

Minnesota Trapshooting Association

Del-Tone Luth in St. Cloud, MN

September 8, 2018

MTA Board of Directors Meeting

Present: Matt Bickell, Mike Michaelis, Tom Brooks, Tammy Baloun, Brody Padgett, Perry Nodsle, Eric Munson, Rich Gerlach, Donald Stock, Ed Dietz, Rich Wolf, Bryan Boltjes, Nick Kubasch, Paul Cyr, Pete Walker, Randy Jones. Also present: Tom and Cindy Townsend.

Meeting was called to order by President Matt Bickell.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was read. Ed Dietz moved to approve the report as read. Mike Michaelis seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Darrel Tarning. See attached. The bill for the rings will be paid when the invoice is received. There was discussion about the cost of the targets during the State Shoot for youth. The youth pay \$20 vs. \$34 for all other shooters. When the numbers were reviewed, in order to break even with the youth targets, the fees would need to be increased to \$26 for youth shooters. Ed Dietz moved and Bryan Boltjes seconded to increase the youth targets at the State Shoot from \$20 to \$26. Motion passed. Ed Dietz moved and Bryan Boltjes seconded to approved the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

ATA Delegate Report

Highlights from the delegate's meeting at the Grand: AIM participation is up 18%, and 40% of members are 23 years of age or younger for the ATA. Discussion about the handicap target requirements by Sr. Vets. It was voted to remove the 18-yard line from Handicap Event in the 2019 year. Attached is a copy of the new rules for Handicap Events.

Old Business:

2018 State Shoot: Discussion about the 2018 State Shoot included comments that the Doubles Make Up went well overall. There was an issue regarding having enough help and that will be a problem again next year with the Shoot falling over the 4th of July week. The new computer program really helped with time and preparing for shoot-offs. Posting shoot offs was also a good idea.

Review of By-Laws for voting: Member must be present at the meeting. They need to possess their paper average card and be a paid member for the current year. It was brought to the attention of the board by Ed Dietz that on page 3 of the by-laws, it is only a suggestion to show the average card. Interpretation of the rules for election was discussed. Discussion also included that the ATA is a governing body and the board should follow those rules in the MTA. It was decided to make sure that it is printed in the book for the State Shoot next year that anyone wanting to vote should bring their paper average card to the meeting. Discussion about adopting the ATA rules as the MTA rules for elections. If

a by-law change needs to be made, it will be made before the State Meeting. Further discussion was tabled.

Ring order: Rings are here. They will be picked up this week and the invoice will be ready at that time. The invoice will be forwarded to Tom Brooks for payment.

New Business

Credit card payments at the State Shoot: Darrel Terning reported regarding the pros and cons of allowing payment with credit cards. Service fees are not good to have, but the fees could be passed on at the counter to anyone using a credit card. There has only been 1 bounced check over the last 10 years. Equipment would also need to be purchased in order to process the credit card payments. There would-be up-front costs that we do not have now. It will not make any less trips to the bank because not everyone will be using credit cards. Some expressed that it would be a nice convenience to offer to the shooters. Having an ATM machine available could possibly provide the same convenience, but there is a concern for liability. The bank will not bring an ATM to the Shoot. The location of the shoot to close gas stations if someone needs extra cash. The shooters are also used to not being able to use credit cards at this time.

MTA Complaint: Scott Messenger attended the meeting during this time. Scott reported about a complaint made about the elections at the Annual Meeting. He also presented his answer back to the ATA. Scott has spoken with Daryl Hayes from the ATA. Mr. Bob Felber is in charge of the investigation. According to Robert Rules of Order, if an incumbent Delegate is asked if they want to run again and they accept, there does not need to be a nomination or 2nd from the floor. Scott's suggestion is to show paper average cards at the election in order to come to the meeting. The board is still waiting to hear a response from the ATA. Scott also added that he enjoyed his 2 years as President. He said it was a fun experience and he learned a lot. He also thanked the Board for helping him out during his 2 years as President.

Shoot Dates: Tammy Baloun stated that having the calendar at the State Shoot was a success. The clubs were able to discuss dates if they wanted to when they signed up on the calendar. It was decided to have clubs work it out if they want to shoot on the same dates and they are in close proximity to each other. Zone directors were asked to report any new clubs in their zone and get contact information to Tammy so if those clubs want to add dates to the calendar, they can get them on there.

Appoint a Trophy Committee: Matt would like to have 1-2 people help with trophy's this year. Brody Padgett agreed to help out and Don Stock will also help this year.

Removal and Addition of Trophies: Discussion was in favor of the Cabela's cards that were given out this year. The cards can also be used on-line too which is a nice incentive. Discussion followed about adding Cabela's cards on other days. It will be turned over to the committee to discuss these options.

State Teams and HOF Nominations: This will be discussed at the December meeting.

Replacement computer for squadding: At the State Shoot, a replacement computer will be needed for squadding. Cindy Townsend also added that a 2nd computer may be needed as well. There was discussion about whether or not to do multiple computers and if that was an advantage. We asked if Vicky Townsend could get us some quotes and suggestions for the December meeting. It was tabled.

Youth Day 2019: Discussion about the auctions and whether or not to keep the Live and Silent Auctions. It was decided to keep both. MYSA will continue to run it and we will be there to help them as needed. It was also voted on earlier that there will be an increase in target prices for 2019 State Shoot for youth from \$20 to \$26.

Facebook/Website: Posting on to Facebook can be made by Pete Walker and Brody Padgett at this time. They will work on it and get it updated. Matt Bickell talked with Jim Walkowiak about possibly redoing the website to make it more user friendly. Gun Clubs need to get information to him so updates can be made. We will work with Jim and the clubs to get something better.

Trap Help 2019: With the State Shoot falling on the 4th of July week again next year, we already know that there will be a shortage of workers for the State Shoot. Discussion included ideas of paying more to the workers, paying bonuses for working certain days and working closely with the local Athletic Director to see if other local sports teams would want to raise some money for their teams by helping at the shoot. If a wage increase would happen, it was discussed to share the increase with both the MTA and Alexandria Shooting Park. This was tabled until the December meeting.

Years of Attendance Pins and Plaques: It was clarified that these should be for “shooting” attendance.

Electronic average card for classification at the State Shoot: There are other options out there besides the paper card including Trap App. They will need to have their paper average card for voting, so we will stay with that, but discretion can also be used during classification.

Hats: Brody Padgett will bring samples to the December Meeting.

Bank numbers printed on the print out at the Shoot: Matt Bickell will talk to Vicky on that to see what is possible.

MTA Ring for winners of HAA or HOA: The discussion is if HAA or HOA is 1st Major win, should that shooter be entitled to a ring? Pete Walker moved and Brody Padgett seconded that if a shooter wins HAA or HOA and it is their first major win, they would be eligible for a championship ring. Carried.

Voice Pulls at Alexandria: It was asked if we need to start replacing the voice pulls for the State Shoot. Tom Townsend reported that we are good for now and he will keep us updated.

Penalties: Rich Gerlach brought up that we should look at the penalty for Junior and Sub Junior shooters. Kids are getting many targets in, just not ATA targets. Should we re-consider the penalty for them? Prices were also brought up. Maybe reduced prices may apply to singles only, not Handicaps or Doubles. Maybe be a “targets only” if paying reduced prices and not eligible for prizes. Tabled until the December meeting.

Walkie-Talkies: Ed Dietz brought up possibly using walkie-talkies for shoot-offs. It was brought up that we all have phones and maybe we should be using those instead of walking back each time.

The next meeting will be at Monticello Sportsmen Club in Monticello, MN at 9am on Saturday December 8th at 9am.

Pete Walker moved to adjourn the meeting; and Perry Nodsle seconded. Adjourned.