

MINNESOTA TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2015 at Alexandria Shooting Park

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

Meeting called to order at 7:53pm.

May 2014 Minutes

Sally Stevens read the July 2014 minutes to refresh the information for this year's meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Brooks noted that \$725 was given in free-will offering during the Pork Tenderloin feed. Scott Steffen noted that three different pork producers were contacted and the only one who donated was from Iowa.

Review to date

Youth Day attendance was down, 209 vs 244 in 2014. Tuesday Singles 117 vs 94, Handicap 117 vs 94, and Doubles 111 vs 64 in 2014. So far increases in attendance look great; overall attendance is up 28% over 2014.

There was an increase in Pre-Squad sign-ups as well. 2014 brought in \$1400 in Pre-Squad fees; 2015 saw an increase to \$2300. It was discussed that we consider putting shorter yardage shooter in the earliest squads so Handicap can begin before Singles are completed.

Zone Shoots

Southern Zone: Twenty resident shooters requested the board consider a one-day Zone Shoot. Scott Steffen asked if only one Zone could have a one-day shoot while the others could choose two days, and the possibility of changing target requirements to 100/100/100 instead of 200/100/100.

Central Zone: Discussion revolved around the consideration of eliminating the Central Zone and making a Northern Zone and Southern Zone only.

Northern Zone: Northern Zone shooters requested moving the Zone Shoot to a weekend following the High School Clay Target League weekend at Prior Lake, as many shooters and coaches were unable to participate as both fell on the same weekend. If a change is made, MTA bylaws would also have to be adjusted.

Extensive discussion ensued. Mike Michaelis moved that the MTA Zone Shoots continue in the same manner and same weekend as previous years; Tom Suter seconded. Carried unanimously.

2015 Shoot Dates and Sites

The 2015 Minnesota Zone Shoots will be held on June 18-19, 2015 at these locations:

Central:	Forest Lake
Southern:	Worthington
Northern:	Monticello

The 2015 Minnesota State Shoot will be held from July 5-10th, 2015.

Youth Day will be combined with the Tuesday Warm-Up Day; Sally, Mark and Vicky will work ahead of time to determine strategies to accomplish this considering this is essentially two shoots and we can only run one shoot on the software.

ATA Central Zone Shoot Rotation

The ATA Central Zone Shoot rotation was discussed by ATA Delegate Mark Stevens. The 2015 shoot will be held in Alexandria, with the 2016 shoot planned for Del-Tone/Luth.

Other Business

There are a few people who did a lot of things to support the ATA. Kathy Lahti and Bob & Mary Amey, as well as the other individuals who support the ATA, will be thanked for their commitment during the 2015 Annual Meeting held Saturday morning.

Elections

Nominations for upcoming board positions will be taken from the crowd in addition to those currently the board who desire to run again. The election will take place as in the past, with paper ballots and a 24-hour election as needed.

The positions of Vice President, Secretary, ATA Delegate, and ATA Alternate Delegates are up for election. Scott Messenger, Sally Stevens, Mark Stevens, Dean Walker and Tom Petty have all agreed to run again in their respective positions. Nominations from the floor will be taken Saturday morning, if any are brought forward. At this time no board member is aware of any interested volunteers.

2016 Shoot Dates

Delegates from their Zone should contact the clubs in their area and bring shoot date requests to the September board meeting. This is a great way for Zone Directors to be in contact with the clubs in their area, recruit new clubs to throw ATA targets, and help with any issues that may have arisen over the past year. Mike Michaelis moved that the MTA send a large Minnesota Zone map to be sent to all clubs throwing registered targets for posting in the clubhouse; Perry seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:26pm.