

## MINNESOTA TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting  
July 7, 2011 at Alexandria Shooting Park

**Board members present:** Glen Lonneman, Keith Koosman, Mark Zauhar, Ron Noren, Mark Stevens, George Pappas, Tom Sletta, Tim Mackey, Glenn Linden, Cindy Townsend, Perry Nodsle, Dave Smith, David Stearns, Steve Shane, Scott Steffen, Sally Stevens

**Also in attendance:** Vicky Townsend

**Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.**

### **New Computer System**

Vicky Townsend reviewed the status of the computerized system so far, and shared some concerns regarding classifications. While it is the responsibility of the shooter to ensure their classification is correct, she asked all people working the classification terminals to make sure they are inputting the information correctly as well.

### **2011 Election**

Glen Lonneman reviewed the positions for election this year: ATA Delegate, and both Alternate Delegates. He suggested splitting the Executive Committee elections, with the President and Treasurer alternating with the Vice President and Secretary, for a consistent flow of MTA operations. Glen Lonneman suggested that this issue be discussed at the MTA September meeting, at which time the board considers a special one-year term election for the Vice President and Secretary, for the 2011 election only, to achieve this balance.

It was agreed that, if there were no additional nominations for this year's election, we would conduct an immediate vote by raise of hands. If, however, even one additional candidate were nominated from the floor, written ballots and procedures put in place as of 2010 would rule.

### **MTA Youth Funds Transfer to Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation**

Mark Zauhar stated that, in applying for 501(c) 3 status, it would be beneficial to show fiscal solvency upon application, and thereby requested the MTA transfer the current MTA Youth Fund to the new organization before 501(c)3 status was achieved. Glen Lonneman moved that we transfer 90% of the current MTA Youth Fund to the Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation by August 1, 2011, and note that those funds be allocated specifically for youth trapshooting activities; Tim Mackey seconded. Discussion ensued. It was clarified that, once the transfer of funds is made, it cannot come back to the MTA nor does the MTA board have any say in how funds are allocated unless funds are specifically allocated by the donor. Responsibilities of the new Youth Foundation include continuing to financially support the MTA Youth Day, the Minnesota High School State Shoot, and the Minnesota Youth Chain Shoot, as well as the opportunity to continue to raise funds at the MTA Friday night Live and Silent Auction. Sally Stevens also clarified that bills incurred in the creation of the new nonprofit organization be paid out of the MTA Youth Fund before the transfer, and out of the MYSF after the transfer. Bills incurred for youth activities, such as late trophy or live auction invoices, will also be paid out of these funds. Carried unanimously.

### **New Computer Issues**

Concerns have been raised by shooters regarding the lack of squadding boards. The problem arises in that a shooter signs up on a squad in a later flight and, without the visual board, squads are unsure if they have time or are up earlier than expected. Another concern was raised that not all scores are being displayed, just the high gun shooters, and all shooters want to see their scores. Board members are going to explore what other State Shoots do to combat these issues in the future, and recognize that there are going to be growing pains with our new system. Overall the board feels that the transition has gone very well.

### **Other Notes**

Sally Stevens has received complaints regarding the **increased target costs** of the State Shoot.

The **television reception of the scores** (Channel 24) was working fine until a huge storm on Tuesday morning, which resulted in a loss of our booster, making outlying campers unable to receive the feed. The serviceman told us that a new booster would have to be ordered in and it would probably not be functional for the rest of this State Shoot.

Sally Stevens shared the schedule for **daily scores and photo postings** to the State Shoot-specific website, and noted that, as soon as our webmaster has a chance to get all the results uploaded to our official website, the State Shoot-specific website would be taken off-line.

Vicky Townsend was given a round of applause for her **exemplary work** in getting the new computer system and television broadcasting operational for this year's State Shoot.

Glen Lonneman shared the **current attendance numbers** and noted that, while attendance is down from last year, we need to keep in mind that last year was our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we had increased visitors. A more realistic comparison would be between this year and 2009 and, looking at those numbers, we are doing pretty good.

### **Member Communication Issues**

George Pappas asked Sally Stevens if she would like help with her secretarial and volunteer duties. Mark Zauhar stated concern that Sally had taken on too many responsibilities and it is affecting the timeliness of the information out to the membership. He also stated that there is a board-approved policy stating that the meeting minutes need to be out with seven days. Discussion revolved around the timeliness of communications to our membership, ways to alleviate those issues, and the time burden put on volunteers within the MTA. Ron Noren recommended twenty-one days for the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of BOD meeting minutes, with four days between drafts for board members; Tom Sletta seconded. Carried unanimously.

Ron Noren moved to adjourn the meeting; Tom Sletta seconded. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Stevens, MTA Secretary  
July 27, 2011