

ILSHPA Annual Membership meeting held March 28, 2010

Sandbar, Springfield, IL

Meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by President Leo Bratland. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a moment of silence for all the members that have passed. Six State Officers and Regional Director Dave Shreve along with 21 members of the ILSHPA were in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were handed out for everyone to view. Dave Shreve moved and Ray Radley seconded to accept the Secretaries Report. Motion passed unanimously. The Treasurers Report was handed out and showed a beginning balance of \$4,439.81 with income of \$29,322.44. Expenses for the total of \$25,192.86 having an ending balance of \$4,129.58. Floyd Tennill moved and Deanna Marvin seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer's Report:

1st Vice President Larry Long stated that he brought the scrap books and they are on the back table for anyone to view. He also announced that there will be no more tournaments in Palmer anymore. He thanked everyone that supported pitching in the tournaments in Palmer. He thanked Mike Wood for starting one of the tournaments this winter because he was in an accident on the way to the tournament.

2nd Vice President John Press stated that the NHPA have changed were Elders and Junior Boys can now "move up" or "back up" and begin pitching at the shorter distance or Open Men's division upon purchasing their new NHPA card in October, preceding the year that they turn 70 years of age or Junior Boys can request admittance into the Open Men's Division and receive a new card marked with 30ft or open men. In both situations there is an equal amount of time for completing the four required sanctioned events by mid-May of the following year. Fortunately, these time restrictions should be a "one time" occurrence and will only affect planning for entering their new division for that first year. That Elders and Junior Boys will need 4 sanction tournaments to qualify for the World Tournament. Bob Vandivier asked if you can hold a 30ft and 40ft card in the same year and Tina Press stated that you can't hold both cards and if you switch to 30ft you have to wait for the following year to go back to 40ft.

3rd Vice President Fred Morel thanked Moline for the State Tournament in 2009 we only had a few minor things with two pegs that broke. With having scorekeepers the tournament was done in a timely manner.

Publicity Chairman Terry Hlavac was unable to attend. Tina Press reminded the members that this will be Terry's last year and we are looking for someone to take Terry's place. We have put an ad in the Court Reporter if anyone is interested to get in touch with any of the ILSHPA Officers.

Junior Director Wayne Davis: Funds started with a balance of \$11,827.91 as of March 30, 2009. As of March 30, 2009 interest collected was \$234.08. Collection from tournaments is \$4,374.00 and that three scholarships were paid to Austin Bailey for \$1,275.00 and Adrienne Koonce for \$1,275.00 and Megan Goatley for \$300.00. State tournament expense for the juniors was \$109.37 leaving an account balance as of March 15, 2010 \$13,476.62. He has had no other request at this time for scholarship money.

Secretary/Treasurer Tina Press thanked all League and Tournament Directors for checking cards before anyone pitches. This year everyone that pitched in league or tournaments in the State of Illinois was in compliance with the NHPA. Please make sure that you fill out an application when sending for your sanction card. Please use the current application I am still receiving \$22.00 instead of \$27.00 NHPA raised their dues two years ago. I received so many just with a check. I need the information that is requested on the application. Make sure if you are receiving the Court Reporter on-line that you add my e-mail address to your address book. If you want to save the Association money on printing and mailing of the Court Reporter you can view it on-line by going to www.ilshpa.com, we need to realize that the cost of printing and mailing keeps going up and we may have to increase membership fees for the ILSHPA less we get more members to be taken off the mailing list. All you need to do is send me an e-mail to take you off the list. I will add you to the e-mail list and send an e-mail out when the Court Reporter is done. When mailing the Court Reporter you receive it like 2 weeks after it is done with printing and mailing. I will be going over my mailing list after the April issue has gone out and if you have not paid your dues for 2010 I will be taking you off the mailing list until you have paid your dues for 2010. Once I receive your application I will add you back on the mailing list. Buy a friend, neighbor or relative a membership. Set tournament dates early. Send all checks for advertisement of tournaments and Junior Fund to Tina Press. Short Distance men pitchers under age 70 need to have 2 forms completed by doctor. If you need these forms just get in touch with Tina Press to get these forms. If you are planning on getting your sanction card at a tournament or league you need to fill out an application and give it to the Director so I receive the information I need. It is not the Tournament or League Directors responsibility to send me a list of names. They will submit your application to me along with the results. If you are planning on going to the World Tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa your entry has to be postmark by May 13th and you need 4 sanction tournaments to qualify. There will be an application in the April issue of the Court Reporter. If you are planning on attending the State Tournament you must have 3 sanction tournaments by July 31st. The application for the State Tournament will be in the May issue of the Court Reporter. The deadline for the State Tournament has to be postmark by July 31st. If you have been on the www.ilshpa.com site John Press has added pictures of the 2009 World and State Tournaments. The application for the World tournament is on-line for you to print. The State Tournament application will be on-line after the Annual State meeting is done and everything has been updated with 2011 State bids for election. Leo Bratland asked what the return amount is for Court Reporters being sent back I told him that I get charged 67 cents apiece and sometimes I receive almost 15 back at a time. There is no reason for this cost to the Association. John Press also announced that if anyone is taking pictures at a tournament to submit them to him and he will add them to the ILSHPA site. You just need to send them in a zip file.

Regional Director Dave Shreve stated that in 2011 all courts have to be re-certified so this is the year that you need to update your courts. There will be no more conditional courts allowed and no more grandfather courts. He will have to go and check all the courts again, the main thing he told all the clubs would be to look at the distance of the pegs and height of the pegs. His new boss is now Debby Michaud. He will be going on vacation at the beginning of June so if you need a sanction number for a tournament please get in touch with him before he leaves. If you are using the HS Master program for your sanction tournaments let him know so he doesn't need to send all the paper work to you just the patches. He mentioned that he has been relaxed on the court qualification and will need to tighten up on clubs to make sure that the courts meet the NHPA guidelines.

President Leo Bratland stated it looks like everyone has covered everything pretty much in their reports. He thanked the officers and members for their contribution to the Association for the last year. NHPA has added a new position for Jerry LaBrosse charter communications. He has been in touch with Jerry and they are using Minnesota as a networking model. If members have an e-mail address they need to get in touch with Tina Press or Terry Hlavac and give their e-mail address to them so information can be passed on to communicate information from the NHPA or the ILSHPA more effectively. We also had an exciting and one of the best World Tournaments this past year and a new State Tournament site for Moline in 2009.

Old Business:

No one had any old business except for Leo Bratland who stated that because it is old business it is John Press's Birthday today.

New Business:

Constitution & Bylaws discussion:

Article V Section 3 and Section 4 and Article VI to change the terminology of Youth Director to Junior Director. Leo Bratland stated that everything in print always states Junior Director and even the NHPA calls it Junior Director. Motion to Amend by Bill Marvin and seconded by Dave Shreve. Motion passed unanimously.

Article VIII Section 13 reads: at least eight are provided with concrete pads for 30' pitchers, equal in construction to those provided for 40' pitchers. Amend to: twelve are provided with concrete pads for 30' pitchers, and at least two are provided with concrete pads for 20' for cadet pitchers. Tina Press stated that more courts are needed because of the increase in the 30' pitchers. Motion to Amend by Deanna Marvin and seconded by Austin Bailey. Motion passed unanimously.

Article III Section 16 reads: Clubs or Towns wishing to host the State Tournament for the following year shall make a presentation at the Annual Spring Meeting. They will need a deposit of \$500 or more payable at the Spring Meeting. Amend to read Clubs or Towns wishing to host the State Tournament for the following year shall make a presentation at the Annual Spring Meeting. They will need a deposit of \$500 or more payable at the Spring Meeting. If two or more clubs are bidding for the State Tournament only the losing bid or bids will receive their \$500 back. Larry Long mentioned what about the club who won the bid and drops out at the last minute should they receive their \$500 back. After discussion with all members it will Amend to read: If two or more clubs are bidding for the State Tournament only the losing bid or bids will receive their \$500 back and the winning bid is non-refundable. Motion to Amend by Dave Shreve and seconded by Ric Carmazino. Motion passed unanimously.

Article V Section 4 reads: No Officer may serve in the capacity for more than two consecutive terms except the Secretary-Treasurer shall be allowed to serve that office as long as the Executive Council or membership feel the office is functioning to their approval. Eliminate: No officer may serve in the capacity for more than two consecutive terms except the Secretary-Treasurer shall be allowed to serve that office as long as the Executive Council or membership feel the office is functioning to their approval. Tina Press stated that even the NHPA doesn't have that term. Every time that certain Officer's are past their two year term we have to Amend this Article for them to run again. If anyone is interested in running for Office it is open for nomination at the Annual Spring Meeting. Motion to Eliminate by Floyd Tennill and seconded by Roger Reed. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Shreve mentioned that at the last World tournament he noticed that some states give there Hall of Fame recipient's patches. After discussion it was decided that the Hall of Fame Committee design a patch for our Hall of Fame recipients. Motion by Rose Gibson and seconded by Deanna Marvin.

Motion passed unanimously. The Association will purchase the patches for the Hall of Fame recipients to be given out at the State Tournament.

Bill Marvin mentioned that when scheduling the 30' pitchers for the State Tournament to consider scheduling them in the morning or later in the evening. Tina Press said that Fred Morel and I did take them into consideration last year. With the exception of 30' Foot Class A Championship they were scheduled at noon because that is when all the Championship Classes are scheduled to pitch on opening day and then on the second day they started at 5:00 PM. We also made sure that when we scheduled the other 30' pitchers that we put them on the courts that had the shade. On the first day all the other classes that pitched in 30ft division were scheduled at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Last year in Moline we were fortunate to have great weather with a nice breeze.

Judy Long showed a patch that she was given by someone from out of state and thought maybe our state could come up with a patch. Fred Morel said that would be great but felt that we need to sell all of the State pins we have already. Dave Shreve said he didn't see too much of members trading patches verses pins. John Press said that he has only received pins that members of the NHPA have given him at the World Tournaments.

Deanna Marvin wanted to know if we could come up with ideas for the Juniors to get more involved in pitching. Maybe with so much money in the Junior Fund we can come up with either a jacket or make up packets for the Juniors at the State Tournament. Leo Bratland thought maybe we could give back their membership dues that they paid and made a commitment to finish the year pitching or going to the State Tournament. John Press said that we need more Juniors and need to do something special for them. He thought maybe having a Junior party or plan an event for the Juniors. Rose Gibson thought if more Tournament Directors have just a Junior Class in there tournaments you may have more Juniors competing. After discussion Deanna Marvin will come up with ideas and propose them to the Executive Council for review.

Mike Knop would like to increase the State Bid money to \$1,000. Floyd Tennill stated that local clubs can't afford that amount. Dave Shreve said in the past the bid money was \$1,500 but the entry fee was only \$6.00 or \$7.00 so the bid money covered what everyone would receive. However, the towns that are bidding on the State Tournament may have a population of only 2,000 verses Springfield. Chuck Kinney stated that Moline wouldn't pay \$1,000 for a bid. Floyd Tennill said Oakland couldn't afford a \$1,000 bid. Leo Bratland said that Danville wouldn't bid for the State Tournament if it was \$1,000. Wayne Davis said he only has five members in their club and couldn't afford \$1,000. Leo Bratland did say that their club does sell ads for the booklet they give out at the State Tournament to get there bid money back for the club. Motion by Mike Knop to increase the bid money and seconded by Austin Bailey. With only 3 votes in favor, motion failed.

State Tournament sites for 2011:

Floyd Tennill from Oakland presented the bid for the 2011 State tournament. They have 22 lighted courts and they are the shadiest place to pitch horseshoes. There is camping available right at the courts on a first come first serve basis. They don't have hotels right there but they are close by. They will have score keepers available and refreshments will be served right by the courts. Rest rooms are right by the courts. There is fishing, golfing and trap shooting close by. Floyd presented a check for \$500.00.

Bill Marvin from Springfield presented the bid for the 2011 State Tournament. Right now they have 15 lighted courts and the city is going to add 6 more courts by the end of the summer. He did mention

that if the courts are not done by the end of June 2010 they will withdraw the bid. They have unlimited restaurants and hotels in Springfield. There will be a motorcycle race and you still have the Lincoln Sites and museum to visit during your stay. The city will be allowing alcohol for that weekend only. The city will try to set up a few hotels to give a special rate for anyone pitching at the State Tournament. You will be able to camp at the Fair grounds and also Riverside camping. He also stated that Springfield has organized the Springfield Area Horseshoe Pitchers and now have their own site you can go to www.pitchhorseshoes.com, John Press said he will put a link on the ILSHPA site for anyone to view the Springfield site. Bill presented a check for \$500.00.

Election of Officers:

Junior Director: Dave Shreve nominated Wayne Davis and Bob Vandivier seconded. Floyd Tennill closed the nomination and Deanna Marvin seconded. Wayne was elected by acclamation.

Secretary/Treasurer: Ric Carmazino nominated Tina Press and Floyd Tennill seconded the nomination. Rose Gibson nominated Deanna Marvin who declined the nomination. Dave Shreve closed the nomination and Floyd Tennill seconded. Tina was elected by acclamation.

3rd Vice President: Austin Bailey nominated Fred Morel and Don Fawer seconded. Deanna Marvin closed the nomination and Dave Shreve seconded. Fred was elected by acclamation.

1st Vice President: Floyd Tennill nominated Larry Long and Austin Bailey seconded. Deanna Marvin closed the nomination and Floyd Tennill seconded. Larry was elected by acclamation.

Information on State Tournament 2010 in Casey:

Wayne Davis stated that this is the sixth time that Casey has hosted the State Tournament. The Popcorn Festival will be going on and plenty of popcorn for everyone. There will be rides, food, antiques, crafts, bands, car show, softball tournaments and plenty of entertainment for everyone. Tina Press mentioned that a list of hotels is now on-line at www.ilshpa.com and it will also be listed in the April issue of the Court Reporter. Make your reservations early as they do fill up with hosting the Popcorn Festival.

Bill Marvin moved and Bob Vandivier seconded to adjourn the meeting. President Leo Bratland adjourned the meeting at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Tina Press
Sec/Treas ILSHPA