

Texas Horseshoe Pitching Association
General Meeting
October 5, 2007
Waco, Texas

I. & II Othana Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m and gave the invocation.

III. Duck Engelhardt welcomed the city officials that were present.

IV Othana said the minutes were published in the Ringer and on the web for everyone to read and she asked if anyone had any corrections to add. She asked for a show of hands if you wanted them read in their entirety. It was voted on to dispense with the reading. It was unanimous to accept them as written.

V. **Financial Report:**

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| Total Income YTD | \$29,804.69 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$18,658.39</u> |
| Net Income YTD | \$11,146.30 |

Total income YTD includes the State Tournament entry fees but not the expenses. After we pay the end of year expenses we should end up with approximately \$6 to \$7,000. A motion was made and 2nd to accept the financial report as presented.

VI **Delegates from the clubs were:**

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| Arlington – Coke Bowker | Kilgore – Janell Berry |
| Amarillo – Victor Ortego | Littlefield – Randy Mitchell |
| Borger – Johnny Blackwell | McKinney – N/A |
| Bryan – Lori Kessler | Montgomery Co.– Dennis Poff |
| Buffalo – Ron Murphy | San Antonio – N/A |
| Carrollton – N/A | Snyder – Johnny Davenport |
| Denison – Ricky Doty | Liberty Hill– Tiny Walters |
| Dumas – Melissa Slack | Waco – Ken Alligood |
| East Bernard – Duck Engelhardt | Independents: |
| Houston – Ron Maroon | North – Mark Slack |
| | South – Deborah Ratcliff |

VII **Appoint a Parliamentarian – N/A**

VIII **Officer's Report**

Wayne Prouse – 2nd VP – Wayne thanked everyone for their participation in the contest this year and said we have money to give away at the end of the meeting. If anyone has any suggestions they would like to submit for future promotions, he will be around at the end of the meeting to visit with you.

Randy Collins – 1st VP reported no new clubs this year. He recognized Donna Thomason & Bud Dodson for the great job they did in the voting booth.

Polly Murphy – 5th VP – Ringer Polly said if you have a change of address during the year to please notify her and Louise Alligood. She had a few Ringers returned due to no forwarding address. She also suggested cutting the Ringer to 6 issues and publish every other month. The monies we save on the one issue could be used on other things such as promotions. This will be discussed at the winter meeting.

Lavern Wilcox – 3rd VP – State Tournament Director – Lavern thanked everyone for coming and she hopes everyone enjoys the championship class.

Jean Davenport – 4th VP – juniors – Jean said after giving scholarships to Hillary Davidson and Dale Moehlmann the total dollars remaining for the year is \$7,266.81.

Louise Alligood Secretary/Treasurer – As of October 1, I started sending out membership cards for 2008. These cards will be good for the rest of 2007 and for the 2008 season. Please make sure to complete the membership application in order to ensure the correct information is in the database and the correct address will go to Polly for your Ringer.

VIII **Presidents Remarks** – Othana said it has been a good year with a lot of things going on. She thanked everyone for their support of THPA. She asked that we support each of our clubs. If you are a member of a club, continue supporting it by coming out and working. She expressed her appreciation for everything members have done for her throughout the year.

IX **OLD BUSINESS**

We sent information out regarding Pay Pal to send in payments for State tournaments and membership dues. We had several responses expressing their desire to use this service. Not everyone has to participate but it doesn't cost THPA anything and will be a convenience for those who want to use it. We will be looking into this further and it will be discussed at the winter meeting.

Othana asked how many people really read and looked at the stats when they are printed in the Ringer? By a show of hands it was decided to leave as is.

X **NEW BUSINESS**

Victor Ortega had a concern with a drop off on the portable pits. That situation has been addressed.

Deborah Ratcliff's concerns regarding Pay Pal is not everyone has access to the Internet. This is not a mandatory service, you can send in your payments like you have done in the past.

XI **STATE TOURNAMENT SITE SELECTIONS:**

- A. 2008 State Mixed Doubles Tournament –
- B. 2008 State Hi/Lo Doubles Tournament –

If you have visited the Waterin hole on our web site you know there is a disagreement on how the By-Law of the Doubles tournament is interpreted. Before the State Singles, she contacted the THPA officers and a representative of each of our clubs to get their vote on the interpretation. She read the By-Law verbatim and then explained the two ways she thought would help to make it easier to understand. She said single elimination would mean that Buffalo had hosted the Hi/Low this year and they would be offered the Mixed doubles next year. Double elimination would mean if you hosted either the State Mixed Doubles or the Hi/Low it would go to the next clubs in line. She gave Mike Kennedy the opportunity to speak on the way he interpreted it. All delegates representing each of the club were seated at the front and she took another vote on the interpretation. The Double elimination won by a 10 to 6 vote. She said the host clubs for State Doubles tournaments would hopefully be announced Saturday between the afternoon and evening sessions.

- C. 2008 State Singles -
- D. 2009 State Singles -

At the general meeting we normally announce who will host the State Singles tournaments for the next two years. The 2008 Singles tournament was scheduled for Arlington. They had to back out of their commitment. Due to the new rotation we cannot name the 2008, 2009 State Singles locations until the election is complete and the votes are counted. There is an amendment being voted on that will determine which locations will be offered the tournaments and have the facility to host it. More than likely the outcome will be announced between the afternoon and the evening sessions.

XII **AWARDS**

A. **MOST IMPROVED WERE:**

Junior Boys – Xavier Solis
Junior Girls – Kimberly Jones
Women – Helene Dickinson
30' Men – Lyle Baker
Men – Eddie Cates

B. **SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:**

North – Cathy Richards
South – Bruce Hinze
East – Sidney Chandler
West – Teresa Mitchell

C. **TRAVELING TROPHY: with 20 Texas Tournaments**

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D. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

- i. Geri Macha was given the Tournament Director of the Year Award from NHPA. She is only the 2nd or 3rd Texan to receive an award from NHPA.
- ii. Othana gave recognition to all our TD's, scorekeepers, and workers for all their good work.

HALL OF FAME

2007 Hall of Fame inductee was Debra Odum

Hall of Fame members present at the meeting were:

Coke Bowker (1985), Mary Ann Kramr (1996), Johnny Davenport (2003), Duck Engelhardt & Jim Anderson (2005)
Othana Donnell (2006)

10, 20 & 30-year membership patches were presented by Othana Donnell.

Bear awarded the promotion money for the T-shirt contest. The winners were:

\$50.00 Ken Alligood
\$75.00 Duck Engelhardt
\$100.00 Nelda Dodson

Polly made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ricky Doty. Meeting adjourned.