

MINNESOTA STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

December 5, 2014 at Minneapolis Gun Club

Board Members present: Scott Steffen, Scott Messenger, Glen Lonneman, Tom Brooks, Mark Stevens, Dean Walker, Tom Petty, Perry Nodsle, Vicky Townsend, Mike Michaelis, Steve Shane, Daryll Olson, Matt Bickell, Jim Karels, Tom Suter, Steve Richards, & Sally Stevens.

Also present: Kathy Shane, Tom Townsend, Cindy Townsend, and others

The meeting was called to order at 8:59am.

Secretary Report

The September 6, 2014 minutes had been previously approved by the board. Sally Stevens reviewed the clubs whose 2015 shoot dates are still outstanding. A final draft of the 2015 MTA shoot dates will be forwarded to all board members and club on Monday, December 8th, 2014. It was agreed to continue the MTA newsletter with a mailing date no later than February 1, 2015, and should include the shoot cards to save postage. Steve Richards moved minutes be approved; Tom Brooks seconded. Carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Tom Brooks reported that the MTA balances showed \$124,295 in the General Fund, with \$117,422 in 2013 during the same time period. The general operating chequebook has a balance \$120,301, with a \$3,491 balance in the Youth Fund.

Sally recommended an agreement be developed between the MTA and the MN Youth Shotgun Association, describing the details of how proceed from the MTA Live and Silent Auctions will be used. Jim Karels moved the Treasurer's Report be approved; Matt Bickel seconded. Carried unanimously.

ATA Delegate Report

Mark Stevens stated that he has received golf cart tickets to sell, and that the fundraiser was very popular in 2014. He also reported in changes on how ATA trophies can be distributed by States and Provinces. Mark is continuing to collect funds for a shelter, in Minnesota Trapshooting Association's name, at the Grand. The cost of a shelter is \$2000 and currently has received \$850 in donations. Minneapolis Gun Club regrettably had to pass on hosting the Central Zone ATA Shoot due to restriction with their use permit. Alexandria Shooting Park will host the 2015 ATA Central Zone on July 31, August 1-2, 2015.

Mark and Dean reported on their recommendation for the 2014 Minnesota State Teams.. Perry Nodsle moved the teams be approved; Steve Schmidt seconded. Carried; Scott Messenger opposed.

MTA Hall of Fame

Mark Stevens received five nominations for the 2015 Hall of Fame, including three Supporter and two Shooter nominees. After much debate regarding procedure of induction, Richard 'Dick' Thompson (deceased) was voted in as the 2015 Hall of Fame inductee.

Sally Stevens suggested a sub-committee be created to clarify HOF Induction rules, which would include the ATA Delegate & Alternates, Vicky Townsend, Matt Bickel, & Steve Richards.

Old Business

Progress on lease agreement with the Group of 6 and the MTA

The Group of 6 would like to keep things 'as is' with a simplified contract. Tom Townsend distributed a one-page contract for the board to review. Scott Steffen stated that there is still work to be done on the contract during a meeting of both the ASP and the MTA, and changes made previously were not reflected in the distributed one-page contract. Continued meetings will be necessary to finalize a lease agreement between the Group of 6 and the MTA.

Youth Fund Reimbursement

A letter was received from Mark Zauhar on behalf of the Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation indicating changes to the organization. As the group had no further fundraising activities planned it was decided to distribute current funds 50/50 between the Minnesota Trapshooting Association's Youth Program and the Minnesota High School Clay Target League. The MTA Youth Program is currently being maintained by the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association, a 501c3 nonprofit, and is eligible to receive the \$15,547.46. These funds would be restricted for MTA/ATA youth activities only.

New Business

Merger of Southern/Central Zones

A suggestion was made to divide the MTA Central Zone in half horizontally, turning three MTA Zones into two—North and South only. Much discussion ensued, with no action taken.

Request to Increase Number of All Around Targets at State

It was requested that the MTA increase the number of All Around targets counted from 1100 to 1300. After moderate discussion, no action was taken to add 200 additionally counted targets to the All Around target count.

Pre-squad Concerns

Jeff Hoppes suggested that, in future years, those who do not sign up for Pre-Squad.com must sign up on the earlier squads upon arrival. He believes that those who pre-squad are penalized and the people who just show up get to pick and choose their start time. Jeff would like to bring this issue up at the State Shoot 2015. If you are not pre-squaded then

you will be put on the first available squad—this would be a recommendation that the board could make at a future annual meeting so people are aware of the change. Vicky stated she will look into possible solutions and report back to the board in April 2015's board meeting. She would also like to include, in the program and publicized throughout the State Shoot, that people who show up and squad on site will be put on the first available squad. No exceptions.

Targets for State

Scott sent bid requests to Rebob's (\$8.60 plus \$7 pallet, plus we pay our own truck) and Sunset. Sunset did not reply. Perry moved we purchase the targets from Recob's, Jim seconded. Carried.

Resident/Non-Resident Categories

It was requested that the MTA consider changing open category shoots, during the State Shoot, to Resident/Non-Resident categories instead. Steve Shane moved that we open up the open category shoots to resident/non-resident trophies on Wednesday Handicap event. Carried.

State Shoot Program

Scott has been in touch with our State Shoot program printer, who is willing to include the historic information for a number of the past years. Sally moved that the addition of historic pages into the State Shoot program; Vicky seconded. Carried. Matt Bickell and Scott Messenger will help Scott Steffen by editing proofs of the program when completed.

Costs of the Youth Program /Shooting/Fees

The increase in youth shooters on Youth Day caused a significant increase in costs in 2014. In the past, youth shooters received four boxes of shells and half-price targets, along with free ATA membership for brand new members. This costs the MTA Youth Fund approximately \$40-\$50/youth shooter and, while smaller attendance in past years made the practice manageable, it has now become nearly impossible to fund with the significant increase experienced and expected in the future. Sally moved that Youth Day shooters receive half-price targets on Monday, along with free ATA membership for new shooters, and \$20 youth targets Tuesday through Sunday; Vicky Townsend seconded. Carried. Vicky clarified that the agreement between the nonprofit and the MTA reflect that the nonprofit running the MTA youth activities continue to pay the difference between the special youth pricing and regular pricing. Sally asked that the State Shoot program clearly indicate the change in price and that youth shooters will no longer be receiving free shells.

Steve Shane moved the meeting be adjourned; Mark Stevens seconded. Carried.