BCHA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY – AUGUST 30th, 2024 CLOVERDALE HORESSHOE CLUB SIGN IN - EXECUTIVE: President – Bob McCauley – Vice President – June Lazenby – Past President – Tom Moffat – Secretary-Treasurer – Brian Ryder – Island/Powell River Rep. – Gail Bishop DELEGATES: Abbotsford- Dwayne Bertrand, Sue Bertrand – Cloverdale- Lynda Bradt, Ray Smithson – Central Park – Diane Duchesne – Kamloops – Jenna John – Sooke – Steve Bishop – Vernon – Maryann Raincock, Gary Raincock – Victoria – Wei Xiao, Sharon Dunn, Doug Bowman – Winfield – John Hamler President Bob McCauley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM Minute Of Silence: Additions To The Agenda: None Acceptance Of 2023 AGM Minutes: Moved by Tom Moffat, Seconded by Dwayne Bertrand that the Minutes be accepted as distributed: Carried Financial Report: Treasurer Brian Ryder presented the Financial Statements to the meeting. He noted that the BCHA continues to be sound financially. Moved by Brian Ryder, Seconded by John Hamler that the Financial Report be accepted: Carried Presidents Report: President Bob McCauley presented his report to the meeting. He thanked the Executive of the BCHA for their hard work during the past year. He spoke about the fine work June Lazenby was doing in producing the Newsletter and distributing it to the Clubs. He noted that it plays an important role in keeping Clubs and their members up to date with all things Horsehoes. To that end he urged all Clubs to make sure their members received a copy of the Newsletter and possibly have their members contact June to have a copy of the Newsletter sent to them directly by email. He praised the Abbotsford Club for the fine work they did hosting the Western Canada Classic as well as the Canadian Championships. He also commented on the fine participation B.C. had at the World Championship that was held in Kennewick Washington. 24 players participated and many had top 5 finishes in their categories. Barb Hudock won the Ladies C and Tom Moffat won the Elders A., making him the first Canadian to win this title. He also brought to the attention of the meeting the overall decline in membership, not only in B.C., but across Canada as well. He stated that it is necessary for all Clubs to do what it takes to attract New Members, retain Existing Members and double their efforts to keep Horseshoes relevant. He commended all the Horseshoe Volunteers for their dedication to the sport and urged them to continue their good work. Hall Of Fame Inductee: Tom Moffat advised the meeting that the induction into the Hall Of Fame this year would be in the Organizer/Promoter category. He stated that there were 2 nominations this year and that the presentation would take place at Opening Ceremonies for the Championships (Brian Ryder was the inductee this year). Regional Reports: Gayle Bishop reported and commented on the status of the Clubs in her region. Sooke and Victoria are still going strong. Courtney/Comox, Dry Creek & Powell River are hanging in there. Unfortunately, Ladysmith is struggling to survive. Maryann Raincock read the report from Dwight Cousins commenting on the Clubs in his region. Vernon & Salmon Arm have increased their memberships and are doing well. Further to Dwight’s report Brian Ryder indicated that Summerland’s membership was down slightly this year. He also stated that Penticton was struggling. John Hamler stated that Winfield was struggling as well. Jena John stated that Kamloops was struggling also. New Business: 2025 – Western Canadian Classic – Alberta (TBA) 2025 – Canadian Championships – St. Joseph – de Sorel Quebec 2025 B.C. Champions hips – TBA 2025 B.C. International – Abbotsford B.C. 2025 World Championships – Salt Lake City, Utah Election Of Officers: Vice President: President Bob McCauley advised the meeting that June Lazenby had agreed to let her name stand for re-election. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and June Lazenby was elected by acclamation. Secretary: President Bob McCauley advised the meeting that Brian Ryder had agreed to let his name for re-election. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and Brian Ryder was elected by acclamation. Lower Mainland Rep: Jim Grant did not stand for re-election and there were no nominations from the floor. Therefore, as per the Constitution, President Bob McCauley and the Executive would look at appointing a Lower Mainland Rep. Island/Powell River Rep: President Bob McCauley advised the meeting that Gail Bishop had agreed to let her name stand for re-election. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and Gail Bishop was elected by acclamation. Interior/Kootenay/North Rep: President Bob McCauley advised the meeting that Dwight Cousins had agreed to let his name stand for re-election. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and Dwight Cousins was elected by acclamation. Open Discussion: Further discussion took place on B.C’s membership totals (e-shoes). It was acknowledged that some decrease in membership had taken place. However both Tom Moffat & Brian Ryder indicated that the e-shoes total was not correct due to Clubs not sending the names of their paid members to Tom, so they could be entered into e-shoes. It was noted that Clubs are to send their payment for memberships to Brian and at the same time send the names to Tom, so he can enter them into e-shoes! Gail Bishop & John Hamler both spoke on the subject of Etiquette and the need to maintain it. Gail spoke of her experience at the Canadian Championships and the Western Classic. John spoke on the procedure he used while acting as a Tournament Director. Tom Moffat spoke about his experience playing in a Tournament that used Electronic Scorekeeping and the fact that it will be the way of scorekeeping in the future. Adjournment: At 8:00 pm on a motion of Tom Moffat, President Bob McCauley adjourned the meeting.