



June 3, 2020

TO: MTA General Membership & Out of State ATA Members
FROM: Matt Bickell, MTA President
RE: 2020 Minnesota State Shoot

Hello fellow Minnesota Shooters and Out of State shooting friends,

I regret to inform you that the MTA Board of Directors have voted to CANCEL the 2020 Minnesota State Shoot and the 2020 Minnesota Zone shoots.

After conferring with Alexandria Shooting Park ownership and management, the hoops and hurdles we would have to go through to follow the Governor's mandates would be overwhelming. ASP stated that they would need a month to prepare if we were to have a shoot, so that is why the decision was made now. Postponing was not really an option since our shooting season is so short. The rest of July and first part of August are stacked with so many other shoots, if they happen this year, then school starts and we lose our trap help so this was an unfortunate decision we had to make.

The Governor and Department of Health have really tied our hands in Minnesota. I had the feeling after the Governor extended the stay at home order another two weeks, then would only let the bars and restaurants open outside, that the State Shoot would most likely not happen.

Also, the ATA Delegate and Alternates have decided to not have any State Teams for 2020. Most people only have a few targets from last fall registered, so it would be more of a participation trophy this year. In the next 2-3 weeks I will put together a small document listing shooter's accomplishments from 2019 and have that posted to the MTA website and Facebook.

Board Members still have raffle tickets to sell. If the State Gambling Board does not allow us to extend the raffle, then we will have to draw winners on July 12th and winners will be notified.

Please keep your 2020 State Shoot programs for next year. The program itself will remain the same, but the dates will be different. Most likely we will have an updated digital version on the MTA website and Facebook, and maybe a one page flyer mailed out. The 2021 State Shoot will be July 5-11, 2021.

Sorry to have to make this decision and disappoint so many of you.

Matt Bickell
MTA President