

# INDEPENDENCE HORSESHOE CLUB

## Meeting Minutes

Date: January 28, 2009  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: 13201 E. 45<sup>th</sup> Terrace South, Independence (Laura Estes & Brian Bilyeu's home)  
Purpose: Pre-season meeting

<u>Present</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
x	John Jeffers	President
x	Dave Henderson	Vice President
x	David Thompson	Director
x	Don Estes	Statistician
x	Brian Bilyeu	Food and Beverage Coordinator
	Dennis Bales	Groundskeeper
	Johnna Bales	Groundskeeper
x	Ginger Hughes	Treasurer/Secretary
x	Amy Estes	Web Designer
x	Laura Estes	
x	Al Gwinn	
x	Rick Gwinn	
x	Ron Hughes	

New members were introduced and dates for upcoming events were discussed:

March – a meeting will be called by John Jeffers  
April 15<sup>th</sup> - the Spring Meeting @ Sermon Center. Sign ups will be held there.  
April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – Clean up of the courts at McCoy Park  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Corporate Challenge  
May 7<sup>th</sup> – Independence Horseshoe League begins  
May 9<sup>th</sup> – Independence Tournament @ McCoy Park  
May 16<sup>th</sup> – ABO Travel Scholarship Benefit Tournament @ McCoy Park  
May 26<sup>th</sup> – Special Olympics @ McCoy Park

New Business:

- Dennis and Johnna Bales are the new groundskeepers this year and are going to need a lot of help since everything will begin happening fairly quickly after the Spring Meeting. Along with all of the regular pre-season lawn and court care, the gates need to be fixed and the shed painted.
- The corporate challenge will be a good opportunity for area clubs to advertise their clubs via club banners, etc.
- Rules were discussed and it was decided that the only rules in place by the league are no smoking or cussing on the courts. However, the city has an ordinance against alcohol on the grounds and we are also able to enforce association rules. It was suggested that we post the rules and by-laws for all to see although they don't necessarily need to be posted to be enforced.

- It was suggested that we allow members to pick their own partners this year as long as they are not the same partners they had the year before. This will be voted on at the Spring Meeting.
- The first league night is sometimes pitched just for fun as it gives the statistician a change to gather averages before the actual league scoring begins. It is thought that many don't like this and would rather have a qualifying date set. This may also be voted on at the Spring Meeting.
- The league ran as two separate teams last year and it was decided that it would be more convenient to have it ran as one this year. There could be a maximum of 46 teams.
- Scoring methods will be changed to discourage ties on the last night of leagues. Options were to pitch against your placement... for example 1<sup>st</sup> against 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> against 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. and to institute a statistical 5<sup>th</sup> game.
- Along with the collared t-shirts that are offered by the club, it was approved to have a basic t-shirt design available also. Ginger Hughes will have a sample t-shirt available at the Spring Meeting.

Submitted by Ginger Hughes, Secretary/Treasurer

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