Pitchers Association welcomes you to join our events and become part of our growing family.”

Minutes of the State Meeting

On December 21, 2024 at 11:18am the NC horseshoe Pitchers' Association meeting was called to order by Vice President Jeremy Smith.

Members in attendance were as follows:

William Crouse, Jeremy Smith, Janet McFarland, Raymond Callahan, Mark Ellington, Paul Highlander, Billi Smith, Ronnie Elliott, Clifton Jones, Chad Brown, Carson Brown.

Treasurer Report Paul Highlander: Beginning Balance \$6303.56 Total expenses \$1077.99.

Net Gain \$1077.99 Ending Balance \$7381.55 Attached is 2024 Income Statement.

NC Horseshoe Pitchers Association Rivers Prewette Memorial Paul Highlander: Balance \$2,517.77. This is an educational scholarship fund for NC-HPA youth, who stay as a member and attend a higher education school after high school. Paul said he was not aware of anyone requesting/receiving this scholarship, mainly due to the fact that they have not stayed in the association.

State Singles Report by Paul Highlander need score cards (2,500) round robin cards.

The State singles and doubles tournaments need to be prepaid and pre-registered.

Tournament Schedule 2025 Paul presented the draft schedule for 2025. Because Southern Pines has lost courts and only has 4 remaining it was agreed to host two tournaments at Troy using Southern Pines dates. Troy has 12 courts. Chad Brown agreed to be the host director but requested help from others since he is new to directing a tournament. Raymond Callahan discussed making the fees for all tournaments to be \$15 except for the State events. Paul Highlander made the motion to suggest charging \$15 and was Second by Ronnie Elliott. **MOTION PASSED**

Attached is the 2025 tournament schedule. Ray Callahan to inspect courts at Troy and make sure they are still up to standards.

Copies of insurance liability from National are needed for Winston Salem, Southern Pines, and Wilkesboro. The City of Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation names shall be added to the insurance form. We have to make a request to NHPA to add this to the policy. The policy should be shared with all Directors.

Publicity Jeremy Smith addressed the existing NC-HPA Facebook site access problems and information needed to manage the site. Jeremy is working on creating a new Facebook page for NC-HPA and we will ask Angie Jones, previous FB administrator, to take down the old one. Send any publicity stuff to him. Paul Stewart is running the website and has been taking care of the website domain cost. However, this cost has doubled and NC-HPA needs to reimburse Paul for the \$240 per year cost. Paul is willing to pay half the cost, but we agree that the NC-HPA should pay the full cost. If anyone wants to take over website management, contact him.

Hall of Fame Bill Crouse confirmed that we currently have three candidates still on the HOF ballot. They are Don Guiton, Clarence Lassister, Jr., and Raymond Callahan. Paul Highlander was elected in 2024. Even though Raymond and Clarence have been on the ballot for 5 years and would normally drop off, they will remain, due to the By-laws stating candidates remain on the ballot for 5 voting periods. There have only been 4 voting years, so they remain on the ballot.

Clifton Jones motioned to spend \$250 annually for bricks to Hall of Fame nominations by the executive committee. Billi Smith seconded the motion. **MOTIONPASSED**

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS Paul Highlander presented the voting results from the recent on-line voting process. The results are as follows:

President: William Crouse (2 yr term)

Vice President: Jeremy Smith (1 yr remaining)

Secretary/Treasurer: Janet McFarland (2 yr term)

Statistician: Raymond Callahan (Charter office 1 yr remaining)

Hall of Fame Chairperson/Historian: Mark Ellington (2 yr term)

Regional Director: Raymond Callahan (no term limit)

Publicity Director: Jessica Howell (1 yr term remaining)

NC-HPA Webmaster: Paul Stewart (no term limit)

PRESIDENT ELECT COMMENTS by William Crouse thanks everyone for your support congratulations to all elected officers looking forward to a productive year. Focus on enrolment ideas needs on recruitment of members old and new, planning to have mid-year meeting and zoom meetings for those who cannot attend in person, State meeting will be BEFORE the tournament starts. Motion made by Billi Smith Seconded by Chad Brown **MOTION PASSES**

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Billi Smith at 12:53 pm

Respectfully submitted

Janet McFarland

Secretary Treasurer