

MINNESOTA STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

May 2nd, 2015 at Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club

Board Members present: Scott Steffen, Scott Messenger, Glen Lonneman, Mark Stevens, Dean Walker, Perry Nodsle, Vicky Townsend, Mike Michaelis, Steve Shane, Matt Bickell, Tom Suter, Steve Richards, & Sally Stevens.

Board Members absent: Tom Petty, Daryll Olson, Tom Brooks, Jim Karels.

Also present: Cindy Townsend.

The meeting was called to order at 9:09am.

Secretary Report

The December 5, 2014 minutes had been previously approved by the board. Sally Stevens reported that the newsletters and shoot cards have been mailed to all Minnesota shooters who registered 500+ targets in 2014. In order to alleviate the huge workload of the Secretary's position, Sally made two recommendations; first, the MTA spring newsletter could be discontinued as redundant information already found on our website. Dean Walker moved the MTA cease the spring newsletter; Steve Richards seconded. Carried.

Second, Sally suggested that Zone Directors could be tasked with reaching out to clubs in their Zones and requesting shoot dates for the upcoming year, which would help clubs connect in with their Directors and streamline the shoot date process. Once information was collected it could be forwarded to Sally to compile and arrange for shoot card and poster printing. Mike Michaelis moved the Zone Directors collect 2016 shoot dates from their Zone clubs; Matt Bickell seconded. Carried. Sally will send a tentative 2016 calendar and information template out to all Zone Directors.

Treasurers Report

The MTA Treasurer was not present at the board meeting therefore the Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the board in an informal manner only. Approval of the Treasurer's Report was deferred to the next meeting. Scott Steffen suggested that the MTA may benefit from the use of QuickBooks by the Treasurer and will follow up with MTA Accountant Darrel Terning for guidance. Sally notified the board that Minnesota Revenue would be completing an audit of one of our accounts; Darrel Terning has assured Sally that this is routine for businesses.

Sally reviewed that the MTA Live & Silent Auctions netted \$9,632.00 in 2014. A cheque for \$15,547.46 was received by Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association (mySA) from the Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation (MYSF); these funds conclude the relationship between the MTA and MYSF as a fundraising organization. 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 very quickly.

In 2014, new ATA youth memberships, costs incurred by the MTA Youth Day, and reduced-cost targets throughout the Minnesota State Shoot totally \$19,305.00. Mark and Sally Stevens presented the MTA with a cheque for \$19,305.00 from the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association to cover the amount in full.

Perry Nodsle noted that the MTA would not be providing shells during Youth Day anymore but still has approximately \$800 in leftover shells. He moved that the remaining shells be given to the Live & Silent Auction Committee for use as they see fit; Matt Bickell seconded. Carried.

ATA Delegate Report

Mark Stevens handed out an information packet to each board member. He reviewed ATA changes for 2015 (see attached), and consist mostly of wording changes. Mark also reported that the ATA requests, when classifying shooters, if a current shoot card is not present that the shooter's averages should be checked online at www.shootata.com. Mark receives handicap yardage reductions each week; the frequency of reviews has also been lengthened. Starting September 1, 2015, Junior Gold shooters will be charged \$12 annual instead of the \$20 they are currently being charged. Also, Mark has ATA golf cart raffle tickets for sale at \$20 each and if you want some please let him know.

MTA Hall of Fame

Mark Stevens reviewed the proposed procedure for induction into the Minnesota Trapshooting Hall of Fame (see attached). Discussion revolved around the committee's recommendations, including limiting the number of inductees annually. Steve Richards moved we accept the Hall of Fame committee recommendations with a maximum of two inductees annually; Tom Suter seconded. Carried.

Old Business

Lease Agreement with the Group of 6 and the MTA

Scott Steffen announced that the MTA now has a 5-year lease with the Group of 6. The board thanked him for his work in completing this difficult, time-consuming task.

Trophy Packages

Scott has been talking with the trophy vendors and getting everything organized for 2015. The MTA will continue providing gift cards as trophies for non-residents, with the option of ordering a trophy instead if requested. Scott Steffen requested the option of ordered 1-2 extra of each trophy to aid in this regard. Mike Michaelis moved the MTA continue providing gift cards for non-resident shooters; Vicky Townsend seconded. Carried.

New Business

MTA Bylaws

The MTA bylaws state that the board meeting during the State Shoot occurs on Thursday, which has proven problematic in the past. Sally moved that we change the bylaws to state that the MTA Board of Directors will meet during the State Shoot week prior to the

Saturday Annual Meeting; Steve Richards seconded. Carried. Sally will update the bylaws and forward them to all board members and the website for publication.

Cost of Targets at State & Zone Shoots

Minnesota Zone target costs will remain at \$28/100, plus \$3 ATA/\$3 MTA daily fees for 2015; youth targets will cost \$20/100, plus \$3 ATA/\$3 MTA daily fees. Minnesota State Shoot target costs will remain at \$33/100, plus \$3 ATA/\$3 MTA daily fees. Sally reminded the board that youth shooter pricing was set in December 2014; youth shooters will receive half-price targets (\$16.50/100, plus \$3 ATA/\$3 MTA daily fees) on Monday's Youth Day, and \$20/100 youth targets, plus \$3 ATA/\$3 MTA daily fees, from Tuesday through Sunday. The MTA will continue to offer free ATA membership for new youth shooters throughout the year; this rebate is offered only through Minnesota clubs throwing ATA registered targets and not online. Scott Messenger moved we accept the pricing for 2015's Zone and State shoots; Steve Richards seconded. Carried.

2015-2016 Board Positions

Scott Messenger will continue to run as Vice President and wants it reflected in the minutes that he will not move into the President's position, but will instead serve to support Scott Steffen as President. Mark Stevens will run again as ATA Delegate; Dean Walker will also re-run as ATA Alternate Delegate. With the new changes made to the Secretary's responsibilities, Sally Stevens is willing to run again in the same position.

2015-2016 Zone Directors

While the Zone Directors are voted upon during the three Minnesota Zone Shoots, outgoing Zone Directors Perry Nodsle (Northern), Tom Suter (Southern), and Daryll Olson (Central) all expressed interest in running again.

Youth Auction Items

Scott Messenger has collected thousands of dollars in donated items and services for the Live and Silent Auction. Many board members noted additional items they wished to donate. Mark Stevens thanked Scott and the board of directors for their generosity in time and items to support the youth fundraising events.

State Shoot Items

Youth Day Pre-Squad Possibility

Discussion revolved around having pre-squad available for Monday's Youth Day, and the requirements shooters need to fulfill in order to use Pre-Squad. Cindy Townsend will contact Pre-Squad and forward her findings to help the board determine if Pre-Squad for Youth Day is an option.

Pre-Squad for State Shoot

Requests for pre-squad have already come in. The board decided to open Pre-Squad on Friday, May 15 2015, giving shooters nearly two months to sign up for their squads.

Vicky Townsend shared attendance records from 2014 and suggested that, for Tuesday and Wednesday, a limited amount of squads be opened up on Pre-Squad. It was suggested the MTA limit number of squads open on Pre-Squad for Tuesday only. It was also

discussed if the board wants, when shooters squad on the same day they are shooting, to put shooters on first available squads only, eliminating giving shooters a choice unless they Pre-Squad. Scott Messenger moved that we reduce the number of squads available on Pre-Squad for Tuesday, July 7th, 2015; Vicky Townsend seconded. Carried.

State Shoot Program

Scott Steffen reported that the program is almost completed, including the addition of missing options and the past State Shoot winners. Sally Stevens and Cindy Townsend will work on the Hall of Fame inductee page for inclusion in the program.

State Shoot Advertising

The publisher of our State Shoot program is responsible for advertising again for 2015.

State Shoot Sponsors

Scott Steffen has arranged for ATK – Devon Harris to be an event sponsor, and is working on Cabela's as well. White Flyer will be the Doubles Championship sponsor and is also providing trophies for the event, with Alex Power and Kubota once again sponsoring the Handicap Championship. Bob Schultz has agreed to continue his sponsorship of the Miss 'N Out on Thursday night.

Work List

Board members shared their availability for work throughout the week of the State Shoot. Scott Steffen will set a work schedule based on this information and forward it when completed. All board members must be available to assist with shoot-offs again for 2015.

Classification & Squadding

A quick review of classification and squadding procedures was completed at the meeting, and will be reiterated before the State Shoot classification and squadding opens.

Banquet

Pricing for the banquet will stay the same (\$20) for 2015, and tickets will be available at the cashier throughout the State Shoot week.

Internet Capabilities at Squadding & Classification Desks

Vicky Townsend reviewed a handout outlining our computer antivirus needs, and provided a cost comparison between Vipre and Symantec vendors to protect our online computers. Mike Michaelis moved that we purchase Vipre AntiVirus for our computers; Sally Stevens seconded. Carried.

Clay Target Shoot

Steve Shane commented that the Clay Target League uses some of our equipment for their Championship Shoot and no mention is made of our contribution. Discussion concluded with the understanding that our equipment was helping Alexandria Shooting Park, and that recognition from the Clay Target League would not be requested nor expected.

Mark Stevens moved adjournment at 12:52pm; Perry Nodsle seconded. Carried.