

MINNESOTA TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
April 28, 2012 at Alexandria Shooting Park

Board members present: Glen Lonneman, Tom Brooks, Tom Sletta, Tom Shields, Steven Shane, Perry Nodsle, Cindy Townsend, Tim Mackey, Mark Stevens, David Smith, Glenn Linden, Ron Noren, George Pappas, Scott Steffen, Sally Stevens

Also present: Mark Zauhar, Tom Townsend, Darrel Terning, Cindy Townsend, Sid Schmidt

Meeting was called to order at 8:12 am by President Glen Lonneman.

Secretary Report

Nothing new to report at this time.

Treasurers Report

Darrel Terning reported on the MTA's Financial Position as of December 31, 2011. He reported that the Youth Fund lost \$11,700 in 2011, and made note that approximately \$1000 worth of shotgun shells purchased in 2011 are to be used in 2012. Darrel Terning reported that the 2011 State Shoot broke even. Minnesota's ATA refund check is down approximately \$500. Darrel commented that historically, when youth income was greater than expenses, the excess has gone to the Youth Fund. However, when Youth Fund expenses were greater than income, the general fund has always paid for those expenses to keep the Youth Fund high. For example, if there was a puppy that cost \$500 for the youth auction, all income goes towards the youth fun while the general fund pays for the costs. Overall Darrel is not concerned about the 2011 loss and reflected on the healthy financial base of the MTA in contrast to years in the past. Once the new Youth Foundation has received 501(c)3 status then the Youth Fund will work completely independently. George Pappas moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted; Mark Stevens seconded. Carried unanimously.

ATA Delegate Report

Ron Noren reported that the ATA hired Lynn Gipson as their new Executive Director. There is a rule change on doubles; if there is a failure to fire on the second shell the first shell's hit/miss is still counted. When the pair is 're-shot' the scorer will only concern themselves with the second shot. ATA is throwing in \$100,000 from last year's Grand profits; shooters must pay \$100 to participate. The ATA is trying different strategies to bring shooters to Sparta, including the two-yard reductions, three new categories, as well as added monies. Mark Stevens commented that ATA was losing coaches to SCTP because the SCTP, unlike the ATA, was providing coaches insurance. He lobbied the ATA for insurance for coaches and the ATA has agreed to provide it in the future. Board members thanked Mark Stevens for his work on behalf of AIM coaches.

Bylaw Updates

Tom Sletta noted that the bylaws required updates to reflect changes made by board motion. Darrel Terning and Sally Stevens will review past board minutes and current bylaws, and make bylaw recommendations to the board through email. It was noted that a resolution to stagger

executive should be reflected in the meeting minutes and in the bylaw updates.

BOD Election

The MTA Officer elections require a one-time correction in 2012 to ensure staggering of positions. For 2012 only the President and Treasurer positions will be elected for two-year terms, with the Vice President and Secretary to be elected for a one-year term. Glen Lonneman and Sally Stevens stated that they would continue to run in their current positions unless someone else comes forward with the time and skills to do the work involved. Someone is interested in the Vice President position. Ron Noren, Mark Stevens and George Pappas all express interest in continuing to run in their respective positions. Zone Directors Scott Steffen (Southern) and Perry Nodsle (Northern) will continue to run. Tom Sletta (Central) declined to run again.

MN Youth Shooting Foundation Update

Mark Zauhar reported that the 501(c)3 nonprofit status has not yet been finalized and therefore any financial support to the Minnesota High School State Shoot would have to be approved by the MTA board. He stated that the MN Clay Target League has taken over the event and is asking \$15,000 from the MTA as a Title Sponsor, with the MTA logo on all the literature, handouts to the kids, and provide a prime spot for an outside display. In the past the MTA has been part of running the shoot; however the MN Clay Target League has decided to run the program independently this year. Mark Zauhar recommended the MTA continue to hand out a brochure with our State Shoot schedule during the event.

Mark Zauhar clarified that the MN Clay Target League is looking for other donors and sponsors, and has instituted a \$20/shooter charge for youth participants this year. George Pappas moved that we donate \$15,000 for Title Sponsorship to the MN Clay Target League; Scott Steffen seconded. Carried unanimously. Tom Brooks will get a check to Jim Sable as soon as possible.

Youth Day at the State Shoot

Sally Stevens requested that the MTA allow the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association (mySA) to run the MTA Youth Day on Monday, July 9th and the AIM Championship on Saturday, July 14th. Discussion revolved around issues with youth shooters not paying their ATA dues in 2011. Sally Stevens reported that she and Mark Stevens have worked with Minnesota AIM coaches to make sure they complete all registrations as soon as possible. Glenn Linden moved that mySA continue to run both events for 2012; Jeff Hoppes seconded. Carried unanimously. Sally Stevens and Mark Stevens abstained.

MN Youth Chain Shoot Report

Mark Stevens reviewed the Profit & Loss Statement from the 2011 Minnesota Youth Chain Shoot, including previously purchased but yet unused items. Mark Stevens reported that 2012 Minnesota Youth Chain Shoot budget was \$2500 and requested \$1500 from the MTA. George Pappas moved that \$1500 be granted to the MN Youth Chain Shoot; Glenn Linden seconded. Carried unanimously. Sally & Mark abstained.

Lease Agreement with ASP & State Shoot Work List

Glen Lonneman is working with Alexandria Shooting Park to complete the lease agreement. He also reviewed the 2012 State Shoot work list with board members.

State Shoot Program

a) Progress on programs: Sally Stevens shared the progress to date and her concerns with the lateness of receiving artwork and information necessary for the recreation of the program. She clarified that she is responsible for putting the program together with the information given to her but not responsible for collecting advertisers, logos and materials.

b) Advertising for programs: Tim Mackey and Steve Shane commented that they were confused about the process for 2012 and would like to be involved in the future. Sid Schmidt stated that anyone willing to help with advertising contact Sherri DeJong.

c) Event sponsors: Tim Mackey discussed sponsorship with Federal Ammunition. Glen Lonneman reported on the sponsors he had gathered to date.

d) Mini-program: The board decided to continue to send mini-programs out to all Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota and North Dakota shooters with 500+ registered targets in the previous year. Full programs will be sent to all out-of-state shooters who participated with the 2011 shoot.

Trophy Package for State Shoot

Scott Steffen reported that purchasing additional trophies for the new added categories would add ninety-three new trophies at an added cost of \$2800-\$3000. There is also a trophy cost increase of 10% overall. Tom Sletta suggested that, in 2012, the MTA provided the new added categories All-American pins as trophies. Discussion focused around the extinction of the category of MN Lady B to reflect the ATA designation; a private donor volunteered to fund the MN Lady B trophies to protect the category. George Pappas moved that the MTA use the ATA-provided All-American pins for the new categories for the 2012 State Shoot; Tim Mackey seconded. Carried.

Sally Stevens moved that the MN Lady B category be maintained as long as a private donor pays for all trophies for that category; George Pappas seconded. Carried; Tom Sletta opposed.

Ron Noren moved that the MTA participate in the ATA Hall of Fame event as in the past; Mark Stevens seconded. Carried unanimously.

It was decided that the Resident and Non-Resident trophy reports would be separated into two books, with two separate teams completing the forms to speed the process.

Zone Shoot Added Money Breakdown

Steve Shane emailed the board with a breakdown of the \$500 club-provided added money for the MTA Zone Shoots. Glenn Linden moved Steve Shane's recommendation be implemented; Jeff Hoppes seconded. Carried unanimously. Sally Stevens will ensure the breakdown is included in the 2012 Zone Program.

Target Costs for State Shoot

Darrell Terning reported on a concern he has with the upcoming costs for the State Shoot. He recommended that the State Shoot target cost be raised to \$32/100. Tim recommended that we stay static for one year and absorb the loss, paired with an informational campaign to Minnesota shooters outlining the costs the MTA incurs to run the State Shoot.

Extensive discussion revolved around the cost of targets for the 2012 Minnesota State Shoot, including the increased costs of lead and clay targets, as well as increased trophy costs with the new categories and redistribution of added monies. Tom Sletta moved that target prices at \$30/100 for the 2012 State Shoot, redistribute the \$2/entry added money (from events 7,8,9,10,11,12,14) to help absorb increased costs, and new categories trophy recipients receive AA pins; Tom Shields seconded. Carried. George Pappas, Tom Shields and Jeff Hoppes opposed.

Classification at State Shoot

Tom Sletta suggested someone be in charge of classification, especially with the new categories. He volunteered to put together information and signs for the State Shoot to inform shooters.

New Business

a) Pre-Squad: Cindy Townsend will be in charge of pre-squadding for this year again, with all charges remaining the same as in the past.

b) State Teams: Sally Stevens has ordered the State Team patches to be distributed at the State Shoot. The new categories will have to be considered for the 2013 State Team requirements.

c) Officers Insurance: Darrel Terning found Officer's Insurance for less than the MTA is currently paying. Sally Stevens moved that we change vendors for the MTA Officer's Insurance; George Pappas seconded. Carried unanimously.

d) Target Attainment Plaques: Tom Sletta stated that the target attainment plaques could be removed as a way to save money. Sally Stevens stated that Minnesota shooters pay \$2-\$3/100 to shoot registered targets and she felt it was important to keep the attainment plaques as recognition.

Mark Stevens moved the meeting be adjourned; Sally Stevens seconded. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Stevens, MTA Secretary

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