

## **MINNESOTA TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION**

Annual Meeting of the Membership  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Alexandria Shooting Park

Board Members present: Glen Lonneman, Scott Steffen, Tom Brooks, Sally Stevens, Jeff Hoppes, Perry Nodsle, Mike Michaelis, Glenn Linden, Daryll Olson, Steven Richards, Peter Falk III, Scott Messenger, Steve Shane, Mark Stevens, Dean Walker, Frank Redfield. Board Members elect: Vicky Townsend, Jim Karels, Matt Bickell.

Also present: Approximately 100 shooters

Before the meeting began, Glen Lonneman called for a moment of silence to remember those shooters we lost in the past year, with special note to John Bacon, 1993 MTA President, whose service was being held today.

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 am

### **Introduction of Board Members**

Glen Lonneman introduced the board to the assembly. Vicky Townsend was introduced as the new Northern Zone Director, Jim Karels as the new Central Zone Director, and Matt Bickel as the new Southern Zone Director. Glen also reviewed the Attendance By Day for the shooters present.

### **Reading of Minutes**

Sally Stevens read the minutes from the July 13, 2013 meeting. George Pappas moved the minutes be approved; Wally Shelstad seconded. Carried unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Darrel Terning reported on the MTA's financial status. Darrel reported that the organization currently had \$118,028 in the General Account, with approximately \$3,400 in the old Youth Fund. He reported that the 2013 State Shoot lost approximately \$2,300, in contrast to the 2012 State Shoot loss of approximately \$4,000. The MTA's net loss for 2013 was about \$93. Darrel stated that, in 2013, the MTA's losses are attributed to two Championship rings purchased for first time Champions. Jeff Hoppes moved to accept the treasurer's report; Gary Strenge seconded. Carried unanimously.

### **ATA Delegate Report**

Mark Stevens stated that it was an honor to serve as Delegate for Minnesota. He reviewed the ATA Bylaw changes, noted that John Burke has been elected the Central Zone Vice President and Mark Stevens was elected as Central Zone Treasurer. He reported that, after a vote, the two-yard reductions have been put on hold. The total AIM membership grew by 732 members in 2013. President Elect Terry Roush was announced as ATA President. Mark Stevens also mentioned some rule changes or potential changes, including changes to the ATA table points, that

the ATA's principle office is now in Sparta, IL, and Brazil was added to the Southern Zone.

Mark Stevens stated that there continues to be a need for shade and shelters at Sparta, and there is a program to put out a covered shelter at the Grand that costs \$2000. He is personally donating \$2000 in the name of the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association and asked if anyone wanted to make a personal donation towards a shelter in Minnesota's name to please see him directly or contact him at 612-703-6155.

Mark was tasked by the ATA to determine what the Minnesota membership felt about keeping the categories of Junior Gold, Lady II and Sub-Veterans. When polling the audience, there was an overwhelming show of hands to remove both Junior Gold and Lady II categories with an approximate 50% show of hands to remove the Sub-Veteran category. Mark Stevens will share the information at his meetings in Sparta during the Grand and thanked everyone for their opinion.

#### **2014 Zone & State Shoot Locations and Dates**

MN State Shoot Dates:	July 6-12, 2015
MN Zone Shoot Dates:	June 20-21, 2015
Central Zone:	Minneapolis Gun Club
Northern Zone:	Proctor Gun Club
Southern Zone:	Winona Gun Club

#### **Election of Officers**

On behalf of the MTA Board of Directors, Glen Lonneman nominated the following individuals as follows: Scott Steffen for President, Tom Brooks for Treasurer, Mark Stevens for ATA Delegate, Dean Walker and Frank Redfield for ATA Alternate Delegates. Denny Steinhaus nominated Tom Petty for ATA Alternate Delegate; Jeff Hoppes seconded. Hearing another nominee for ATA Alternate Delegate, Frank Redfield withdrew his name from the running.

Glenn Linden moved to cease nominations. Kathy Lahti moved that accept the slate as presented; George Pappas seconded. By a show of hands, all candidates were unanimously voted in.

George Pappas moved that Dean Walker be chosen as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate; Mark Stevens seconded. Passed unanimously.

Kathy Lahti suggested that the Vice President position needed to be voted upon. After discussion it was determined that, as the Vice President position is not up for election, a new Vice President would be appointed to fulfill the remaining portion of Scott Steffen's term, and would be up for election again in 2015.

### **State Team Changes**

Mark Stevens reviewed new 2015 State Team requirements approved by the board. Of note, target requirements have been reduced for all teams with the exception of Senior Veterans, which has doubles targets now added, and the reduction of the team sizes in Mens, Lady, Junior, and Sub-Jr Teams. Also, State Team category will be based on what they categorized themselves at either the Zone or State teams.

### **New Business**

George Pappas would like to see the MTA have a booth at the High School State Shoot. Sally Stevens suggested that there is a cost to participate and getting volunteers could be difficult. Kathy Lahti volunteered to work on getting things organized for 2015. Vicky Townsend stated that the ATA and AIM program had a representative on site for some time but not for the whole thing.

Owatonna asked, for the upcoming ATA Central Zone shoot, if it would count as a fourth club for the State Teams. The board replied no as it is an ATA shoot with ATA trophies.

Glenn Linden moved to adjourn the meeting; Kathy Lahti seconded. Carried.

