

MINNESOTA STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting
April 17, 2016 at Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club (St Cloud)

Board Members present: Scott Steffen, Scott Messenger, Mark Stevens, Perry Nodsle, Vicky Townsend, Tom Brooks, Mike Michaelis, Daryll Olson, Matt Bickell, Nick Kubasch, Dean Walker, & Sally Stevens.

Board Members absent: Tom Petty, Tom Suter, Jim Karels.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07am.

Secretary Report

Sally Stevens announced that the 2015-2017 term would be her last as MTA secretary and encouraged board members to seek out a candidate who, over the next year, could gradually assume the role. A list of secretary duties was passed out to all board members. The November 21, 2015 minutes had been previously approved by the board. Minnesota All-State team members have received their congratulatory packets. Shoot cards have been completed and mailed to individuals, including Zone Shoot flyers, with club packets either handed out at the meeting or put in the mail within the week. Shoot posters were set to be delivered to each club at the beginning of May. Clubs will also receive a pdf of the shoot card, shoot poster, excel spreadsheet of Minnesota shooters with 500+ targets in 2015, and a family-grouped mailing label pdf. Sally is in the process of completing the Hall of Fame information for inclusion in the program, as well as the posters and framed pictures needed for the HOF event. A list of clubs still needing to pay their 2016 MTA dues was given to Zone Directors for follow-up. Mark Stevens moved the secretary's report be approved; Matt Bickell seconded. Carried.

Treasurers Report

Tom Brooks briefly reviewed the treasurer's report. A reminder was made that the MTA is still carrying a balance in the MTA General Account of \$1,541 for the sale of unused shells purchased for Youth Day, and \$3,497 remaining in the Junior balance. Tom Brooks will forward a cheque to mySA for all youth funds totaling \$5,038 currently being carried on the MTA books. Once received, MYSA will forward a cheque for \$12,866 to pay off 2015 youth fees which includes reduced-rate youth targets and new ATA youth memberships throughout the year. Sally Stevens and Vicky Townsend still need to complete an agreement of understanding and email it to board members. Matt Bickell moved the treasurer's report be approved; Tom seconded. Carried.

ATA Delegate Report

Mark Stevens announced that the World Shooting Complex will be open for the 2016 Grand. AIM Championships will be July 30-August 2; Grand American will be August 3-13. The ATA Central Zone Shoot will be held in Minnesota at Del-Tone/Luth from July 29-31, 2016, and invited everyone to participate. Mark reported that the ATA is considering removing use of the 18- and 19- yard lines in Handicap. Delegates have been asked to poll their States/Provincials for their opinions. There is a new ATA youth membership, '20 Years to Life', to encourage parents to pay youth fees outright and make registered shooting more convenient for young people. Mark also stated that he has ATA K-80 tickets are for sale, and is still accepting donations for a shelter as Sparta, and is financially half-way there.

Executive Board and Zone Director Elections

President, Treasurer, and the ATA Delegate and Alternate positions are all up for election this year. Scott Steffen and Tom Brooks will once again run for their respective positions, as will Mark Stevens as ATA Delegate and Dean Walker as Alternate Delegate. Tom Petty was not in attendance to express his intent. Additionally there are three Zone Director positions up for election in 2016.

Nick Kubasch and Mike Michaelis have agreed to run for re-election, with Ed Dietz (Central Zone) expressing his interest in running for the vacant position.

Target Costs for MTA 2016 State Shoot

Scott Messenger moved that the Zone and State Shoot target prices remain the same as 2015; Mike Michaelis seconded. Carried.

Friday Night Banquet

In November 2015, the MTA board decided to move Tuesday night's freewill offering pork chop feed to Friday night, and pair it with the MTA Awards & Hall of Fame Induction. Though free, tickets will be required and are limited to 250 attendees, with reserved tickets for inductees, guests and MTA BOD. Remaining tickets will be available at the cashier's windows during regular business hours of the State Shoot.

ATA/MTA Booth at High School State Shoot

Scott Steffen suggested sending a letter to all MTA gun clubs requesting volunteers to help share information about registered shooting opportunities in Minnesota. Sally has created some handouts for the event and will reach out to Kathy Lahti to see if would be willing to coordinate volunteers during the week.

Youth Day Information

Due to the July 4th holiday, the 2016 State Shoot will start on Tuesday, July 5th. The MTA Youth Day will be held at the same day as the Warm-Up Day Events, with youth shooters taking Traps 1-5 and the other events on the remaining traps. Additionally, all shooters will shoot 100 targets only, at a \$20/100 reduced rate plus \$3ATA/\$3MTA fees, and must provide their own shells. Sign-up and category declaration will be done manually, and squad sheets will be hand-written on boards as in the past. Scott Steffen will update the shoot program and check with Sally Stevens before going to press.

Shoot Program

Scott has been working all winter on the program. We currently have Alex Power, Bob Schultz/Target Shotguns, Federal and White Flyer as paid sponsors for 2016. Thanks to a generous donation by the Dill family, all Tuesday MTA events will be named in honor of the late representative David Dill.

Trophies

Scott has ordered the trophies, and discussed changing up OOS gift cards to a different vendor for variety.

Pre-Squad for State Shoot

Vicky reviewed the pre-squad information to 2016. Mark moved that we continue with Pre-Squad as in 2015; Perry Nodsle seconded. Carried.

Nick Kubasch moved adjournment at 11:47am; Matt Bickell seconded. Carried.

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 6th, 2016 (immediately after shoot-offs) at the State Shoot.