

Minnesota Trapshooting Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, December 6, 2025

Present: Perry Nodsle, Rich Wolf, Kathy Lahti, Shawn King, Nick Kubasch, Chad Stuewe, Mitch Lahr, Ed Dietz, Kyle Berens, Mike Wenner, Shawn, Ramsey, Todd Zych, Randy Jones

Absent: Paul Cyr, Peter Walker, Tony Brand

Others Present: Tom Townsend, Vicky Townsend, Tyler Notch, Scott Arvig, Dave Vogel

Meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by President Perry Nodsle

Secretary's Report

Secretary's notes from September 13th Board Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report from December – Todd Zych motioned to approve, Rich Wolf seconded, Motion passed.

ATA Delegate Report

Randy Jones read the delegate report. Also looked at the State rebate from the ATA totaling \$5973.00

Old Business

2025 State Shoot Summary:

Will look at the timing of the brat feed and move it a little later in the evening
ASP did a good job with the scorers and fillers. People were not waiting to shoot as they did years past.
Thank you for the rental calculation sheet. Makes holding to a budget easier.

Raffle:

Raffle made money last year and Rich has raffle tickets for 2026

Trophy Cost:

Vicky will look through the numbers she got from Don and get those numbers sent out to the board.

New Business

2026 Zone Shoot Locations:

Northern	Grand Rapids	June 20 and 21
Central	Beaver Brook	June 20 rain day 21

Southern

Lester Prairie

June 20 rain day 21

2026 State Shoot: June 30 – July 5, 2026

It was brought to the board to have the Zone Champions, and the Champion of Champions shoot off, like Blue/Grey at the Grand. This would be a separate event with the MTA paying for the targets to bring more awareness and reasoning for people to shoot the zone shoots. It is important for each zone to fill all classes and categories for this to be successful.

Shawn Ramsey made a motion to have the Zone Champions shoot 25 singles targets as a zone team and Champion of Champions shoot 25 singles and 25 Handicap targets as zone team after the Doubles shoot-off on Friday, Kyle Berens seconded, Motion passed.

2026 ATA Central Zone Shoot: Del-Tone, St. Cloud – July 24-26

2026 Grand American: Sparta, Ill – July 29 – August 8

MN State Shoot, 250th Anniversary of USA:

Golf Cart Give-A-Way: ASP is willing to give away a red golf cart, with some assistance. Everyone that shoots the Thursday, Friday and Sunday Handicap events are eligible. A lone 100 straight in the Championship Handicap would win the golf cart, with ties shooting off. If no 100 straights, a name will be drawn from all qualifying participants. The golf cart MUST go! Shawn Ramsey made a motion the MTA donate \$5000 towards the golf cart, Kyle Berens seconded, Motion carried.

Sponsors (Levels): Will look at finding sponsors for the events and looking at ways to recognize the donors. The levels were set at Gold \$1000, Silver \$750 and Bronze \$500

Trophies: Shells, Silver, other ideas: Set up a trophy committee to investigate different packages. The committee will be Becky Kelly, Dawn Walker, Kathy Lahti, Kyle Berens and Tony Brand.

Tuesday (Warm-Up Day): ATA allows All American Points for 13 events. Need Resident and Non-Resident trophies for all events. Wednesday HOA starts.

Target Pricing: It was decided to keep the price the same as last year, \$43.00/100

Program Adjustments: Need to add the new events. A little blurb of the special event.

Pre Squad by SOS: We no longer receive the pre squad money. Pre Squad will open April 30th and close June 29th. SOSClays.com has a tutorial there to instruct how to use.

Brat Feed: Kathy will head this up again this year.

Pins, stickers, hat Shirt: Perry will work on putting something together again for 2026

HOF Nominations: Peter Walker was elected to go into the MTA Hall of Fame in 2026

2026 Elections: The following are up for re-election in 2026

Vice-President – Rich Wolf
Secretary – Shawn King
ATA Delegate – Randy Jones
ATA 1st Alt – Peter Walker
ATA 2nd Alt – Paul Cyr
Northern Zone Director – Mike Wenner
Central Zone Director – Ed Dietz
Southern Zone Director – Nick Kubash

Other Business

Silver Shoot-Off Events 2026:

Berens Shooting Supplies Silver Shoot Out: This will be held Wednesday after shoot-offs. \$10 entry, up to 95 shooters, shoot from your assigned ATA yardage. See Kyle to get signed up for this event on Tuesday or Wednesday. Miss and out with the last person standing winning the silver prize. All proceeds will go to the MTA!

Excel Silver Shoot Out: This will be a \$5 option for all three events held on Thursday. You can sign up for one or all three events to increase your odds, but name can only be drawn once. Will draw ten (10) names and they will shoot from their assigned ATA yardage, 2 shots per post, until they establish a winner and runner-up. Winner will receive 5 OZ of silver and runner-up will receive 2 OZ of silver. All proceeds will go to the MTA!

HOA/HAA Shoot-Off: It was brought to the board about going back to shooting off for HOA and HAA, like it was done in the past, instead of reverse string. Todd Zych made a motion to shoot off the HOA and HAA, Kyle seconded, Motion passed.

Diamond Badge: There was discussion on keeping the Diamond Badge as is or go back to a live event, shooting 25 Singles and 25 Handicap targets on Sunday morning. Todd Zych made a motion to have a stand-alone live event for Diamond Badge, Kyle Berens seconded, Motion carried.

100 Straight Handicap Option: After discussion, Kyle Berens made a motion to eliminate this option, Todd Zych seconded, Motion carried.

State Shoot Pre-Payment: Ed made a motion to pay ASP (\$55,000), Kathy Lahti seconded, Motion carried.

Gun Raffle: Scott Arvig will donate another SKB for a youth shooter drawing on Youth Day. Tyler Notch will donate a gun for a youth shooter drawing for the 200 singles.

Sponsor A Team: Would like clubs to sponsor a team of 5 for the Saturday Singles. Anvil Foundation and MYSA will donate a traveling trophy.

Kathy Lahti: Would like the MTA to support and promote the MTA at the Anvil Foundation Youth Shoot (Non-Registered Event) May 2nd in St. Cloud. Kathy Lahti made a motion to donate \$250 to the Anvil Foundation, Shawn Ramsey seconded, Motion carried.

Shawn Ramsey: Asked if we should be looking into a CD with the money we have in our checking. Julie is looking at different options to put money into a high yielding money market.

Shawn Ramsey: Several complaints have come in about Bernie Merchlewitz shooting as a MN resident when he is a non-resident. The MTA board acted on this issue in April of 2024. The MTA board will revisit this issue at the next December Board meeting.

Vicky Townsend: The MTA should investigate purchasing another laptop computer to keep the current computers up to date and current. Todd Zych made a motion to have Vicky purchase another laptop for up to \$1500, Ed Dietz seconded, Motion carried.

Mike Wenner: Information only, Hibbing will not be holding a shoot on May 3rd, So Grand Rapids will take that date and shoot on May 2nd and 3rd.

Next Board meeting will be Saturday, April 11th, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Beaverbrook

Kathy Lahti moved to adjourn the meeting; Randy Jones seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn King