

## **NORTH CAROLINA HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 2025**

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Horseshoe Pitchers Association was called to order at 10 a.m. November 1, 2025 at Green Level. All officers were in attendance except Jessica Howell and Mark Ellington.

Treasurers Report presented and approved. Copies were handed out to all members present. The Rivers Prewette scholarship winner is Rachel Leondhart.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Election of Officers were held and there were no contested races therefore vote posted by Secretary / Treasurer Janet McFarland

Elected Officers were as follows:

Vice President: Jeremy Smith

Statistician: Raymond Callahan

Publicity Director: Jessica Howell

There was a discussion regarding various courts that have had courts eliminated and/or removed (Statesville, Carrboro). In Statesville courts 12 to 24 have been removed and replaced by pickleball courts so they are now down to six courts. A discussion and decisions concerning the remaining courts for future State Single championship tournaments and when to hold them were held. Membership was informed that we are down to two sites with enough clay courts required to host the State Singles, they are Wilkesboro and Green Level. There was a discussion of allowing Troy for the State Singles tournament since it has clay courts, but Troy lacks enough courts and there are no walkways. A discussion and proposal to support the cost to add clay to the Green Level courts was held. In the past the clay cost was paid for by Clifton Jones at \$1400 per pallet. Ronnie Willis suggested trying to get clay from Lowell courts, since they are not being used and clay has already been taken from the park courts Ronnie and others offered support to get this clay. Bill Crouse stated that he would contact the Lowell Park manager and confirm this possibility. The proposal to purchase clay for Green Level was tabled until the Lowell clay is confirmed.

Bill Crouse reported for Ronnie Joines (not present): Ronnie said that he had clay to fill the Wilkesboro courts, but needed help. He will organize a time to get members to help with this matter

There is a possibility for tournaments to be held at the Patterson family home as they have six courts. A meeting scheduled for December 6 to determine 2026 tournaments schedules.

Awards were presented by President Bill Crouse:

Hall of Fame: Ray Callahan

Most Improved Player: Lonny Trangsrud

Awards presented by Paul Highlander:

Player of the Year: Doug McKenzie (3 years in a row winner won by 3 points this year)

Meeting adjourned at 10:00a.m. Prayer and Pledge lead by Connie Marion

Respectfully Submitted

Janet McFarland, Secretary/Treasurer