

MINNESOTA TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION
Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 at Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club

Board members present: Glen Lonneman, Keith Koosman, Tom Brooks, Ron Noren, Mark Stevens, George Pappas, Tim Mackey, Glenn Linden, Perry Nodsle, Dave Smith, Jeff Hoppes, Scott Steffen, Steven Shane, Tom Shields, Sally Stevens.

Meeting was called to order at 9:04am.

Secretary Report

Sally Stevens noted that the MTA board minutes from July 7, 2011 & July 9, 2011, were posted on our website. A draft of the shoot date calendar was handed out to all board members for review, and Sally is waiting on a few more clubs to contact her. A final copy of the MTA 2012 shoot dates will be emailed to the printer by January 1st, with shoot cards and the next newsletter being mailed together by the third week of January, 2012, as it saves us money to combine the two items. Ron Noren moved to accept the Secretary's Report; Mark Stevens seconded. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Brooks reviewed the financial statement sent by the MTA's accountant, Darrel Tarning. The MTA General Fund cash balance as of October 31, 2011 is \$111,176 with the Youth Fund CD balance at \$25,103 and the Youth Fund savings balance at \$27,031. The net loss for 2011, as of October 31, 2011, is \$6,188. It was noted by Darrel Tarning that the Youth Fund currently owes the General Fund \$7,168 for reimbursement of expenses this year. He also stated that there is still an unpaid expense to this year's Youth Fund for youth trophies from the 2011 State Shoot Youth Day. Tom Brooks stated that all bills get paid out of the General Fund, and the Youth Fund reimburses the General Fund for their responsibilities. The board discussed the financial responsibilities of the Youth Fund, and it was clarified that the Youth Fund responsibilities included youth trophies and half price targets during the State Shoot. Sally Stevens moved that the Youth Fund reimburse the General Fund \$7,168; Glenn Linden seconded. Carried unanimously.

A review of the 2011 State Shoot was discussed. Discussion revolved around ways to increase attendance, trophy prevalence and caliber, perception of out of state shooters towards our State Shoot, and option payouts. Perry Nodsle moved to approved the Treasurer's Report; Dave Smith seconded. Carried unanimously.

ATA Delegate Report

Ron Noren stated that the ATA is currently in the process of finding a new Executive Director and have narrowed it down to three candidates. He also stated that the ATA is working on an in-house computer system as well as some other changes that would be announced shortly by ATA President Jeff Wagner. The 2011 All-American Teams were announced, with Minnesota represented by eleven All-Americans. The ATA is holding a Krieghoff Gun Raffle and it was agreed that the MTA would participate by selling tickets at the State Shoot.

2011 State Teams

Ron Noren reviewed the 2011 State Teams, requirements and the process used to determine teams. Ron Noren clarified that other states select teams by age rather than the shooter's category choices and Minnesota would continue to do so. Mark Stevens moved to approve the MTA 2011 State Teams; Keith Koosman seconded. Carried unanimously. Sally Stevens requested funds to mail notification to State Team members, which was approved. Notification will be sent out within a week.

2012 MTA Hall of Fame Nominees

Ron Noren stated that four nominations for inclusion in the Minnesota Hall of Fame were submitted by the November 1, 2011 deadline and, this year, a structured committee was created to review them. The committee brought forward one nomination. Extensive discussion revolved around the process used to bring nominees forward to the board, the criteria by which the Hall of Fame nominees are chosen, as well as the working guidelines of the Nomination Committee. Steve Shane thanked the nominating committee for all their hard work. Sally Stevens moved that the Hall of Fame Committee's nominee be accepted; Tom Shields seconded. Carried unanimously. A written, anonymous vote was taken and the nomination failed to pass, meaning there will be no 2012 MTA Hall of Fame Induction.

Sally Stevens moved that the HOF Nomination Committee review and bring forward the nominee(s) they determine, by committee majority, most worthy of inclusion in the MTA Hall of Fame; those nominee(s) would then be individually voted upon by the entire Board of Directors. Tom Shields seconded. Board members discussed who would be included on the Nomination Committee, and agreed that the ATA Delegate and ATA Alternate Delegates would continue to make up that committee. Carried; George Pappas, Tim Mackey, Jeff Hoppes and Scott Steffen opposed.

MN High School State Shoot

Dave Warweg request that the MTA Board collaborate with the Minnesota High School State Shoot Program regarding the date of their shoot. Glen Lonneman stated that any shoot date will fall upon another event in Minnesota, that the MN High School State Shoot League will have to choose the date that works best for them, and that the MTA has no bearing on the date they choose. The board's recommendation was to bring the MTA's finalized schedule and his concerns to the MN State High School Shoot organizers.

MTA Officer Terms

Currently the entire MTA Executive elections renew on the same year. Perry Nodsle moved that for the upcoming election cycle, the President and Treasurer be elected for two-year terms with the Vice President and Secretary being elected for a one-year term; Mark Stevens seconded. It was noted that, following the 2012 election, terms for all four executive positions would return to two-year terms. Carried unanimously.

Zone Shoot Club Added Money

The requirement of each club hosting a Zone Shoot being required to add \$500 was revisited. Discussion revolved around the positive financial impact to the host club and the determination of how the added monies would be distributed. Steve Shane volunteered to work on a payout plan for the club added \$500 club and forward his recommendation via email to all board members.

Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation Update

Mark Zauhar stated that the Foundation's 501(c)3 application has been received by the IRS, which takes about six months to process. He stated that the MN High School State Shoot may be up to 50 teams with 1200 kids and they are overwhelmed with the growth of the league. There is a strong possibility the shoot is going to move to Alexandria for 2012, and will attempt to complete the entire shoot in one day. Glen Lonneman agreed that Mark Zauhar could include information about the high school shoot in the upcoming newsletters. Glen Lonneman asked the board to recognize Mark Zauhar for his hard work with raising funds for the Youth Foundation.

State Shoot Computer System Review

Review of the new computer system was positive overall. Board members discussed various methods to deal with empty squads and agreed to continue the same format of handwriting on whiteboards hung on each puller's chair, as it is cost effective. It was requested that Vicky Townsend investigate the cost of a second screen that would show the leader board by category and class. An invoice of \$435 was submitted by Vicky Townsend for all research, purchasing, hook-up and associated duties required to achieve the MTA's new computer system for the State Shoot. Perry Nodsle moved that Vicky Townsend be paid \$435; Sally Stevens seconded. Carried unanimously. Glen Lonneman asked Tom Townsend to look into the cost of adding a rider for the MTA equipment stored at Alexandria Shooting Park.

State Shoot Program Job Requirements

Advertising for the 2012 State Shoot program is going to be spearheaded by Sheri DeJong. Board members discussed ways to split up the advertising and sponsorship requests, the cost of advertising and the help for Sheri DeJong with mailings. Concern was expressed that costs be consistent for all advertisers, and that the MTA receive enough income to cover the cost of the program. The board discussed the possibilities of engaging an outside agency but, for 2012, the board will once again publish the State Shoot program. Sally Stevens stated that she would again be willing to work with the printing company to complete the program.

New Business

Glen Lonneman will create a 2012 State Shoot work list for board members.

Scott Steffen reported on bids he received for our State Shoot Targets, extensively outlining total costs. George Pappas moved that the MTA accept Sunset's bid; Tom Brooks seconded. Carried unanimously.

Trophies and the prevalence of them were discussed, and it was suggested that less trophies would cost less money. Scott Steffen commented that much of the increase is attributed to the current gold prices and that two championship rings had to be ordered this year. It was agreed that the quality of trophies, as well as the amount of trophies given, would stay the same for 2012.

Tom Townsend reported that there would be 7-8 electrical poles near the highway by next year. He also noted that there are still 56 flats of 12 gauge shells and 19 flats of 20 gauge shells for the 2012 Youth Day.

Ron Noren stated that the ATA has decided that every state will now be hosting a Zone Shoot, and it is the ATA Delegate's responsibility to determine the location. After careful consideration Ron Noren selected Alexandria Shooting Park for 2012, and will contact other clubs capable of handling the size of the shoot to gauge interest for future years.

Tom Shields shared concerns from his Zone, including making sure there is a cart policy in effect and being enforced at the State Shoot. He also shared an idea for a charity fundraiser as well as using youth shooters to help with labor during the State Shoot.

Sally Stevens suggested gifting a pin acknowledging Minnesota shooters for multiple years of shooting, as well as being noted at our State Shoot, starting at 10 years of Minnesota shooting. She also suggested creating another video presentation acknowledging the State Team members, as well as those shooting multiple years, that could possibly be included on our website or burned to DVD. Sally Stevens will research costs and report back to the board.

Keith Koosman reviewed the success of the MTA-sponsored new club trophy package. It was agreed that it would be available to new clubs that have never thrown registered targets before, as well as past clubs who haven't thrown registered targets in at least 10 years. Mark Stevens moved that we continue the new club deal; Tom Shields seconded. Carried unanimously.

Keith Koosman moved the meeting be adjourned; Ron Noren seconded. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Stevens
MTA Secretary
January 3, 2012