

4-2-2026

NC-HPA Zoom Meeting For Executive Council and Tournament Directors - WOC Notes

Present: Clarence, Jeremy, Billie, Raymond, Chad, Janet, Mark, Randy, Ronnie

Agenda Provided for Meeting.

1. Current membership: Janet reported 58. 7 – New members for the year.
 - Sponsorship for new members was reported. Executive had approved earlier in the year to sponsor three new members by paying their NHPA membership.
 - We paid for Michael Santucci and Dennis Windham. Jay Allen had been nominated, but has not played but once and is being removed from consideration.
 - Chad nominated Isalia Marion for a sponsorship. A second was provide and all agreed to sponsor Isalia.
 - Discussion about sponsoring Malcolm Sears was offered by Raymond. He suggested we table that sponsorship until we see if Malcolm will pitch.
2. Janet gave the Treasurer's report. Balance 02/27/2026 \$7206.02
 - NHPA invoice 1486 due \$203 paid 1/8/2026 . Invoice 1537 \$18.00 due Brian Poole asked to wait until July invoice to pay.
 - Tournament entries and deposits Raleigh 21 players \$63 Troy 16 players \$48 So Pines #1 16 players \$48 Green Level 17 players \$51 Roxboro Mayo Park Open 22 players \$66 Statesville 14 players \$42 State Doubles 25 players
3. A discussion around advertising for NC-HPA.
 - Raymond has developed a flyer that can be shared with the Parks & Recreation folks and anyone else. It is a foldable flyer.
 - Bill will reach out to Jessica Howell to have her try and get a contact with "Carolina Country" and "Our State" magazine folks and see if they will run a short story on NC-HPA.
 - Janet proposed making banners to give to each director to advertise tournaments and possible leave up. The majority viewed it as something that would not improve membership, so no motion was made to create banners.
 - Discussion was offered around considering having a NC-HPA banner to hang at the State Tournaments. Janet was asked to follow up on size and cost.
 - The NC-HPA Website has some changes due to Microsoft changing how you can attach or embed a PDF file. Paul Stewart has spent lots of time trying to make the attachments accessible. If you run into any problems contact Paul.
 - Jeremy and Billie are updating the Facebook page.
4. Court Conditions and Safety/Liability concerns were discussed.

- Janet was asked to make sure all tournament directors have their copy of the NHPA liability insurance policy, so they can share with their P&R folks. Ronnie needs his copy. Janet is asked to make it available as a PDF so it can be emailed.
- Bill reported that work is continuing at Stateville and there is no fence around the courts. Therefore, we need to make sure the public is kept away from the courts. Randy will look into whether something can be added by the City during tournaments.
- The discussion about safety issues at Southern Pine courts, after the last tournament, had kids walking into the pitching area. The skateboard area is within a few feet of one of the courts and skateboards often fly into the court area. Clarence stated that he had a construction fence around the courts in the past, that he installed himself. Clarence said that would not prevent skateboards from entering the courts, due to the height difference, but would keep kids out. Clarence said he would put the fence back up. Also, for the safety of pitchers, Southern Pines may have to pitch on three courts. Bill suggested that all Tournament Directors keep in mind that we have to protect NC-HPA from any liability issues, especially with the public. Also, we need to speak with P&R directors to make them aware of the safety issues and their liability as well.
- Green Level had new clay installed by Clifton Jones at his expense. I only know it was over 2000 lbs. It was discussed at the 2025 Annual Meeting about possible helping out with the cost for the clay, but it was tabled after discussion. They was consideration to try and get clay from Lowell since they are not having tournaments. Bill confirmed with Lowell's P&R director that they are not offering up their clay at this point. Clarence suggests the NC-HPA consider finically supporting Clifton for half the clay cost. That cost would be more than the EC can approve, so it will be put on the agenda at the State Annual Meeting. Mark suggested that we set up a donation pot at the tournaments to try and raise money for Green Level or sell ½ and ½ tickets. Tournament directors are welcome to do this at their tournaments to support Green Level.
- No other court discussion were offered.

5. The 2026 Officers up for Re-election:

- President
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Hall of Fame/Historian Chairman

Janet reported that she would not be running for re-election.

6. Bill informed the group that during the NC-HPA 2025 annual meeting we approved to spend \$250 for a brick at the NHPA Hall of Fame for a NC pitcher. The Executive Council was charged to nominate a person and bring up for approval to the council.
7. Janet reported that we have currently 12 teams for the State Doubles Tournament to be held in Winston-Salem. Jerney will be getting trophies.

No further business was discussed. A motion to adjourn was made and approved.

The next NC-HPA meeting will be September 26, during the State Singles Tournament.