

MINNESOTA TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
July 8, 2010 at Alexandria Shooting Park

Board members present: Mark Zauhar, George Pappas, Steven Richards, Glen Lonneman, David Stearns, Cindy Townsend, Mark Stevens, Paul Cyr, Glenn Linden, Ron Noren, Dave Smith, Tom Sletta, Darrel Terning, Sally Stevens

Absent: Jim Walkowiak, Perry Nodsle,

Also present: Steve Schmidt, Tim Mackey

State Team Qualification Proposals

Four requests to present new state team qualification proposals have been received. Rich Ronning has been chosen to speak on behalf of the Wiltse-Hoppes proposal, with additional proposals presented by Neil Winston, Bob Amey and Bob Munson. Concern was expressed regarding the length of the meeting if no time limit is set for each presentation. Paul Cyr suggested a 7-minute time limit per proposal speaker; Dave Smith seconded. Carried; Glen Lonneman opposed.

Discussion continued regarding whether the board should make the decision or if a vote needs to be put to the membership, as well as bylaw requirements. The conclusion was made that there was not enough information to make a decision or enough time before the new target year begins to make a decision. Sally Stevens moved that each proposal receive 7-minutes to present to the membership, that no floor discussion be allowed, that the membership be encouraged to contact board members with their preferences and the board make a decision (which will be retroactive to September 1, 2010) during a special meeting called for September 11, 2010; Dave Smith seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mark Zauhar will present the guidelines for the proposal issue at Saturday's meeting emphasizing that the board stands united in this procedure.

Treasurer Replacement

Darrel Terning stated that a volunteer, Tom Brooks, has stepped forward to take over the Treasurer's position but doesn't want to take on the bookkeeping responsibilities. Darrel reiterated that he is willing to continue the bookkeeping through his firm for the financial stipend provided. Darrel Terning and Sally Stevens shared the system set up to allow for checks and balances for the MTA's financials and agree that the addition of Tom will be helpful. The board acknowledged the benefit of using a professional accounting firm and the value we receive for the stipend.

Tom Sletta moved that the MTA hire Darrel Terning and his accounting firm, renewed annually, to provide accounting services for the MTA, David Smith seconded. Carried unanimously.

Website

The MTA received a letter regarding copyright issues between our official and an unofficial website by Ron Baker. Tom Sletta asked about the State Team issue mentioned in the letter; Sally Stevens explained how, when she saw that the 2009 State Team Report was not on the

MTA's official website, sent the pdf for posting. While the information was generated by many the formatting was completed by Ron Baker and should not have been posted. Sally Stevens has apologized to all parties involved. Mark Zauhar expressed concern about ongoing concerns with unofficial websites and that we need to put our information on our official website only. Sally Stevens suggested that we investigate what can and cannot be copyrighted on our website. Glen Lonneman volunteered to speak to attorney Rich Ronning for publishing guidelines, including what the MTA can legally protect and keep exclusive to our official website.

Communications to Members

Mark Zauhar requested that, in our next newsletter, we ask members to share their email addresses so newsletters can be sent electronically if possible. This would dramatically reduce the cost and time involved in printing and mailing out newsletters. Sally Stevens will ensure this is done and compile all submitted emails.

Northern Zone Meeting

George Pappas expressed concern that the Northern Zone meeting was started before people had a chance to get there and that the Northern Zone director election was completed too quickly not allowing for additional nominations. Sally Stevens stated that the meeting was called several times, that a call for nominations for the Northern Zone Director was called three times, and that it was not rushed for any reason. The recommendation was made that the Secretary put together a bullet-point agenda for the Zone Meetings to be included in the State Shoot program, and put the Zone Director elections at the end of the meeting instead of the beginning. Sally Stevens agreed to ensure this was done for 2011.

Some discussion ensued regarding target material quality at one of the Zone Shoots. It was decided to table the discussion until the December meeting.

Zone Shoots for 2011 are Winona (Southern Zone), Forest Lake (Central Zone) and St Cloud (Northern Zone).

Election

Sally Stevens received a list of current ATA shooters from the ATA and shared the process by which voters will be given a ballot. She moved that the MTA board officer elections at our annual meeting mirror the same protocol as the ATA delegate election; Mark Zauhar seconded. Carried unanimously. Glenn Linden suggested that we give each candidate two minutes to speak at the Saturday morning meeting. Tim Mackey volunteered to be the official timekeeper.

Youth Foundation Bylaws

The youth foundation bylaws were tabled until the September meeting due to the lateness of the meeting.

2011 State Shoot Ideas

Steve Schmidt suggested an incentive program for next year, allowing the first three lines of squads for each event to be available at a discounted rate of \$23.50. It was also recommended that shooting begin at 8am instead of 9am.

The 2011 State Shoot dates were discussed. Paul Cyr stated that, in years past, when the shoot got close to July 4th it would be moved instead to the following week. It was also suggested that the Youth Day occur on Tuesday instead of Monday for 2011, and that we consider having all youth shooters shoot 100 targets. Mark Zauhar moved that the 2011 State Shoot be started on Monday, July 11th; Paul Cyr seconded. Discussion regarding conflict with this move with neighbouring State Shoots. Carried; 3 opposed.

Logo

Sally Stevens recommended we choose a new logo for the MTA and asked that we consider using the logo idea created for the Hall of Fame. The logo was created by an independent graphics company as a favour to Alexandria Shooting Park. Mark Zauhar moved that we accept the logo as our new MTA logo, with the removal of the words 'Hall of Fame'; Sally Stevens seconded. Carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Stevens
MTA Secretary
July 27, 2010