

By-Laws
Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Association

Article 1.
General

Section 1 – Name <7>

This organization shall be known as the Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The Association shall be a non-profit Louisiana State Corporation.

Section 2 - Function & Purpose

This association is organized for the pleasure, recreation and other non-profit purposes of its members. It is operated principally for that purpose, and is restricted to National and State sanctioned members.

Article 2.
Membership

Section I -Eligibility

Any person who has a valid National and Louisiana State sanction card and in addition is current in Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Association dues & fees.

Article 3.
Board of Directors and Officers

Section 1 -Composition of the Board <3> <6> <7>

The board will be composed of six (6) Officers, which shall include the President, four (4) Vice Presidents, and Secretary/Treasurer, who will serve two (2) year terms, with no limitation on the number of terms. The board will take office on January 1st of each year.

Section 2 - Election of Officers <3> <6>

The nomination and election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting in December of each year and assume duties on January 1. The President, 2nd Vice President, and 3rd Vice President will be elected in even years for two (2) year terms beginning in 1998. The 1st Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and 4th Vice President will be elected in odd years for two (2) year terms except in 1998 which will be for one (1) year and then again in 1999 for two (2) year terms.

Article 4.
Duties of Officers

Section 1 – Duties

A-President- The President will serve as the executive head of the organization and preside over all meetings. He shall be the Chairman of The Board of Directors and lead in the determination of committees and the selection of their members. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees.

B-1st Vice President- Shall assist the President in the performance of his duties and act as President in his absence or when he is unable to perform his duties. The 1st Vice President shall be the Chairman of The Tournament and League Committee. <2> <3>

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C-2nd Vice President- Shall preside at all official functions in the absence of the President and 1st Vice President. The 2nd Vice President shall be the Chairman of the Membership Committee and Publicity.

D-3rd Vice President- Shall preside at all official functions in the absence of the President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President. He shall be the Chairman of the Maintenance Committee. This shall include all groundskeeping equipment and storage facility maintenance. <2> <6>

E-4th Vice President- Shall preside at all official functions in the absence of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and 3rd Vice President. He shall be the Chairman of the Social Events Committee. This shall include concessions and raffles at BHPA Tournaments and arrangements for banquets or other BHPA social events. <3>

E-Secretary/Treasurer- <7> Shall maintain all records and minutes as they pertain to the association. The secretary will also record amendments to the By-Laws and see that notices are distributed and serve as Chairman of the Rules Committee. The Secretary will maintain average records for all members.

Will be responsible for the safeguarding of all club funds, and properly maintain the club bank account. The Treasurer will deliver a Financial Report at Board of Directors Meetings and serve as Chairman of Budget/Finance and Fund Raising Committee.

Article 5.

Section 1 - Disbursements

The treasurer is authorized to make disbursements on behalf of the association for normal and regular expenses such as utilities, social functions and material for improvements. The signature of two (2) Officers is required when issuing checks.

Section 2- Termination

A) Any member may resign from the Association upon notice to any officer.

B) Any member may be expelled by the Board of Directors by a 2/3 vote for non-payment of dues according to the payment schedule in writing.

Section 3- Dues <1> <4> <5>

The amount of the yearly dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Dues must be paid either in advance or according to our payment schedule as stated in these By-Laws. League dues will be determined separately. Annual Dues are \$40.00 per year to be paid in full one week before the date of the BHPA City Tournament each year. Quarterly and/or monthly payment terms will be acceptable. Annual dues in any given year will be \$40.00, regardless of the date in which a member joins during a current season. Members whose dues are not paid in full by the deadline will be ineligible to compete in the City Tournament, attend the Awards Banquet, or to receive any awards.

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Section 4- Lifetime Membership <8>

A member of the BHPA may qualify for lifetime membership if one of the following guidelines are met:

- A)** If a player has been a paying member for a minimum of thirty (30) years and retires from competition.
- B)** If a player has been a paying member for a minimum of twenty (20) years, and is forced to retire from active play for medical reasons and/or physical disability.

The Board of Directors will be responsible for decisions concerning lifetime membership. A lifetime member's dues will be waived and he/she will continue to be included in all BHPA functions, including but not limited to, all meeting and social events. A lifetime member will have full voting privileges.

Article 6.

Section 1- Amendments <1>

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the secretary at least 10 days in advance of the Annual Meeting, held in December for discussion and voting at same.

These by-laws adopted December 9, 1997.

- <1> Amended at the annual meeting, December 7, 1999.
- <2> Amended at the annual meeting, December 11, 2001
- <3> Amended at the annual meeting, December 9, 2003
- <4> Amended at the annual meeting, December 7, 2004
- <5> Amended at the annual meeting, December 13, 2005
- <6> Amended at the annual meeting, December 11, 2007
- <7> Amended at the annual meeting, December 10, 2013
- <8> Amended at the annual meeting, December 13, 2022