

**MTA Board Meeting  
Located at New Richland, Minnesota  
April 27, 2013 - Minutes**

Present: Glen Lonneman, Glenn Linden, Steve Shane, Sally Stevens, Mark Stevens, Scott Steffen, Daryll Olson, Peter Falk III, Paul Cyr, Perry Nodsle

Absent: Tom Brooks, Dave Smith, Jeff Hoppes, George Pappas

Meeting called to order President Glen Lonneman noted the loss of Minnesota's ATA Delegate Ron Noren and the board reflected in a moment of silence.

**Secretary's Report**

MTA Secretary Sally Stevens gave a brief outline of work completed since the December 2012 meeting, including State Team letters and press sent out, patches ordered and received, ads created and sent to Trap & Field for the 2013 State Shoot, creation and mailing of the newsletter, completion and mailing of the 2013 MTA shoot date cards, shoot date posters to all clubs, the creation of ads for many gun clubs (for inclusion in the State Shoot Program), as well as many other duties. Paul Cyr moved the Secretary's Report be accepted; Mark Stevens seconded. Carried.

**Treasurers Report**

Sally Stevens distributed a financial packet created by Darrel Terning, the MTA accountant. Discussion followed, including questions regarding youth day shells purchased in the fall (2012), responsibility for paying Youth Day fees, and the request to Darrel Terning for a complete listing of the last two year's Youth Day expenses for forwarding to Mark Zauhar, for the Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation's budget-planning. As MTA Treasurer Tom Brooks was unable to attend the board meeting, many questions were tabled until July 2013.

Glenn Linden moved that the MTA continue with the new shooter rebate; Mark Stevens seconded. Carried.

Peter Falk III moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted; Perry Nodsle seconded. Carried.

**Revote on Jim Walkowiak's Marathon Target Proposal**

Glen Lonneman expressed that he felt the board missed a procedure step when voting on Jim Walkowiak's marathon target proposal, and requested a procedural correction. First, Glen Lonneman asked the board for a show of hands if board members requested a sealed ballot; no hands were raised. Glen Lonneman then proceeded with a re-vote of the marathon target proposal which would disallow the use of marathon targets for State Team determinations.

The vote was defeated 6-4. Those against the proposal were: Perry Nodsle, Peter Falk III, Mark Stevens, Steven Shane, Sally Stevens, and Glenn Linden. Those in favor of the proposal were Glen Lonneman, Paul Cyr, Daryll Olson, and Scott Steffen.

### **Pins**

Glen Lonneman suggested presenting pins to Minnesota State Shoot participants, similar to those presented to Grand attendees, as recognition to those who continually support the MTA and our State Shoot. Sally Stevens moved that the MTA spend up to \$1500 to support the pin recognition project; Steve Shane seconded it. Carried; Scott Steffen opposed.

Sally Stevens will create an online form for people to submit their years of attendance, to be verified as needed.

### **Letter from Lou Kosiba**

Sally Stevens shared a letter received by Lou Kosiba expressing concern over a perceived change of State Team determination guidelines, specifically pertaining to category. Discussion between Ron Noren, Glen Lonneman and Sally Stevens in January led to a letter to Lou Kosiba and information included in the newsletter, both reiterating that the same category guidelines have been followed for years.

### **NRA Letter**

Mark Stevens received a letter from the NRA asking to have a booth at the upcoming State Shoot. The board agreed that the Alexandria Shooting Park should make the final decision as the NRA would be an unpaid vendor. Glenn Linden moved that we allow the NRA to exhibit at the State Shoot if the Alexandria Shooting Park agrees; Scott Steffen seconded. Carried.

### **JR Long Letter**

A letter requesting Hall of Fame inclusion for an out-of-state supporter was received by the board. Paul Cyr moved that the discussion be tabled until the December 2013 meeting when Hall of Fame inclusion is appropriate; Peter Falk III seconded. Carried.

### **Ken Koester Letter**

A letter highlighting past issues with shooters using benches (at the State Shoot) for their equipment was submitted by Ken Koester. His concern is that there is no seating for shooters who want or need to sit down before, during or after their rounds, as it is all covered with bags, etc. After discussion the board agreed to try signs on the back of the benches that state, "Seating Only: NO BAGS". If the problem continues the board will readdress the issue.

### **Youth Program**

Mark Stevens and Sally Stevens will again organize and run the MTA Youth Day, and will focus on what is best for youth shooters for that event. Last year several out of

state youth shooters participated in the Minnesota Youth Day; it was agreed that the program will clearly state that the day is for Minnesota Youth shooters only.

### **State Shoot Program**

Sally State reviewed changes and additions to the State Shoot Program, including a memorial page for Ron Noren, Hall of Fame information still to be received, State Teams, and much more. Glen Lonneman and Steve Shane are going to work on getting letters prepared for the Alexandria area donations. Steve Shane has already received many ads from the shooting community. Glen Lonneman is working on the sponsorships, which are proving to be very difficult this year.

### **Trophies**

Scott Steffen reported that all State Shoot trophies have been ordered.

### **Target costs**

With the increase in gun club costs to throw targets, much discussion was had related to appropriate cost increases for both the State Shoot and the Zone Shoots. Perry Nodsle moved that we increase State Shoot target prices to \$33/100 targets; Paul Cyr second. Carried; Steve Shane opposed.

Glen Lonneman moved we increase the Zone Shoot target prices to \$28.00/100 targets; Peter Falk III seconded. Carried; Steve Shane opposed.

### **Other notes:**

The board discussed proper classification of State Shoot participants, as issues arise each year where a handful of shooters are misclassified in their favor.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Gould Brothers Exhibition and whether it should be advertised to the public as well as attending shooters. It was agreed that, for the first year, we advertise to shooters only so we could determine potential issues with larger crowds and plan for future years.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am, followed by a lunch at Paul Cyr's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Stevens  
MTA Secretary