

MINNESOTA STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

December 1, 2012

Approved: January 3, 2013

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the MTA Board of Directors was held at the Minneapolis Gun Club on December 1, 2012. The meeting convened at 8:06am on the first day, with President Glen Lonneman presiding and Secretary Sally Stevens recording. A quorum was established.

Attendance

Members of the Board in attendance were Glen Lonneman, Tom Brooks, Mark Stevens, Glenn Linden, Daryll Olsen, Jeff Hoppes, Perry Nodsle, Scott Steffen, Tom Shields, Tim Mackey, Steve Shane, George Pappas, and Ron Noren. Members not in attendance were Paul Cyr and David Smith. Also in attendance were Vicky Townsend, Denny Steinhaus, Jim Walkowiak, Dave Warweg, Jim Fetzik, Cindy Townsend, Tom Townsend and Scott Messenger.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting of the MTA Board of Directors were previously approved, distributed to the members of the board and posted to the official MTA website.

Secretary's Report

Sally Stevens stated that the 2013 MTA shoot date schedule was almost complete. The 2013 shoot cards and newsletter would be sent beginning of January 2013, with the 2013 MTA shoot date schedule posted on the official MTA website by the end of December 2012.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Brooks provided a comprehensive update on the MTA's finances to October 31, 2012. Discussion ensued with questions related to the financial responsibilities of the MTA and the new Youth Foundation towards youth shooting during the State Shoot. MOTION: Moved by Tim Mackey and seconded by Tom Shields that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

ATA Fees Outstanding

Sally Stevens reported on two outstanding bills from the ATA. MOTION: Moved by George Pappas and seconded by Glenn Linden that both outstanding bills, totaling \$250.00, be paid to the ATA immediately. Motion carried.

Report on 2012 State Shoot attendance

Glen Lonneman discussed the 2012 State Shoot attendance, noting a slight increase in attendance from the previous year. He also presented the possibility of acknowledging Minnesota shooters with year-specific attainment pins, and will present a proposal at the April 2013 BOD meeting.

Contract Between New Youth Foundation and MTA

Glen Lonneman outlined that the new Youth Foundation will continue to pay for Monday's half-price targets, the shells for Monday, and the youth half price targets all week long. In return the new Youth Foundation will organize, run and receive profits from the Silent and Live Auctions at the State Shoot. Discussion revolved around receiving in-kind donations for sponsorships and advertising with the Youth Foundation benefiting. MOTION: Moved by Sally Stevens and seconded by Steve Shane that, for 2013, the MTA continue to take in-kind donations when necessary for sponsorship fees with those in-kind donations benefiting the Youth Foundation, to be reviewed annually. Carried. Glen Lonneman will work towards a written agreement of service between the new Youth Foundation and the MTA.

State Shoot trophy package adjustments

Scott Steffen reported that the ATA requires trophies, not pins alone, be awarded if using the new categories of Junior Gold, Lady II, and/or Sub Vet. This requirement increases the MTA's trophy cost by \$3500 annually. A number of questions were asked and extensive discussion ensued. MOTION: Moved by George Pappas and seconded by Tom Shields that the new category trophies be added in addition to the same trophy package as 2012 with the understanding that we must absorb the cost. Motion carried; Glen Lonneman opposed. After the motion, Mark Stevens pledged a donation of \$3800 to cover the cost of all youth trophies for 2013.

Bids for State Shoot targets

Scott Steffen reviewed bids for 2013 State Shoot targets. A number of questions were asked and discussion ensued. MOTION: Moved by Steve Shane and seconded by Jeff Hoppes that the MTA purchase from Recob all targets required for the 2013 State Shoot immediately, to lock in costs, with delivery scheduled for the spring of 2013. Motion carried.

ATA Delegate report

Ron Noren provided an update from the ATA, including another round of two-yard reductions, reiterating the requirement of trophies, not pins, for the new categories at State Shoots, and that shooter's average cards can now be downloaded from the ATA website. Dates for the Grand have been set for August 7-17, 2013, with the AIM Championship being held August 3-6, 2013. The Central Zone Shoot will be held at Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club (St Cloud) on August 2-4, 2013. Minneapolis Gun Club will tentatively host the 2014 Central Zone Shoot, with Proctor Gun Club requesting addition to the rotation.

Minnesota Youth Shooting

Minnesota is currently without an AIM Director. Mark Stevens volunteered to contact a possible candidate as well as serve as Co-Director for one year, until that individual felt familiar with the AIM program, and report back at the April BOD meeting.

2012 State Teams

Ron Noren presented the 2012 Minnesota All State Team lists. MOTION: Moved by Mark Stevens and seconded by Tom Brooks to accept the 2012 Minnesota All State Teams with one amendment. Motion carried.

State Teams Survey

Sally Stevens presented a survey of ATA Secretaries regarding the specifics of their State/Provincial Teams, including criteria, size, and team determination.

2012 Hall of Fame Nominees

Three nominations were brought forward by the Hall of Fame Committee for board review. Glen Lonneman, nominee, sequestered himself during the board discussion. MOTION: Moved by Tim Mackey and seconded by Tom Brooks that Glen Lonneman, Ed Brophy, and Sumner & Sophrona Johnston be the MTA's 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees. Motion carried. A suggestion was made that the board and previous Hall of Fame inductees support the new inductees through attendance at the 2013 banquet.

Proposal of new money option at State Shoot

Scott Messenger presented an additional money option for the 2013 State Shoot. Brief discussion ensued. MOTION: Moved by Glenn Linden and seconded by Glen Lonneman that the MTA adopt the \$25 money option for 2013. Motion carried.

Proposal of New State Team Requirements

Jim Walkowiak proposed that marathon target scores be excluded when determining the MTA State Teams. A number of questions were asked and extensive discussion ensued. MOTION: Moved by Scott Steffen and seconded by Jeff Hoppes that marathon targets not be used for State Team determination. Motion failed.

Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation Update

No report was available.

New computer system & updates

Vicky Townsend reported on troubleshooting issues for the 2013 State Shoot. A category summary sheet will be created to help at the classification table. Shooters who do not have a current 2013 ATA membership card or ATA yellow payment slip will be required to pay ATA annual dues before shooting any State Shoot events. Discussion regarding pre-registration of AIM championship shooters ensued.

State Shoot & Alexandria Shooting Park update

Tom Townsend commented that the 2012 State Shoot ran smoothly and Alexandria Shooting Park anticipates a smooth 2013 State Shoot as well. There was a brief brainstorming session to find ways to decrease the MTA's labor costs for 2013. Board members will run shoot-offs in 2013 to help reduce labor costs.

State Shoot Program & Advertising

Sally Stevens will post the 2013 State Shoot Program for board member review, minus updated sponsorships and advertisements. Zone Directors will focus on gun club and shooting-related business ads. Glen Lonneman will be responsible for event sponsorships, as well as finding an individual to spearhead Alexandria-based businesses and organizations.

MOTION: Moved by George Pappas and seconded by Jeff Hoppes that the 2013 MTA gun club fee be increased from \$50 to \$100 and include a half-page ad in the MTA 2013 State Shoot program. Motion carried.

Shooter display event at State Shoot

Scott Messenger proposed a shooter display event for the 2013 MTA State Shoot and volunteered to raise \$1500 in donations toward the event. Sally Stevens volunteered to search for youth-centered funds with the intent of drawing more youth to the State Shoot’s weekday events. Tom Townsend agreed to contact the presenters to negotiate a reduced cost. It was agreed that donations would be required to pay for this event rather than the MTA general fund. Scott Messenger, Sally Stevens, and Tom Townsend will keep the board apprised of their findings through email.

Meeting adjourned at 2:43pm.

Sally Stevens
MTA Secretary
January 3, 2013

