

CALGARY HORSESHOE CLUB

AGM MINUTES

March 1, 2025

The Calgary Horseshoe Club AGM was called to order at 10:06 AM by Don Wilby.

Attendance - Gail Aker, Sid Aker, Gary Bartholet, Fred Butterworth, Leo Coninx, Jane Cordingley, Gerald Free, Mary Holley, Mike Holley, Craig Kurpjuweit, Darla Lallier, Louis Lallier, Russell Mercer, and Don Wilby.

A Moment of Silence for departed members was led by Don Wilby.

Don Wilby welcomed all members to this meeting and thanked them for making the time to be here.

Introduction of the Executive by Don Wilby. Fred Butterworth (Vice-President), Darla Lallier (Secretary), Mary Holley (Treasurer) and Don Wilby (President).

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda - Don Wilby asked if there were any corrections or items to be added to the agenda. Don added an item under New Business under Apology Email from Ray Provost.

Minutes of the 2024 CHC AGM, were distributed via email prior to March 1, 2025. The minutes were also distributed at the AGM and reviewed by attendees. Don Wilby asked if there were any errors or omissions. None were noted. Mike Holley moved to accept these minutes as presented. Jane Cordingley 2nd this motion. All in favor by show of hands – motion was carried.

Treasurers' Report by Mary Holley. This report is available at the CHC office and can be viewed upon request. Russell Mercer made a motion to accept this report as presented and Louis Lallier 2nd the motion. All in favor by show of hands – motion was carried.

2025 Budget by Mary Holley. A five-year budget is prepared every year as required by the City of Calgary. This budget is balanced every two years as required by AGLC. The Finance Committee has reviewed this budget. Mary asked if anyone had any questions, concerns, or amendments. No questions, concerns, or amendments at the meeting. Mary moved to accept this budget as presented. Gary Bartholet 2nd the motion. All in favor by show of hands – motion was carried.

Bingo Report by Mary Holley. It is time to renew our Bingo License. It would be for a 2-year period (July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027). We have 15 Bingo this year and we also have V-Bingo. V-Bingo is on Thursdays, and we only need 3 volunteers. Which is good as it does not interfere with League play on Thursdays. We used to pay the Utilities with the revenue generated to us for Bingo. We have not been able to do this for many months. If we do not renew our Bingo License, and things change and we want to renew our license

at this time, we will not be able to get back in. This would be a loss of approximately \$10,584 a year. Craig Kurpjuweit asked if we did not renew the license, how would we replace \$10,584? We would not be able to replace this amount of money. Mary said, it is usually a struggle to get the required 10 or 9 (minimum required), volunteers for every Bingo. We realize that it is due to the age and health of some of our members. To continue to receive funds from Bingo we need a consistent number of volunteers. For every volunteer you are short under 9 we are fined \$100.00. A volunteer can be a CHC member or a non-member, they can be a member's spouse, a neighbor, or a friend. Mary moved to renew the Bingo License for 2 years. Jane Cordingley 2nd the motion. With a show of hands, the motion was carried.

Casino Report on behalf of Dianne Beck, Mary Holley gave this report. CHC has been slotted for their next casino in the 4th quarter of 2026. The pool amount from the CHC December 2024 casino was \$82,956.03 and deposited in February of 20

Bar, Recycling and School Reports: Mike Holley presented all three of these reports.

Bar Report - Sales for the Bar were \$13,778.76, Pop Machine \$645.21, Recycling \$390.55 = \$14,814.52. Minus Bar Supplies \$7,086.09 and Bar Tending Expenses \$275.00 = \$7,361.09. With a Net Profit of \$7,453.43. Part of the bar tending expenses is the cost of renewing preserve and licensing new bar tenders.

Schools - The total of recorded students for 2024 is 1441. Mike thanked Leo, Louis, and Craig for volunteering to help. We would like to have at least one more volunteer, so the same people are not attending every school visit. It will give our volunteers a break. Craig Kurpjuweit suggested that we advertise the CHC with a sign that Don Wilby will obtain, and it will be placed where it can be seen when you enter the club. It was suggested that it will have the League days and times, as well as the membership fees on it.

Kitchen Report given by Mary Holley. Mary thanked Darla Lallier for the help she provided in the kitchen with events. Currently we have been sorting and re-organizing the kitchen. We need to clean the current storage space for the kitchen, which is on the other side of the wall where the sinks are located. This space will be the place for the club's new Storage Room and access to the Kitchen will be closed off.

Rental Report by Darla Lallier. From our last AGM on February 24, 2024, we had 27 Rentals. Some were AGMs for clubs and small companies. We had quite a few Team Building events and a few Very Important Occasion rentals. We currently have 7 events booked up to July 5th as of March 2, 2025. I had 4 inquiries about rentals in the past two weeks and two of them have booked their event.

Finance Committee reported by Mary Holley. This committee is made up of Mary Holley, Darla Lallier, Fred Butterworth, and Don Wilby. This committee met 6 times in 2024.

AHPA report from Zone 3 Director Gary Bartholet: In 2024 the CHC hosted 11 tournaments: including the Alberta Open, the Provincials and the Fall Memorial Classic. On average 15.5 Calgary members participated per tournament down from 16.6 in 2023.

On average 7.9 members from other clubs participated, up from 6.6 in 2023. Approximately 49% of tournament participants were from other clubs, up from 40% in 2023. We need to get the CHC members out to their own tournaments. Mike Holley said he has heard so many times “I’m not good enough to play in a tournament.” The member will be playing against other members in their percentile. Craig Kurpjuweit said that we need to always remember to tell new members how the tournament works and make sure they know that they need to be there in the morning, and it is possible that in some tournaments they may not be playing until the afternoon. This is something that is not known until the morning of the 1st day of the tournament. Jane Cordingley said that we should always remember that we play with members with the percentile you are in. As in other sports, your play is against every else. That is why so many other sports do not give you a chance to win anything. As the same people that are at the top win all the time. Gary Bartholet thanked the members from other clubs who participated in the tournaments at the CHC. Thank you to the AHPA for the 50 cents per kilometer travel assistance if you travelled 100 kms or more to attend an AHPA sanctioned tournament. Also, to the AHPA a thank you for the \$50.00 prize for the player in a tournament that pitches the most above their average for the day. Tournaments are a terrific way to meet new people, form new friendships and it could improve your game. You may even win a few bucks. Check the AHPA website for upcoming tournaments hosted by the CHC and other clubs.

Cribbage Tournament Report – On behalf of Dianne Beck, Jane Cordingley provided this Report. This is the summary of the Crib Tournaments from March 2024 to February 2025. 13 Cribbage Tournaments were hosted by the CHC. There were no tournaments in August 2024. We hosted 2 tournaments in April and July of 2024. The 50/50 \$1932.00, Players that Attended 774. Kitchen after expenses \$1,369.75. Tournament to CHC \$1,100.00. Skunk Pot \$136.20. Total is \$4,537.20. Without 50/50, it totals \$2,605.20, this amount does not include the bar sales. We paid out two 28 hands at \$50.00 each. A Cribbage Tournament is held on the 2nd Saturday of every month but usually not in August.

Correspondence Report presented by Darla Lallier. We have received the Risk Review for the CHC. This is an annual review done by the City of Calgary on organizations that are located on City-owned land. Our Financial and Facility Ratings are both Low Risk. This is a particularly important rating and is particularly good for the CHC that we have a Low Risk in both categories. I read the thank you letter from All Sports One City. They thanked us for participating in the most recent event on Family Day, February 17, 2025. I read a letter from Honourable Dale Nally (Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction / cc'd to Honourable Joseph Schow / Minister of Tourism and Sport. He thanked us for our correspondence on Alberta's online gaming strategy and the AGLC. This letter that he refers to was sent on behalf of the CHC Executive (Don Wilby, Fred Butterworth, Mary Holley, and Darla Lallier). He is in charge with developing Alberta's iGaming strategy, with a focus on responsible gambling and provincial and Indigenous revenue generation. The feedback we sent on Alberta's iGaming strategy is appreciated. He cannot meet with us at this time, and he has shared our perspective with department

staff as his Ministry continues to develop an iGaming strategy that serves the interests of all Albertans. These letters are on file with these minutes.

Presidents Report presented by Don Wilby. 2024 was dominated by the North Parking Lot and Driveway Paving Project (Phase 2). The priority of the CHC in 2024 was to maintain our strong financial position. CHC was able to hold key fundraising events in 2024 such as our monthly bingos held at the Bingo Barn, the December Casino, monthly crib tournaments and several rentals held throughout the year. The club will attempt to maintain a safe and reliable facility in 2025 for all members to enjoy the sport of horseshoes. All this work is made possible through volunteer efforts. Your support and co-operation are essential and appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club's Executive, the CHC Director's, Tuesday and Thursday Draw Masters, Bingo, and Casino Managers, Bar Manager, Calgary Tournament Director, and Zone 3 Director. Your Executive has remained active and has ensured the ongoing viability of the CHC. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of the CHC in the continued pursuit of our goal in promoting the sport of Horseshoes to everyone.

A detailed list of the review of accomplishments achieved in 2024 for: North Parking Lot and Driveway Paving Project (Phase 2), Events at CHC, Maintenance (Playing Area), Safety, Facility Usage, and Miscellaneous Items are available upon your request.

Louis Lallier made a motion to accept all the reports and Gail Aker 2nd the motion. With a show of hands this motion was carried.

***Stretch your legs break at 11:00 am, meeting resumed at 11:16 am

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Suppression System report by Mike Holley. All the Fire Suppression System is up to standard and codes. All Emergency Lights work. Mike will be arranging for the inspection for the Fire Extinguishers very soon.

Trophy Case reported by Mike Holley. The Trophy Case needs new glass. He has been in contact with a company that will cut the Plexi-glass to size, for the Trophy Case, but they do not deliver. Gerald Free suggested that we use PLP (Glue) and attach the rollers to the existing glass. This is still a problem, because of the weight of the glass and Mary Holley said in the past they have reattached the rollers and the weight of the glass has crushed some of the rollers and that it took 4 – 6 people to take the glass out of the case. Jane Cordingley asked if Mike received a quote for the Plexi-glass? The quote is \$1,000, not installed. Gail Aker asked how we can get rid of the glass. Don Wilby will ask Chris if he knows how to get rid of the glass. Mary Holley said that there is a place called Glass Master, and they may have use for the glass. It was asked, what if we had no glass on the Trophy Case? Mary said that we would have no way to protect the Trophies from people removing the Trophies from the case and damage is a possibility in this case.

All Sports One City Don Wilby provided this information. It was attended well. Don said a big thank you to all the CHC members that volunteered to assist the public that attended this event. Mary Holley, Darla Lallier, Louis Lallier, Leo Coninx, Scotty Miller, Fred Butterworth, Gary Bartholet, Jane Cordingley, Egon Sandau and Don Wilby were the volunteers. In 2025 138 registered, 83 pitched = 60%, in 2024 100 registered, 53 pitched = 53% participations.

The following information is taken from an email from Rhod Hubbard following the event. We had 30 more attending than last year. There were 5 that did not come because they were sick. It is possible the -20 cold stopped some from coming out. A few had played horseshoe in the past and 2 competed in the Calgary Corporate Challenge with one winning a gold medal. In 2024 we had 53 out of 100 attending in 5 sessions, in 2023 we had 83 out of 136 in 5 sessions. In 2022 we had 84 out of 139 in 6 sessions.

Building Exterior Maintenance reported by Don Wilby. We have some missing siding, soffit and some eavestroughs need repairs. Don asked Chris of Home Renewal for a quote, and this is the quote of \$950 that Don Wilby received. Mary Holley made a motion to repair the siding soffit and eavestrough. Gary Bartholet 2nd the motion. By a show of hands, the motion was carried.

CHC Membership Report by Darla Lallier. As of February 28, 2025, the Calgary Horseshoe Club has 52 members. I have received two inquiries regarding Horseshoe Pitching and the times of the League play with all details, such as the cost. These calls have the potential of 2 to 4 new members as per my conversations with the people that called the club. Mary Holley added that AHPA only has just over 100 members. A lot of members in other clubs do not renew their membership until play starts for their League, as they play outside. Last year AHPA had 28 new members and so far, this year they have 5 new members and 16 of last year new members were from CHC.

MLA Letters report by Darla Lallier. If you have not sent out a letter to your MLA, please send it out as soon as possible. If you need a copy of the letter, I can provide this for you or I can email the letter to you. If AGLC takes away our right to volunteer for Casino's, we will most likely fold. This is not the only way our club brings in money. Without these funds, we will not be able to pay for the Monthly Utilities and the Yearly Insurance Fees. Our Rentals and the funds from League play do not bring in enough to pay these two bills.

Volunteers Required (Inside & Outside) – Don Wilby said we are always asking for volunteers. There are a variety of things we need volunteers for: Clay turning on a regular basis. Pit reservoirs need to be topped up once every 2 weeks. Posts need to be painted on a weekly basis and prior to the Tournaments. Playing floor requires cleaning with the newly repaired floor cleaner. Snow Shoveling and Grass Cutting always requires volunteers. Kitchen help is required and if you would like to volunteer for this, please speak with Mary about it.

Visit From Tom Moffat, Horseshoe Canada President – Don Wilby reported on this. Tom pitched in the February 15th and 16th tournament. Tom said he was off his game and not used to pitching into clay. CHC held a Meet and Greet on February 14th and about 16 members attended this event. Tom was nominated and won the Hall of Fame award for Masters in British Columbia. Tom gave Don a verbal thank-you for his time with the CHC.

Playing Floor Cleaner – Don Wilby gave this report. The Karcher Floor Cleaner was repaired by Pro Equipment Repair (PER) and returned to the CHC on February 12/25. CHC has approved spending up to \$4000, we still have not received a bill for this repair. Currently, we do not know what the actual cost is. CHC sold the Gladiator Cleaner to PER to assist with the repair cost. We had issues with the cleaner right after it was returned to us. A roller was falling and not staying in place and a piece had fallen off. Bob McPherson has now fixed this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Calgary Corporate Challenge 2025 reported by Mary Holley. September 16 (Tues), 17 (Wed), and 18 (Thurs) are the dates for CCC 2025. Volunteers will be required for all 3 days.

Public Address System – reported by Mike Holley. The PAS was repaired for nothing, as all that was required was for the dials to be reset. Mike has put up a note to not touch the dials, only to turn the PAS on or off. We have purchased a new receiver for \$420 which includes GST. There is a person that will come back to check on the 3 speakers in the Bar, so they can be working once again. Don thanked Mike for saving the club \$4600.

New Horseshoe Pegs – reported by Mike Holley. 8 new pegs were welded in Olds for \$440.00, the cost is \$50 for a new peg or \$75 to repair a peg. This is ¾ of the price for the same work to be done in Calgary.

Volunteer Dinner – Don Wilby addressed this item. We will be holding a volunteer dinner either on May 3rd or 10th, we are just waiting for the caterer to confirm the date. It will be a catered dinner. Leo Coninx will donate the wine. If you volunteered in the past year, you and your spouse will be invited to attend.

New Storage Room – Don Wilby reported that the original plan was to build a new storage space between the bar washrooms entrances. This would have cost around \$10,000. Then we explored the possibility of building this where the Pop Machine is currently. Mary suggested we use the space that is currently used as a storage room for the kitchen. It is on the other side of the wall that the kitchen sinks are attached to. We have received a quote of \$2540. To view the present sketches, please ask Don Wilby. Mary Holley made a motion to spend up to \$3000 to have Home Renewal Ltd. (Chris) to build this new Storage Space. Jane Cordingley 2nd the motion. With a show of hands this motion was carried.

Software Accounting Package – Mary Holley reported that she has selected the package but has not purchased it as she is waiting to see if within the next few months, there might be a latest version available. This would increase the length of time we can use the new Accounting Package. CHC has already approved the purchase of a new Software Accounting Package for up to \$800.

1 Year Warranty Review – On January 20, 2025, Don Wilby met with Teegan (Spectacle) and Nima (Ziggurat Construction) to review the building envelope, concrete threshold/aprons. Ziggurat Construction rectified three minor issues. One issue remains to be repaired. The NW man door scrapes on the concrete apron, making it difficult to open the door fully. Currently the door does open enough to get out and when the weather is nicer it will open fully.

Donation to CHC from Disc Golf – Mary Holley received a \$200 Donation from Disc Golf and responded by email to Dave Grose of Disc Golf and thanked them for their donation.

Strathmore Horseshoe Club – Don reported that the Strathmore Horseshoe Club wants to cover their pits, to protect them from the Sun and Rain. Louis Lallier made a motion that the CHC donate \$500 to the Strathmore Horseshoe Club to go towards the covering of their pits. Gary Bartholet 2nd this motion. By a show of hands this motion was carried.

CHC Irrigation System – Mary Holley reported that a couple of years ago there was a Smart ET system that was installed. This can be turned on or off via the company office or Mike Holley phone. This system has a sensor installed that will know how much water is in the soil and when watering is required. Last year with the Water Shortage in Calgary, we asked for this system to be shut off. In the fall when we could once again use the water in Calgary. Because the grass did not suffer, as it appeared to keep growing and it was maintained by our volunteers. We did not ask for the system to be turned on again. The Annual Monitoring Fee for 2025 is \$975. Mike Holley asked if we could afford to pay this bill? Mary Holley confirmed that we can, so Mike said we should pay this bill. Mary Holley made a motion to continue with this contract. Leo Coninx 2nd the motion. By a show of hands, the motion was carried.

CHC Coverage on CTV – Darla Lallier reported that on Tuesday, February 11th, a camera operator with CTV came to the club. He interviewed and filmed, our Junior player, Liam Lammert and our two Pee Wee players, Everly and Elizabeth Mandel. He also interviewed and filmed our President Don Wilby. We have received quite a bit of positive feedback from the clip presented on CTV Sports on February 14th, by Glenn Campbell. Plus, this is also free advertising for the CHC. Nothing has been heard about the filming that was done during our Tournament on Sunday, February 16th.

Winter/Summer League – Jane Cordingley presented this report. The summer league will start on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm and Thursday, March 6th at 11:00 pm. The summer league will go until Tuesday, July 15th and Thursday, July 17th. Jane mentioned that the Fall League will fall on Tuesday, November 11th. She is not comfortable with the League being played on this day. Members at the meeting agreed with her.

Apology Email from Ray Provost – Don Wilby presented this. At the January 20th CHC Monthly General Meeting CHC members voted not to accept this email apology from Ray. Don requested that we receive his apology by mail only. We did receive a letter from Ray and Don read this letter. We had a vote by secret ballot and the Majority voted Yes to Accept Ray's apology letter. Currently AHPA has suspended membership for Ray, and he can only attend this meeting on Saturday, May 17th, long enough to give his appeal. CHC will wait to see what action the club will take based on the AHPA decision at the meeting on May 17th. Mary Holley moved to destroy these ballots. This letter is on file with these minutes.

New Chairs required for CHC – Don Wilby addressed the need for 50 new chairs for the CHC. They must be stackable and hold a weight of up to 500 lbs. Gail Aker made a motion to spend up to \$5000 for 50 new chairs. Louis Lallier 2nd the motion. By a show of hands this motion was carried.

Dates to Remember in 2025

Calgary Winter – March 15

Calgary Winter – April 26 & 27

Alberta Open – May 17 & 18

Provincials (Calgary) – June 21 & 22

Western Canada Classic (Calgary) – June 28 & 29

World Championships (Sandy, Utah USA) – July 21 to August 2

Canadian Championships (Saint-Joseph de-Sorel, Quebec) August 13 to 17

Fall Memorial Classic (Calgary) – September 13 & 14

Calgary Winter – October 4

LUNCH BREAK – started at 12:31 pm and resumed at 1:04 pm.

Don Wilby turned the meeting over to Mike Holley. Mike Holley is taking care of the elections for the Calgary Horseshoe Club. Mike Holley and Jane Cordingley will be collecting and counting the ballots.

President – Don Wilby will let his name stand. Mike asked, “Are there any nominations” There are no nominations. Nominations are closed. Don Wilby is the President by acclamation.

Secretary – Darla Lallier will let her name stand. Gail Aker will run for Secretary. Mike asked, “Are there any nominations?” There are no other nominations, the nominations are closed. A vote by secret ballot was completed and by a majority vote Gail Aker is now the Secretary of the Calgary Horseshoe Club. **Tuesday**

Draw Master – Jane Cordingley will let her name stand. Mike asked, “Are there any nominations” There are no nominations. Nominations are closed. Jane Cordingley is the Tuesday Draw Master by acclamation.

Bingo Manager – Mary Holley will let her name stand. Mike asked, “Are there any nominations” There are no nominations. Nominations are closed. Mary Holley is the Bingo Manager by acclamation.

Zone 3 Director – Gary Bartholet will let his name stand. Mike asked, “Are there any nominations” There are no nominations. Nominations are closed. Gary Bartholet is the Zone 3 Director by acclamation.

Calgary Tournament Director – Dianne Beck has stepped down. Jane Cordingley has put her name in for this position. Mike asked, “Are there any nominations” There are no nominations. Nominations are closed. Jane Cordingley is the Calgary Tournament Director by acclamation.

Board of Directors (3) required – Currently we have Gary Brown, Louis Lallier and Syd McPherson. Gary Brown will let his name stand. Louis Lallier will let his name stand. Syd McPherson has stepped down. Mike said there are 3 members that have been nominated for these positions. Mike asked Gerald Free if he wanted to accept this nomination and Gerald declined the nomination. Mike asked Russell Mercer if he wanted to accept this nomination and Russell accepted the nomination. Mike asked Leo Coninx if he wanted to accept the nomination and Leo accepted the nomination. Mike asked if there were any nominations. There are no nominations. Nominations are closed. A vote was done by secret ballot. By a majority vote Russell Mercer and Leo Coninx join Gary Brown on the Board of Directors.

Jane Cordingley made a motion to destroy all ballots.

The following are positions that have one year left on their term (2026)

Vice President – Fred Butterworth

Treasurer – Mary Holley Casino Manager – Dianne Beck

Thursday Draw Master – Gary Brown

Board of Directors (3) – Rhod Hubbard, Jane Cordingley and Gary Bartholet

Mike Holley turned the meeting back to Don Wilby at 1:25 pm.

Appointment of Accounting Firm – Mary Holley made the motion to accept Carstairs Accounting Service with Nathan Steingart as the accountant as the Accounting Firm for the Calgary Horseshoe Club. Jane Cordingley 2nd the motion. By a show of hands this motion is carried.

Next Meetings

No General Meeting in March

General Meeting, April 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm

General Meeting, May 19, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Next Calgary Horseshoe Club AGM to be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

Mike Holley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 PM.