

MINNESOTA STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis Gun Club

December 7, 2013

Approved: January 30, 2014

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the MTA Board of Directors was held at the Minneapolis Gun Club on December 7, 2013. The meeting convened at 8:06am with President Glen Lonneman presiding and Secretary Sally Stevens recording. A quorum was established.

Attendance

Members of the Board in attendance were Glen Lonneman, Tom Brooks, Mark Stevens, Glenn Linden, Daryll Olsen, Dean Walker, Peter Falk III, Scott Messenger, Steven Richards, Mike Michaelis, Jeff Hoppes, Perry Nodsle, Scott Steffen, Steve Shane, and Sally Stevens. Also in attendance were Kathy Shane, Tim Rawerts, Dave Warweg, Cindy Townsend, Tom Townsend and Doug Dingman.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 11, 2013 meeting of the MTA Board of Directors were previously approved, distributed to the members of the board and posted to the official MTA website.

Secretary's Report

Sally Stevens stated that the 2014 MTA shoot date schedule was almost complete. The 2014 shoot cards and newsletter will be sent in January 2014, with the 2014 MTA shoot date schedule posted on the official MTA website as soon as possible. Moved by Glenn Linden and seconded by Peter Falk III that the Secretary's Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Brooks provided a comprehensive update on the MTA's finances as of October 31, 2013. Discussion ensued. MOTION: Moved by Glenn Linden and seconded by Peter Falk that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Report on 2013 State Shoot attendance

Glen Lonneman discussed the 2013 State Shoot attendance, noting that there were a combined total of 3407 entries for all events compared to 3574 in 2012. He reported that many of the State Shoots from surrounding states had decreased attendance and feels we are on par with them. Discussion revolved around potential ways to increase attendance for 2014.

State Shoot trophy package adjustments

Scott Steffen reported that the MTA spends \$23,000-\$24,000 on trophies each year. The new categories added approximately 120 trophies to our costs, which was offset in 2012 by private donations to pay for all youth trophies and MN Lady B trophies. He reported that he is considering gift cards as trophies for out of state shooters, as well as providing a form to order a choice of trophy or gift card, to be mailed to their home, instead of having them on site. The board agreed to support Scott Steffens's decision on what he felt was best to provide trophies for our State Shoot.

Bids for State Shoot targets

Scott Steffen reviewed bids for 2013 State Shoot targets from Sunset (\$53,000+) and Recob's (\$52,000+), which does not include shipping. A number of questions were asked and discussion ensued. MOTION: Moved by Mark Stevens and seconded by Tom Brooks that the MTA purchase from Recob all targets required for the 2014 State Shoot. Motion carried.

ATA Delegate report

Mark Stevens stated that he has learned there is a lot of work to being a delegate. He provided an update from the ATA meeting in Sparta, IL. In that meeting the home grounds of the ATA is now Sparta, IL. The Country of Brazil has now been added to the ATA Southern Zone. The ATA executive committee must now meet at least one time per year in Sparta, IL. The executive committee is now limited to the amount of money they can spend, from a proposed \$250,000 to \$50,000.00 without full board approval. This funding limit applies to Real property, Property repairs, and or equipment purchases. In the past, 18-, 19-, and 20-yard shooters were restricted to a one yard maximum between shooter in 2013. That wording has now changed to "strongly suggested" which should address quite a few squading issues in the past. Mark Stevens also stated that the ATA is once again giving ATA clubs five free ATA memberships to new shooters. These membership cards will be mailed to clubs in January. A new promotion allows a free membership for new adult shooters if their child becomes a new AIM member. Dates for the Grand have been set for August 6-16, 2014, with the AIM Championship being held August 2-5, 2014. The Central Zone Shoot will be held at Minneapolis Gun Club (Prior Lake) on August 1-3, 2014. He also requested board approval allowing him to contact Minnesota shooters for donations towards building shelters at the Grand. Glen Lonneman clarified that individual donations would be great but no funds can come from the MTA General Fund.

2013 State Teams

Mark Stevens presented the 2013 Minnesota All State Team lists. Moved by Peter Falk III and seconded by Tom Brooks to accept the 2013 Minnesota All State Teams with one amendment (inclusion). Motion carried. Sally Stevens will make the State Teams print-ready and send all mailings out to team members as soon as possible.

State Team Discussion

Sally Stevens and Mark Stevens brought up a number of ideas to streamline the State Teams, include the new categories and reduce the size of the teams. The discussion brought up several good ideas and thoughts, with Peter Falk III, Dean Walker, and Mark Stevens planning to review all ideas and bring a proposal to April 2014's meeting.

2013 Hall of Fame Nominees

Three nominations were brought forward by the Hall of Fame Committee for board review. Glenn Linden moved that we vote by paper ballot; Peter Falk III seconded. Carried. Glenn Linden moved that the vote be 2/3rd's of the board vote; Peter Falk III seconded. Carried. After all paper ballots were counted and tabulated by the ATA Delegate and Alternate Delegates, it was announced that Jim Fetzik (Supporter category) and Troy Haverly (Shooter category) would be the MTA's 2014 Hall of Fame inductees. A suggestion was made that the current board and previous Hall of Fame inductees support the new inductees through attendance at the 2014 banquet.

Doubles at MN High School State Shoot

Dave Warweg shared that he would like to run a Doubles event at the MN High School State Shoot in 2014 and promote the ATA and AIM programs. Bryan Brophy has agreed to donate trophies for the doubles event if the ATA and AIM programs are promoted at the event. Glen Lonneman stated that the MTA Board appreciates Dave Warweg's efforts, however the MTA Board has no say at an event throwing non-registered targets. Glen Lonneman went on to say the MTA Board supports promotion of the ATA and AIM.

Resignation of Mark Zauhar from MTA Silent/Live Auction Fundraiser

The MTA board discussed the recent resignation of Mark Zauhar and the Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation from fundraising at the MTA State Shoot, specifically the Silent and Live Auction fundraisers. Mark Stevens suggested that the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association, the 501c3 organization that runs the ATA registered Minnesota Youth Chain Shoot, could take over the State Shoot fundraiser. There was discussion by the board of options and clarification of the Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation's current situation after talking with Jim Walkowiak. Glen Lonneman moved that the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association work with the MTA Board of Directors to run the Silent and Live Auction Fundraiser at the 2014 State Shoot; Jeff Hoppes seconded. Carried; Scott Messenger against, with Mark and Sally Stevens abstaining.

State Shoot Program Options for 2014

Glen Lonneman discussed the possibility of having an outside professional business create the State Shoot Program for 2014. He reviewed a proposed contract and the board discussed the list of responsibilities for both the business and the MTA Board of Directors. Glenn Linden moved that Glen Lonneman & Sally Stevens make the decision of whether or not to use the professional business after some questions were answered in the contract; Jeff Hoppes seconded. Carried.

Daily and Evening Events for State Shoot week

Glen Lonneman reviewed the Special Events from 2013. The board decided to keep the Pork Chop Feed and Miss and Out events, leaving the Gould Brothers Exhibition for a future year. 'Free Will' offerings will be accepted at both events with funds being used to offset MTA State Shoot expenses. Steven Richards moved we change our MTA board meeting to Wednesday night; Mark Stevens seconded. Carried.

It was suggested that practice round costs be increased for the 2014 State Shoot. Perry Nodsle moved that we move practice round costs to \$6; Jeff Hoppes seconded. Carried.

Lease Agreement Between the MTA and Group of 6

The board reviewed the lease draft. Scott Steffen, Scott Messenger, Darryl Olson, Jeff Hoppes and Glen Lonneman agreed to form a sub-committee to review and complete the lease agreement. Scott Steffen moved that the group meet with the Group of Six to complete the lease agreement; Glenn Linden seconded. Carried.

Board Member Job Requirements

Glen Lonneman reviewed the job requirements for board members at the State Shoot. A complete schedule will be emailed to each board member closer to the State Shoot.

New Business

Sally Stevens conveyed a request from a Minnesota shooter, asking that the 2nd 100 targets on Saturday's Championship Singles be separated by at least 4-5 banks from the 1st 100 targets shot. It was explained that both the 1st and 2nd flights are chosen randomly by card drawing and would continue that way in the future.

Sally Stevens requested, considering the State Shoot Program would be outsourced for 2014, that the 2014 MTA Club Fee be moved from \$100 to \$50. The reduction reflects the removal of a State Shoot Program ad for MTA clubs throwing registered targets. Perry Nodsle moved the 2014 MTA club fee be \$50; Peter Falk III seconded. Carried.

Minnesota's ATA rebate from 2013 is \$5614.00 and will be forwarded from the ATA in June 2014.

Tom Brooks moved that the meeting be adjourned; Peter Falk III. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Sally Stevens
MTA Secretary

