

2020 NHPA Annual Business Meeting

July 18th, 2020

Via Zoom

-Meeting was called to order by Jim Kinney Jr, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, at 12:00 pm

-Jim Kinney Jr performed a Role call to confirm the charter's present. 68 delegates were present.

-Stu Sipma, NHPA President, began with explaining because of the current Covid 19 situation the 2020 World Tournament was canceled.

-Stu Sipma reviewed the meeting rules and introduced the Minutes Approval Committee. They include Phyllis Quist (WA), Brian Fisher (OH), and Ron Highley (MO).

-NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Kinney Jr, presented the fiscal year financial report as of June 22, 2020. Jim detailed the assets and expenditures in the report. No questions were asked, a motion was made and approved to accept the report.

-Stu Sipma introduced Jerry Labrosse to preside over the Rules and ByLaw presented for change. Voting Results were as followed:

1. **PRC 1** Rule 12 - APPROPRIATE NHPA MEMBER CONDUCT Section C – Dress Code. Any style shorts worn shall be fingertip length at the bottom hem for all pitchers. No see through or revealing clothing shall be worn. All under garments are to be covered by outer clothing at all times when competing. Final approval shall be by the Tournament Director. This will be checked during shoe check for each event. **Failed (3 yes & 65 No)**

2. **PRC 2** Rule 1 Pitching Divisions - If a charter or tournament has Cadet players to fill a competitive 8 person field they may use the following groups for Championship play.

- a. Junior Cadet Boys
- b. Junior Cadet Girls **Passed 63 Yes & 5 NO**

3. **PRC 3** RULE 5- FOUL SHOES - Live shoes already in the pit, in the scoring area, that may be disturbed by a foul shoe (~~or other live shoes~~), are still considered live shoes. They are not to be removed, unless they are knocked into foul territory and then come to rest in the scoring area.

Failed (37 Yes & 31 No)

4. **PRC 4** Requirement 3 – Charter/State Information

Section A, # 2 - Mixed Classes are not allowed at the World Tournament, but in Championship Classes of State Tournaments if divisions have fewer than 4 entries they may be mixed.

Passed (55 Yes & 13 No)

5. **PBC 1 Bylaws Article III: Membership** - Dues for Junior and Junior Cadet members are National dues of ten dollars (\$10.00) plus the amount set for State dues for Juniors within their Charter.

Failed (21 Yes & 47 No)

-Stu Sipma introduced Casey Sluy for the National Horseshoe Pitching Foundation report. Casey stated the Hall of Fame building has been closed and all leagues have been canceled. A person wants to visit

they can call ahead. The NHPF had to replace a service pump for the heating and air conditioning system. This came with a service package. Casey stated the NHPF has \$645.00 worth of Amazon smile donations for the Hall of Fame, currently. This is one half of one percent of purchases made thru Amazon if you ear mark National Horseshoe Pitching Foundation as your favorite charity. Casey stated there is a list of the top fifteen states for contributions on the NHPA website at horseshoepitching.com. Casey also stated there are bricks for sale at the Hall of Fame building. A large brick is \$200.00, a small brick is \$100.00, and three small bricks are \$250.00. Casey stated anything that can be read in church can be placed on a brick. If you go to the NHPA website and then to the NHPF tab you can order a brick under Donations at the Brick Plaza. Casey requested if charters could host a horseshoe pitching tournament for a donation to the NHPF it would be appreciated.

-Stu Sipma read the officers who were up for election in 2020. Stu stated Laurie Lampkin is currently the NHPA 2nd Vice President and Rob Hagman is the NHPA 4th Vice President. Stu stated Rob Hagman has chose not to run for NHPA 4th Vice President. Wayne Callicoatte (TX) and Debra Odum (TX) has submitted their resume for the NHPA 4th Vice President position. Debra Odum cancelled her nomination for the position due to unforeseen circumstances. Stu stated according to Article 5, Section 7 of the NHPA ByLaw by rule and acclamation: Laurie Lampkin (KY) will be NHPA 2nd Vice President, Wayne Callicoatte (TX) will be NHPA 4th Vice President, and Jim Kinney Jr (MO) will be NHPA Secretary/Treasurer for the next term.

-Stu Sipma introduced Stan Griggs for some promotional items. Stan stated Laurie Lampkin had reached out to him to create a new line of NHPA Trading Cards. Stan stated he had set up to create 4 -12 cards sets of cards consisting of a Men's World Champion Set, Women's

World Champion Set, The Contender's Set, and The Vintage Set. Stan stated he has been working with a local printing company to create each set. Stan stated the first twenty sets will have printed on the card First Addition. Stan stated they want to put together sets that will sell. Stan stated he will work with charters if they were interested in creating a set for their state champions in the future. Stu asked for input from the delegates on if the NHPA should move forward with this project. With a majority the NHPA Trading cards were approved by the delegates to start production and sales.

-Stu Sipma asked the delegates to vote on if the charters would like to stay with trophies or change to plaques for the preliminary rounds of the NHPA World Tournament. By majority, the delegates have voted to stay with trophies.

-Stu Sipma asked the delegates to vote for raising the entry fee to the NHPA World Tournament to include pictures of those who pitched. By majority, the delegates have voted to not raise the entry fee.

-Stu Sipma asked for open discussion. Blain Scott (UT-N) stated he was the NHPA Newslite editor. Blain stated he was reaching out to each delegate, and charter, to submit anything pertaining to their state for individual personal accomplishments, senior age pitchers, Juniors, or pitcher with a good news story to potentially be printed in a future Newslite. Blain stated they can send their articles to horseshoepitching@gmail.com. Stu stated Blaine had taken over as NHPA Newslite editor from Rebecca Sidles.

-Stu Sipma asked if there were any other items for open discussion? Ron Highley (MO) asked if there was any way the NHPA could lock in the Delegate numbers for the 2021 Delegate Convention to match the 2020 Delegate Convention due to the Corona Virus. Stu stated he was concerned about the revenue for operating cost. Stu stated the

revenue is slated to be around \$50,000 less in 2020 than 2019 due to low membership numbers for 2020 card holders. Stu stated there would have to be a Bylaw change to lock in the numbers for delegates and at this time we are going to stay with the Bylaw the way it reads, for now. Stu stated many state championship horseshoe tournaments have been canceled due to the Corona Virus and that is the states decision.

-Stu Sipma stated he has been NHPA president for 13yrs. At the 2021 delegate convention the office of NHPA President for 2022 will be open for election. Stu has decided to not run for office for 2022. Stu Stated he wanted anyone who is interested in running for the NHPA President position to submit their name.

-Stu Sipma stated a video from Kim Petersen, 2021 Winnemucca World Tournament, will be sent out to all delegates and charters.

-Stu Sipma asked for a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Buddy Lampkin. Stu asked if all agree say I. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Kinney Jr

NHPA Secretary/Treasurer