

MTA Board Meeting
May 5, 2014 at Worthington, Minnesota
Minutes

Present: Glen Lonneman, Tom Brooks, Steve Shane, Sally Stevens, Mark Stevens, Scott Steffen, Daryll Olson, Peter Falk III, Steve Richards, Perry Nodsle, Scott Messenger

Absent: Glenn Linden, Frank Redfield, Dean Walker, Jeff Hoppes, Mike Michaelis

Meeting called to order at 9:18am.

Secretary's Report

MTA Secretary Sally Stevens gave a brief outline of work completed since the December 2013 meeting, including State Team letters and press sent out, patches ordered and received, ads created and sent to Trap & Field for the 2014 State Shoot, creation and mailing of the newsletter, completion and mailing of the 2014 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. Peter Falk III moved the Secretary's Report be accepted; Mark Stevens seconded. Carried.

Treasurers Report

Sally Stevens distributed a packet created by Darrel Terning. Steve Richards asked about the MTA Youth Day events and the costs, and the responsible organization for paying those costs. It was suggested that the board ask our accountant to put together the costs of the last two year's Youth Day to develop a budget, which can then be forwarded to the Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation (Mark Zauhar). Also noted was that the MTA has a \$500 credit from Sunset, which will be used in the future. Glenn Linden moved that the board keep the MTA rebate to new shooters; Mark Stevens seconded. Carried unanimously.

Steven Richards moved we accept the Treasurer's Report; Mark Stevens seconded. Carried.

ATA Report

Mark Stevens reported that the ATA has requested ATA Delegates and Alternate Delegates help with shoot-offs. The ATA has also reduced the amount of shoot-offs by eliminated many, instead putting them into a carry-over situation. Mark Stevens raised concerns that the voice of the ATA Delegates is not being heard at the Executive Committee level, especially in regards to their concern of increasing carry-overs so prelim week shooters can receive trophies while at the Grand. Payoff sheets can now be emailed right from the gun clubs instead of to the State Secretary.

Mark Stevens brought up a request from a Minnesota shooter for the addition of HOA & HAA 2nd place pin, with the thought that those out-of-state shooters chasing

All American point would be more willing to come to our State Shoot. Sally Stevens moved the MTA provide HOA & HAA 2nd place pins for 3 years, as an experiment, with the cost of the pins confirmed by independent donor; Steve Richards seconded. Carried. Therefore, this year 2nd place trophies (pins) will be awarded for all Resident categories and classes, in HOA and HAA, as well as Non-Resident in category, HOA and HAA.

Target costs for State

Tom Townsend said that \$7.00 is what is paid for wages but must be increased to \$7.25 for this year, as ASP is being held to outer state requirements. State Shoot costs will be \$33/100 plus \$3 ATA and \$3 MTA.

Progress on the Lease Agreement

Daryll Olson, Scott Messenger and Glen Lonneman all met up at Alexandria regarding the lease agreement. It was proposed that Alexandria Shooting Park pay the MTA \$0.09/bird thrown during the State Shoot. ASP would pay us for targets thrown, pay for the help, and run everything the way they would normally would. The MTA would continue to purchase the targets. Discussion was also held in Arizona with the Munsons, Schmidts, Townsends, and three MTA board members.

Much discussion still needs to be done, with issues such as Youth Day and shoot offs. In addition, Scott Messenger requested that, since Alex takes in all the income from the campers, could ASP take over the cost of the sewage disposal as the MTA has had to pay those fees in the past. Steve Shane brought up the concern of Youth Day issues which still needs to be hammered out.

Tom Townsend would like to see a 2-3 page agreement of responsibilities so both ASP and the MTA's relationship going forward is clear and well understood. The board was in complete agreement with this request.

Sally moved suggested the board make a commitment to work with Alex over the next year to ensure that both a lease agreement and a responsibilities list to create a comprehensive, clear agreement by the MTA December 2014 meeting; Peter Falk III seconded. Carried unanimously.

Live Auction & Silent Auction

Mark and Sally Stevens reassured the board that the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association would be responsible for this year's Silent and Live Auction, with 100% of the proceeds directed toward ATA youth shooting in Minnesota. After noting that they would also accept cash donations, Steve Shane donated \$200 to get donations started, and was thanked by Mark and Sally Stevens.

MN Youth Shooting Foundation

It was reported that though the Foundation currently does not have 501c3 status there are no plans to end the Foundation. Future payment from the Foundation for ATA youth shooting costs at the State Shoot, as well as other costs previously

associated with the Youth Fund, are unknown. A letter received by Glen Lonneman stated that the Foundation “questions the effectiveness of the program as it stands.”

Perry Nodsle suggested that we send them a proposal and costs, along with a copy of the minutes stating their responsibilities as noted by Mark Zauhar. There was brief discussion regarding past support towards the Foundation, the High School State Shoot, and the use of MTA equipment during the High School State Shoot.

Trophy Package

Scott Steffen has all trophies for this year’s State Shoot with no increase in price on the shoot. He talked with a vendor for gift cards and everything is arranged for them. Scott Steffen noted that in 2013 only one trophy did not get awarded.

Internet

Scott Steffen stated that we should move the domain hosting to our new webmaster; Peter Falk III said yes. Carried unanimously.

Hall of Fame Recognition

Bill & Ruthie Hunter were recognized for their contributions to the ATA, and Glen Lonneman signed a letter, on behalf of MTA, thanking them for our service.

Officers for 2014

The President and Treasurer positions are up for election for 2014-2015. Glen Lonneman will not be running again; Tom Brooks is interested in Treasurer again. Glenn Linden will not be running, Jeff Hoppes is undecided, and Peter Falk III is also up for re-election. Mark Stevens will be running for ATA Delegate, and the Alternate Delegates are yet undecided. Sally Stevens requested that directors consider any women who may be interested in serving as well.

State Team Requirements

Mark Stevens presented a new State Team proposal for implementation for the 2015 Target Year. He worked with Dean Walker and Peter Falk III to review eligible shooters, places given out, and ratios of eligible shooters to those placed on teams.

Mark Stevens reported that approximately 35% of all Minnesota shooters qualify to be on a State Team, with Sub-Juniors, Juniors, and Women automatically making the team if they fulfill the requirements due to the small numbers of shooters in each category. Almost 50% of Men shooters who qualified for consideration in the State Team made it. The board sub-committee is trying to reduce both the team sizes and requirements so more people will be eligible to make the State Team. The biggest changes include using the category the shooter denotes at either the Minnesota Zone Shoot or Minnesota State Shoot that year, whichever they attend first, as well as the addition of doubles target requirements for Senior Veterans. Team sizes are reduced for Men, Women, Juniors and Sub-Juniors, and target requirements are reduced for all categories with the exception of Senior Veterans, who see a slight increase.

Glen Lonneman moved that we accept the recommendations of the sub-committee; Tom Brooks seconded. Carried unanimously. Their recommendations are attached to these minutes.

Zone Shoot Site Requirements

Mike Michaelis asked if there are requirements necessary to host a Zone Shoot. Discussion revolved around number of traps and camping spaces required. Zone Directors will add the discussion to Zone Shoot agendas in June 2014.

State Shoot Items

- Glen Lonneman is working on shooter years-of-participation pins and will recognize shooters at the Banquet, and get it in the banquet program.
- The banquet costs for 2014 require ticket costs to increase. Scott Messenger moved that the ticket price be changed to \$20; Peter Falk III seconded. Carried unanimously.
- We will be going to the normal \$2 per registration deal again, which is about the same as all the others.
- It was asked if the NRA would be have a booth at the State Shoot this year, and decided that the final decision should be ASP's. Glenn moved that we allow the NRA to exhibit at the State Shoot if Alex agrees; Scott Steffen seconded. Carried.
- Clarification was made regarding keeping the classification table open. It was decided that the board members would keep the classification table open from 8am-4pm each day of the State Shoot.
- The board tasked Mark and Sally Stevens with running Youth Day, as well as choosing a program based on what was best for youth shooters.
- Scott Messenger moved that, for 2014, we do not blanket mail the mini-program for Out of State shooters; Perry Nodsle seconded. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm