

MINNESOTA STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

November 21, 2015 at Minneapolis Gun Club

Board Members present: Scott Steffen, Scott Messenger, Mark Stevens, Perry Nodsle, Vicky Townsend, Tom Brooks, Mike Michaelis, Daryll Olson, Matt Bickell, Tom Suter, Jim Karels, Steve Richards, & Sally Stevens.

Board Members absent: Tom Petty, Nick Kubasch, Dean Walker.

Also present: Tom Townsend.

The meeting was called to order at 8:59am.

Secretary Report

The July 9th minutes had been previously approved; the July 11th minutes still need to be sent to the board for approval. Once completed, both will be sent to the website for posting. In lieu of a spring newsletter, Sally will make a 'board highlights' posting for the website. Mailers will go out to clubs requesting 2016 dues, as well as any outstanding 2015 dues. Once the State Teams are approved, Sally will create and send packets including certificates, pins, patches, and award letters to all recipients.

Treasurers Report

Tom Brooks briefly reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The cost of the youth targets for 2015, which includes free ATA memberships throughout the year, was \$12,866. There is a balance being carried by the MTA of \$1,541 for the sale of shells and \$3,497 in the Junior balance. Mark moved that all youth funds totaling \$5,038 currently being carried on the MTA books be transferred to the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association; Steve seconded. Carried. A total of \$10,022 was raised by MYSA at the 2015 MN State Shoot which is restricted to paying ATA-related youth. Once MYSA receives the funds from the MTA, a cheque for \$12,866 will be forwarded to pay off 2015 youth fees.

Sally reviewed that the MTA Live & Silent Auctions netted \$9,632.00 in 2015. The Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association will continue to fundraise, on the Minnesota registered youth shooters behalf, through the Live & Silent Auctions at the Minnesota State Shoot. All income generated from these activities will be restricted for use with ATA youth shooters only, specifically new ATA youth memberships, costs incurred by the MTA Youth Day, and reduced-cost targets throughout the Minnesota State Shoot. Sally and Vicky Townsend will complete an agreement of understanding and email it to board members.

ATA Delegate Report

Mark Stevens reported on discussions within the ATA, including moving Handicap from 27 to 29 yards and costs involved, getting another 2-yard reduction across the ATA, and the overall reduction of shoot sizes across the country. Based on the decrease in shoot size, the ATA voted to reduce the number of shooters required for punches. Sally will include the ATA rule changes in the club mailing. A recommendation was made to create a banner of the MN State Teams, Zone Shoots, and what the MN Zone means, and stressed that our

clubs educate their shooters on the importance of our MN Zone Shoots. Mark reported that Sparta is closed to shooting at the time and working diligently on both getting it reopened and planning for options for the Grand in 2016.

MTA Hall of Fame

Mark Stevens reviewed the proposed inductees for the 2016 MTA Hall of Fame. After extensive discussion and voting, it was announced that Dean & Betty Walker (Shooting Members) and Paul Cyr (Supporting Member) will be inducted into the 2016 MTA Hall of Fame.

State Teams

Mark Stevens presented the Minnesota All-State Teams for 2015. Vicky Townsend moved that the State Teams be accepted; Jim Karels seconded. Carried. Sally Stevens will make the packet and prepare the team sheets for website publication.

Minnesota Zone Shoots

In lieu of the growing High School Shoot participation, Matt Bickell moved that the board allow a temporary one-year suspension of MN Zone Shoot bylaw requirements and allow Zone Directors to choose the date and program for their Zone for 2016; Tom Brooks seconded. Carried. It was decided that the MN Central Zone Shoot will remain June 18-19, 2016. Worthington and Monticello will host the Northern & Southern Central Zone Shoots on May 21-22, 2016.

New Business

State Shoot Recap

Vicky reviewed the attendance at State Shoot and, generally, the attendance was up overall as was the weather. Another consideration was that we are now offering new, additional non-resident trophies, which draws those shooters to our shoot with increased chances at All American points.

Addition of Non-Resident Trophies

Scott discussed increasing non-resident trophies, gave a comparison of most popular state shoots and trophy reports, and consideration of increased shoot-offs and costs. Steve Richards moved that the MTA provide the same trophies for non-residents as residents, with the exception that all added trophies would be points pins trophies. Sally seconded. In discussion, Sally recommended that the list of trophies available be added to the MTA website. Carried.

There was discussion about the Elaine Bolich trophy and if would be offered in the future; Scott Steffen will follow-up as soon as possible.

State Shoot Evening Events

A recommendation was made to eliminate the Miss 'N Out event and substitute a new event, while still keeping the brats and hot dogs for shooters. A decision of what this event will entail will be made for the April 2016 board meeting.

It was also recommended to eliminate the Friday night banquet and instead move the pork chop feed to Friday night in conjunction with the banquet. Steve Richards moved the MTA provide a free pork chop meal in lieu of the Friday night banquet; Tom Brooks. Discussion involved logistics which will be worked out at a later date, including a donation to the MTA programs & the possibility of use of tickets, by Scott, Perry, Vicky & Sally. Carried.

Cost of Targets at State & Zone Shoots

Sunset and Recob have returned bids for the State Shoot. Based on the bids received, Mark moved that we accept Sunset's bid for our 2016 State Shoot targets; Mike seconded. Carried.

Donation

Sally reported on a large donation received on behalf of David Dill. She moved that the MTA honor the donation through one event sponsorship during our 2016 State Shoot with inclusion on the trophies as possible; Scott Messenger seconded. Carried.

Score Reporting

Vicky stated that Elizabeth Christensen has a very user-friendly program that may be more compatible with our needs. Vicky will follow up and keep the board informed as our current program is not being updated anymore.

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.

Mark Stevens moved adjournment at 1:08pm; Tom Brooks seconded. Carried.

Next meeting is April 23, 2016 at Del-Tone/Luth in St Cloud, MN.