

Minnesota Trapshooting Association

Monticello Gun Club in Monticello, MN

December 7, 2019

MTA Board of Directors Meeting

Present: Matt Bickell, Eric Munson, Perry Nodsle, Rich Gerlach, Ed Dietz, Don Stock, Pete Walker, Rich Wolf, Bryan Boltjes, Randy Jones, Tom Brooks

Also Present: Vicky Townsend, Tom Townsend, Cindy Townsend

Meeting was called to order by President Matt Bickell at 9:04 am.

Secretary's Report

Eric Munson made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Bryan Boltjes seconded. Approved.

Matt Bickell also reported that there have been some shoot dates added since the shoot cards were printed. All but a few clubs have paid their 2020 \$50 dues. He also stated that the ATA rebate was approximately \$6,000. Also discussed unpaid memberships from the State Shoot and who is responsible for payment.

Treasurer's Report

Eric Munson read the treasurer's report; see attached. Rich Wolf believed that the Kolar Gun price was not reflected correctly on the report; will check with Julie to verify. Bryan Boltjes moved to approve the report. Ed Dietz seconded. Approved

ATA Delegate Report

Randy Jones presented the following information:

- The ATA is offering a Kolar Gun Raffle this year; Randy has tickets available for purchase.
- ATA has developed an Excel spreadsheet for gun clubs to use for reporting shoots.
- MN threw a little over 1 million registered targets in 2019; this is up compared to 2017 and 2018
- Grand dates for 2020 are August 5-15
- MN State Teams were finalized and posted. They are still waiting on patches in order to send out the packets.
- Randy will order target attainment and attendance plaques to be presented at the Hall of Fame banquet at the 2020 State Shoot
- Randy certified one new club, Lakeshore Sportsmen's Association in Nisswa.

Old Business:

Equipment for TV Broadcast: Vicky Townsend presented that she had contacted RF-Links, the vendor the original equipment was purchased from. RF-Links stated that they no longer support

the equipment. Vicky stated that RF-Links quoted new equipment for digital TV transmission would cost approximately \$3,999. Vicky also reported that the MTA could purchase a PDF editing software to convert the trophy report to a Power Point that could be displayed on the TV system. Rich Gerlach made a motion for Vicky to spend up to \$4500.00 to upgrade the TV system and purchase the PDF software. Rich Wolf seconded. Approved.

PA System: Tom Townsend reported that he will be having Alex Tronics evaluate the PA system at the Alexandria Shooting Park to look at options for tying it into the TV system.

Website Update: Matt Bickell reported that the redesign is in progress and they are working on the beta-site. Initial designs will be sent to Matt.

2020 Youth Raffle: Rich Wolf reported that he has the gambling permit for the raffle. He also presented information from multiple gun vendors on options for the raffle. Eric Munson moved to purchase a Blaser FS3 for first place, CZ single for second place and an ATA Life Membership for third place and to offer 1500 tickets at \$20 each. Bryan Boltjes seconded. Approved.

Rich will have tickets available after the first of the year and will get flyers made.

Promotion of ATA: Matt Bickell has spoken to Dave Maples about putting together promotional materials to be distributed to gun clubs to encourage new ATA membership.

HOF Banquet Program: Matt Bickell stated that Dave Maples is willing to create the HOF Banquet program again in 2020.

Sponsors for 2020 State Shoot: Matt Bickell has been contacting gun clubs for shell donations to be used for trophies. He has confirmed that Del-Tone Gun Club and Buffalo Gun Club will sponsor warm-up events again. Bob Schultz will also sponsor the Thursday brat feed again. He is still looking for more sponsors.

U of M Shooting Sports Donation: The board discussed the U of M Shooting sports donation letter. Rich Gerlach made a motion to pay Paul Dietz \$2000.00 for his work on changing the MTA By-laws. Bryan Boltjes seconded. Approved.

State Shoot Wages: The board discussed the wages and bonus from the 2019 state shoot. Tom Townsend said ASP will commit to paying the \$1 per hour bonus again in 2020 for scorers and fillers. Ed Dietz moved to pay trap help \$10 per hour with the \$1 per hour for those working the entire shoot. Bryan Boltjes seconded. Approved.

New Business:

Trophy list: Matt Bickell went over the State Shoot trophy list, will remain the same as 2019. The board also discussed the Zone Shoot trophies and process of awarding those trophies. Matt and Vicky will work on redoing the worksheets to clarify and simplify this process.

HOF Banquet Meal: Meal will be catered by Raapers again in 2020. Matt will work with them to determine menu. Tickets will be \$20 again.

2020 State Shoot Program: Matt Bickell and Julie are working on revisions. Matt will send a copy to the board for review.

Targets for State Shoot: 2020 State Shoot targets will be purchased through Recob.

Computer Replacement: Vicky Townsend reviewed the replacement schedule that was presented in 2018; 2 computers are up for replacement in 2020. Bryan Boltjes moved that Vicky may spend up to \$1500.00 to purchase 2 replacement computers. Pete Walker seconded. Approved.

State Shoot: Discussed whether or not to keep Youth Day and Warm-up Day separate; no changes made. Grand dates have also been announced for the next 5 years; this means the MN State Shoot should not fall on the week of July 4th for the next 3 years.

2020 Elections: The board discussed which positions are up for election in 2020.

HOF Nominations: Pete Walker presented 4 nominations to the board. No inductions were made for 2020.

Other new business: Cindy Townsend will setup Pre-Squad for the 2020 State Shoot. This will open May 1st, 2020 at Noon.

Next MTA Board of Directors meeting will be held at Alexandria Shooting Park on April 25th at 9am.

Eric Munson moved to adjourn. Bryan Boltjes seconded. Approved, meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Vicky Townsend