

TEXAS HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION

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2020 THPA Winter General Meeting Marlin, Texas on February 8, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The General Membership Winter Business Meeting was called to order by THPA President, Rickey Afinowicz and opened in prayer by Bill Campbell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clayton Afinowicz, went over the Rules for the Meeting as follows:

- a. Members may speak twice on any topic, 2 minutes the 1st time and 1 minute the 2nd time.
- b. Each speaker must be recognized by the Chair. No one should interrupt the speaker. Speakers that have spoken should wait until others have spoken to speak again.
- c. THPA Officers or the Regional Director may speak on any issue, at any time.
- d. Maximum discussion time on any item shall be 15 minutes.
- e. Any THPA Member may participate in the discussions, but only Club Delegates from each Club may vote.
- f. The Winter Business Meeting is a guideline for the THPA Executive Council to see how the THPA organization wishes to act on certain issues. A passing vote at the Winter Meeting does not necessarily mean that

the

issue voted on will go into effect. The item could be placed on the General Election Ballot at the Texas State Single Championship or added as a survey question on the Ballot.

2. PRESIDENT, RICKEY AFINOWICZ, APPOINTED DALE PHELPS AS THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

3. ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES:

The following Clubs had Delegates present for the Meeting:

Bryan	Buffalo	Gun Barrel City	Waco
Houston	Chandler	Kilgore	Little Elm
Weatherford	Independent	Independent	

An official quorum was present for the Meeting.

4. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bill Campbell passed out a 9-page packet of information to each person present. This packet included a recruiting

letter, a Member renewal information form, The 12-month Financial Report for 2019, The Minutes of the 2019 State Singles General Meeting, a 2020 THPA Tournament Schedule, a List of Tournament Directors information, and the 2020 proposed Budget for 2020.

After discussion, John Allison made the **Motion** to accept the 2019 State Singles General Meeting Minutes as presented. Steven "KJ" Schmidt made the **Second. Motion** passed with a unanimous Club Delegate vote.

Bill Campbell passed out a 2019 12-Month Financial Income and Expense Report, and showing a current total Balance of \$22,631.68 with \$17,449.14 balance in the Operational General Fund and a \$5,182.54 balance in the

Junior Scholarship Fund.

John Allison made the **Motion** to accept the 2019 Financial Report as presented. The **Second** was made by Ed Chatterly. **Motion** passed with a unanimous Club Delegate vote.

Bill Campbell also stated that he just mailed out a recruiting/information letter to 657 past and present Members

on our current THPA mailing list. And, as of February 8, 2020, we already have **117 paid** 2020 THPA Members.

5. OFFICER'S REPORTS:

- a. **1st Vice President – New Clubs: Coyce Allen:** Coyce stated that there is a new Club being formed in Corpus Christi, Texas headed up by Dr. Jason Barnes.

Also, Dale Phelps in Little Elm is trying to work out Park details to keep the Club operational. The Park is wanting to charge \$10.00 for parking there, even during a Tournament.

Coyce also stated that we need to talk to Duke Carlisle about the fees that the Lakeside RV Park is charging

the Club for each person playing in his San Antonio Tournaments, since we have a State Singles Championship Tournament held in San Antonio in October 2021.

- b. **2nd Vice President – Publicity: Clayton Afinowicz:** Clayton encouraged each Tournament Director to work on expanding publicity for their Tournaments through TV, Social Media outlets (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc), to get their pictures of their Tournaments posted on Facebook, etc.

- c. **3rd Vice President – State Tournament Director:** Bryanna Beusch – no report available.

- d. **4th Vice President – Juniors:** Jason Neighbors – no report available.

- e. **5th Vice President – The Ringer Editor:** Chris Callihan - no report available. Bill Campbell gave a report that since Chris Callihan Sr. has had some health complications, that he (Bill) will be putting out The Ringer Issues until such time as Chris can resume his Officer's duties.

f. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report:** Bill Campbell – In addition to the 9-pages of reports that Bill passed out earlier, he stated that as of Saturday, February 8, we had a total of **117 PAID** 2020 Members of the THPA. Also, in addition to the 12 Month Annual Financial Income & Expense Report, he also sends a monthly

Financial

Report to all the Officers with details of each check written, for their review and approval.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Regional Director/Rules & Advisory Committee, Chairman Coyce Allen:**

If any THPA Member has a change they would like to recommend to the Committee on By-Law changes or Standing Rules changes, they need to be turned in to Coyce no later than May 1st of each year.

Coyce also stated that there is a NHPA scheduled Quarterly Regional Director's Meeting on February 25.

b. Junior Scholarship Committee, Chairman Jason Neighbors:

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Bill Campbell gave a Report that the Dumas Horseshoe Club, run by the Craigmiles, has been closed
and that the Craigmiles sent him a \$1,000.00 check for the Junior Scholarship Fund.

Bill also gave a Report of the 5 recipients of the 2019 Junior Scholarship Awards at the Texas Singles Championship last October in the total amount of \$8,500.00, they were:

Arron Whisenhunt - \$1,250.00

Kaitlyn White - \$1,750.00

Ryan Ullom - \$1,250.00

Luke Ray - \$2,500.00

Anthony Layne - \$1,750.00

c. Hall-Of-Fame Committee, Chairman Duck Engelhardt:

President, Rickey Afinowicz reminded the Delegates that Nominations for the Hall-Of-Fame need to be turned in to Duck Engelhardt by July 1st each year for consideration for an Award to be presented at the State Singles Championship.

7. CUT-OFF DATE FOR TEXAS STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP:

After much discussion, **SEPTEMBER 5, 2020** is the cut-off date for the State Singles Championship. This includes **sign-ups and payments**, postmarked no later than September 5, to Bill Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer.

Also, the **new fee** for the Texas State Singles Championship will be **\$35.00 per person** regardless of pitching Division or distance. More said on this later.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

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a. John Allison gave a report on the inaugural **Texas High School Championship Tournament**. In Weatherford they can handle up to 96 pitching High Schoolers per day. They can have 4 sessions of 24 each day
makes 96 youth per day!

John said they also need some kind of "promotional packet" to hand out to High Schools to promote this Annual Tournament! The NEXT High School Championship Tournament will be held on **October 10,**

2020.

John Allison is also working on some kind of idea to have "Regional Championships" that will then feed those winners into the State Championship!

b. Rookie-Of-The-Year-Award: Clayton Afinowicz asked for ideas for the Annual Rookie of the year Award!
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now, to qualify you must be a first year THPA Member and have pitched in at least FOUR Tournaments for the year. Any Nominations for Rookie of the year Award MUST be turned in by the "cut-off" date for the Texas State Singles Championship (in 2020 it is September 5).

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b. Achievement Award: Rickey Afinowicz asked for more ideas on how to present the new Achievement Award.

Right now, this Award is presented to someone that has made a “significant” contribution to horseshoes on the local Club level. Also, they must be a paid THPA Member for a period of time that totals FIVE years, at some point in their THPA Membership History. Nominations must be received by September 5, 2020.

c. Delays at Texas State Doubles Championship Tournament: After much discussion on how to minimize delays

and speed up the Texas State Doubles Tournament, the following guidelines will be followed for the April 25, 2020 Texas State Doubles Championship Tournament:

1. NO walking doubles (meet in the middle to exchange shoes, if you don't pitch the same shoes).

In other words, each player will stay and pitch at the same end for the entire game.

2. Each game will be a total of 60 shoes (30 shoes by each team member).

3. This year will be a “**RINGERS ONLY**” Tournament, not cancellation scoring.

SPECIAL NOTE: A quorum of Officers present in Buffalo on February 29, 2020, unanimously voted that in order to attract as many lower percentage pitchers as possible the following will apply to the 2020 State Doubles Championship

Tournament:

cancellation

All pitchers that pitch less than 20% ringers will play the regular format of a Tournament, and NOT the “ringers only” format. It will still be 60 shoe games where each Team member will pitch 30 shoes each.

4. All Classes will be mixed (any pitching distance is allowed for any Team).

5. ALL Class “A” pitchers must be at 50% or higher.

d. Delays at the Texas State Singles Championship: After much discussion on delays during the last State Singles

Tournament the following was decided, and will be enforced by the THPA Officers and/or Judges:

1. The “30 second rule” for a player to pitch both shoes will be strictly enforced by the Officers and/or Judges in all games.

2. When it is your turn to pitch your two shoes and you are not able, or do not pitch your two shoes for the round, within your 30 seconds, you will **forfeit that game** to your

opponent.

However, you may pitch in the next game and successive games, to complete the Tournament, if you are able.

- e. Tournament Directors and/or Clubs cancelling Tournaments at the last minute:** Because of work and health issues, many people have a difficult time in trying to schedule four Tournaments to qualify for the World and/or State Singles Tournaments, especially when a Tournament is cancelled or rescheduled at the last moment. This last year this happened several times and disqualified many people from pitching.

Therefore, the following has been agreed by all Club Delegates: Regardless of the issues and/or reasons, if a Club has a scheduled Tournament on a particular date, they must exercise every effort to hold and complete that Tournament. Even if it requires them to pitch very early, or at night, or even the next day on Sunday. There should be NO rescheduling, if the Tournament can be held.

- f. Tournament Director's Guidelines:** After much discussion, it was decided that work needs to be done to have written Tournament Director Guidelines. Nothing was settled at this Meeting however, all Delegates agreed that we need to work on this idea to help all Tournament Directors.

- g. Junior Scholarship Fund:** Since we awarded five Junior Scholarship College Awards for 2019 in the amount of \$8,500.00, and our balance in the Junior Scholarship Fund only has a balance of \$5,182.54, the following was adopted for 2020 pitching year only:

Sanctioned
Janell Berry made the **Motion** that for the 2020 pitching year only, that every Club, that holds a Tournament, will have to send the Secretary-Treasurer **\$1.00 per person per Tournament that enters each of their Tournaments** into the Junior Scholarship Fund. **Second** was made by Ed Chatterly. **Motion** passed by unanimous Club Delegate vote.

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h. State Singles Championship Tournament Fees: After discussion on awards for the Texas State Singles Championship Tournament, the following was adopted by our Club Delegates:
Motion was made by Janell Berry to raise the entry fee to the Texas State Singles Championship Tournament to **\$35.00 per person**, regardless of their pitching Division. Also to eliminate the "First Trophy" award in each Class, and to retain the Championship jacket award for "First Place" in each Class. The **Second** was made by T. P. Holt. **Motion** passed by unanimous Club Delegate vote.

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President, Rickey Afinowicz, stated that he will get with the Cameron Club, Host for the October 2, 3, & 2020 Texas State Singles Championship, and discuss a way so that all Junior's and Cadet's \$35.00 fee will be paid by him or a combination of him and the Cameron Club, to ensure that all Cadets and Juniors can play that want to enter the State Singles Championship.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

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a. **Jeff Finke:** Made an announcement to invite everyone to pitch in "**The Horseshoe Tour Tournament**" that Bryan South Central Horseshoe Club will be hosting for the first time this May 22, 23, and 24, 2020. Information about The Horseshoe Tour can be found on the website under: thehorseshoetour.com. This is a fun Tournament where you pitch 30 shoe "ringers only" games on Saturday to qualify for the finals
on

Sunday in a 4-person Bracket “two-out-of-three” Championship. Also, there is usually a Tournament hosted on Friday night by the Host Club. More information will follow in the next issue of The Ringer in May 2020.

b. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021-2023 AT THE STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP:

We will be electing **two** Officer’s positions in October 2020 to serve for three-year Terms (2021 thru 2023). The following are up for election this year:

President - Rickey Afinowicz is the incumbent over all Business.

4th Vice President - Jason Neighbors is the incumbent over the Juniors and Cadets Scholarship Awards.

NOTE 1:

If you are interested in running for any of these Offices please submit your Resume to Rickey Afinowicz,

President, and Bill Campbell, temporary Ringer Editor, before May 1, 2020.

NOTE 2:

Other Officers and their expiration time:

2nd Vice President - Clayton Afinowicz thru 2021

Secretary-Treasurer - Bill Campbell thru 2021

1st Vice-President - Coyce Allen - new Clubs and sanctioning - thru 2022

3rd Vice-President - State Tournament Director - Bryanna Beusch thru 2022

5th Vice-President - The Ringer Editor - Chris Callihan, Sr. thru 2022

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

John Allison made the **Motion** to adjourn. The **Second** was made by Ed Chatterly. President Rickey Afinowicz dismissed the THPA Winter Business Meeting.

Minutes Taken and Respectfully Submitted By:

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Secretary-Treasurer

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