

MINNESOTA TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2014 at Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club

Board Members present: Scott Steffen, Tom Brooks, Mark Stevens, Glen Lonneman, Matt Bickell, Jim Karels, Steve Richards, Daryll Olson, Dean Walker, Vicky Townsend, Perry Nodslle

Not present: Sally Stevens, Tom Petty, Mike Michaelis

Meeting called to order at 4:20pm.

Secretary Report

Secretary Sally Stevens was not present; no report was given. Discussion ensued on reports sent to previous meeting minutes sent to all board members. Mark Stevens said he reviewed them and found no issues. Scott Steffen concurred. Minutes were accepted and approved to be sent to the website.

Financial Report

The board reviewed the State Shoot financials provided by accountant Darrel Terning. The payroll and costs for the 2014 State Shoot stayed about even though shoot numbers were up slightly. Youth Day had 244 shooters, up from 187 the prior year.

The MTA lost \$4,232 before billing for youth fees. It was decided to invoice the Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation (Mark Zauhar's group) for the youth costs incurred at the State Shoot per prior agreement. Discussion ensued; it was agreed to bring for a proposal in December to handle future youth costs, including a possible instate raffle. Youth shooters received half-price target at the State Shoot which, along with the cost of the shells handed out on Monday's Youth Day and new youth shooter rebates, equals \$19,305.

The banquet made money for the first time, entertainment costs were down, and food freewill offerings through the week went to offset food costs. The Youth Silent & Live Auctions made \$10,027. It was noted all bills are paid with the exception of one \$1,300 bill for the year, as well as an outstanding invoice of approximately \$2600 for ordered State Champion rings.

The MTA saved money by outsourcing the program. Discussion included adding the past Hall of Fame winners in the program again; it will be investigated. Printing issues did not allow for the production of the Past Shooters booklet and there were some complaints noted. Sally will be asked if she wants to continue working as the go-between with the printer and the MTA. It was noted by Glen Lonneman that Sally already does online scores, photography, minutes, MTA shoot schedules, shoot reports, financial documentation, press releases, newsletter creation, most mailings, forwarding of all MTA business to the ATA, Youth Live & Silent Auctions, runs MTA youth programs with Mark Stevens and may be already taxed. Motion by Mark Stevens to accept the financial report; Matt Bickell seconded. Approved.

ATA Delegate Report

Mark Stevens reported that a motion to entertain another 2-yard reduction was presented by the ATA board. Discussion ensued regarding the reduction, and that the southern States are suffering from the previous two rounds as some previous 25-yard shooters are now winning all the calcuttas. This proposal included the member having to take a mandatory reduction. This amendment was unanimously voted down. Also part of that motion was a recommendation to stop Delegates from approving shooter requests to be moved to longer yardage. Also amended was a vote to prohibit the Executive Committee from having straw votes. A vote was taken and an amendment made to the bylaws eliminated future straw votes, and was approved unanimously. The AIM shooting program had an increase with about 1600 shooters at the Grand this year. The Central Zone had the greatest increase in AIM shooters.

The Executive Committee entertained the possibility of eliminating the three new categories but a vote to end them failed, with the Executive Committee urging everyone to wait for the third year outcome to be determined. Part of the discussion was that some States have very few if any Junior Gold shooters and the category is be exploited by a few to earn a great number of All American Points due to no competition at big shoots.

Shamrock Leathers will have a tent at the Grand next year that can be rented by State Association for parties. Mark Stevens brought this to the MTA's attention for discussion in the December meeting.

A great deal of money has been saved with the new Executive Committee spending cap. A new committee was elected to oversee the board's spending. Rob Taylor was elected as President for 2015.

A complaint was brought up about the targets being used at the Grand this year. When asked what will be thrown in 2015 Lynn Gibson answered it is up to the ATA Executive Committee to chose the targets. No answer was given.

The ATA Delegates also approved a \$250,000 donation to the ATA Hall of Fame building on the Sparta grounds. This will come from the General Fund and drawn when needed.

Mark Stevens noted that he now has \$500 for an enclosure at the Grand in Minnesota's name. These were all voluntary donations, many in specific shooters' names. No funds will be given from the MTA's General Fund for this purpose.

Old Business

Discussion ensued on the lease agreement with Alexandria's group of six. There have been two meetings and the committee is weighing the options.

Approval was previously received on the 2015 State Team requirements and is already posted on the website.

New Business

Scott Messenger has been appointed Vice President for this year. An election will be held in 2015 for a replacement when the term expires.

Steve Richards volunteered to take over procurement and disbursement of trophies.

Approval was given for Scott Steffen to negotiate purchasing of targets and their shipment.

Discussion ensued regarding State Shoot pins and adding 2nd Place (Runner-Up) pins for all non-resident shoots or to have open trophies. Mark Stevens moved to have this discussion added to the December meeting; Matt Bickell seconded. Carried.

Mark Stevens discussed his conversation with several non-resident All Americans at the State Shoot. All noted that Minnesota would get many more non-resident shooters if we provided 2nd Place trophies.

It was noted that Sally Stevens is working directly with clubs regarding the 2015 Shoot Date calendar. She has sent prospective dates to clubs, and Mark Stevens noted that some have already responded.

It was decided that the 700-700-400 instate target requirement for the Minnesota State Teams is sufficient.

Mark Stevens explained the Central Zone for Minnesota, and how it is down to two clubs. The board discussed the issues inherent in this, and to hold further discussion at the December meeting.

Mark Stevens made a motion to adjourn; Matt Bickell seconded. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.