

WTA Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2010

Meeting started at 0918. BOD members in attendance: Bruce Stiteley, Glenn Hamerly, Dennis Taylor, Bill Simonar, Brad Patterson, Delegate Rick Tesker, Gary Fechter, Alternate Delegate Kevin Doerring, Gary Strasser, Alternate Delegate/Treasurer Jay Adams, Secretary Sarah Adams, and Virgil Bomkamp by phone.

WTA lobbyist, Gary Goyke spoke about his history with the WTA as well as updates and news from Madison and how it will affect the WTA. Gary has been instrumental in helping us make contact with legislators and many important people in the DNR and other State agencies. He has helped us educate these people about the sport of trapshooting, who does it, how many participate, etc. He also mentioned that in future meetings, it would be beneficial to the WTA to have an economic impact statement prepared to present in order to show them just what a positive impact trapshooting can bring to an area. This information would be good to have to use in "selling" the idea of a "homegrounds" wherever chosen. \$500 is due from WTA to continue to hire a lobbyist. This is due in January to the State of Wisconsin and is good for 2 years.

Bruce and the BOD confirmed the necessity of a lobbyist. Dennis makes a motion to renew Gary's services, 2nd by Rick Tesker, all in favor, none opposed.

Gary DeSmidt spoke on Wisconsin Youth Shooting Programs. With regards to the SCTP, coaches classes are continuing and the NRA is still heavily involved. Hartford is having a coaches class. The January class is full and there will be another class in March. The AIM program is still present; however, the potential for the ATA to drop the program exists. If this happens, it appears that SCTP would take the program over with registered shooting continuing in the program.

The State SCTP shoot will be held on June 18th at Hartford Gun Club. Gary mentioned that the WTA BOD has waived the daily fee for the youth at the shoot in past years. The shoot will be a registered shoot. Gary asked to have the fee waived again this year. A motion was made by Gary Fechter and seconded by Brad Patterson to do so. All were in favor. Gary will also be approaching the ATA to possibly have the ATA daily fee waived as well.

Gary also reported that currently 18-22 high schools provide for the possibility to letter in trapshooting. Close to 45 Wisconsin schools have trapshooting teams. The AIM shoot has been in conjunction with Wisconsin State Shoot previously and he would like to continue this with board permission.

Virgil Davis presented information to the BOD about the Hodag site and the possibility of settling on the homegrounds at that location. Hodag currently owns 900 acres of which 40 are currently occupied by their trap fields. Other interests in the area include area snowmobiling activities, adequate lodging, space to grow, clubhouse and multiple storage buildings. Virgil reiterated other points of his previous proposal and asked that it be posted the WTA website. Local businesses have been wondering about the progress of the

project and are supportive of the WTA moving to Hodag. Initial rezoning stages are completed.

Dewayne "Spec" Debyle then spoke on behalf of the Hodag Gun Club. They said that the WTA would not own the land but that through a title policy, the WTA could maintain an insurable interest in it. There is an interest in the property by the Rhinelander Country Club. That organization is interested in building an 18 hole course on part of the land. The club would prefer to see it maintain as a shooting facility. Hodag is in the process of buying more land and is interested in making money as they have successfully done in the past. A preliminary layout has been done by MSA. There was discussion about things that would need to be done to construct the homegrounds there, such as where electrical is located, etc. Glen Grabski brought up a question about the 6% gross charge after the first 5 years. The explanation was that the 6% of gross sales meant that purses would not be included in that as they are 100% paid out and not considered towards the gross.

A question was brought up in regards to why the WTA doesn't have a 1st and 2nd place team. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

All State Team Members and High Average Award winners were announced by Rick Tesker. A motion to accept the team as submitted by committee was made by Brad Patterson and seconded by Kevin Doerring. Motion carried. Team members and award winners to be posted on the WTA website. Jay will send PDF to Brad.

Tabled from last meeting: The possibility of including Grand American targets as In-State targets. Discussion followed and the decision was made to not modify the All-State Team application with regard to this topic.

Delegate's Report: Rick mentioned that the WTA would like a free ad in our State Shoot program thanking the Martin Family for their generous donation of prize money at the Grand American. The WTA would get charged \$200 from the program manufacturer for the page to include the "free ad" for the ATA. The printer will put it in for free if we don't go into a raffle for a gun, which is what the ATA is doing in order to get states to put in a "free ad". **Decision made to put the ad in and not go in on raffle for gun so the ad is completely free.** *Is this correct or did we decided to do nothing and let the ATA go this on their own?? Jay*

Virgil discussed the costs of State Shoot programs. Discussion followed with Dennis Taylor making a motion to stay with the same program producer as last year. Bill Simonar seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A Bucky Badger pin clarification was made to the State Shoot program. The clarification will note that the pin is to only be awarded to 100 or 200 straights shot during one of the three Championship events during the State Shoot. The pin will continue to be a "once-in-a-lifetime" trophy. Brad Patterson made a motion to accept the clarification with Rick Tesker seconding. One nay vote, motion carries.

Glenn Hamerly made note that Weston would like to be put into the rotation for Zone Shoots. Discussion on deciding rotation for Zone shoots for the next year prior to this year's zone shoots followed. An attempt will be made to decide the Zone Shoot location and rotation earlier in the target year so shooters can plan accordingly.

2011 State Shoot Update: Contractual down payment needs to be made for rental of the club for the 2011 State Shoot. Other rentals are being taken care of by Brad including trailer, porta potties, dumpsters, carts, etc. Gary Strasser has the pins ready. Vendor invoices will go out in February and camping prices stay the same. A question was brought up on creating pins for state shoot attendance years. Gary Strasser will work on this. An idea was presented to design a new pin for the first state shoot at the new homegrounds.

WTA Shooting and Training Center Update: A letter is to be composed to members of the WTA on pros/cons of each location. Included in this letter would be a ballot for membership to make an advisory vote on the location of the homegrounds. The ballot would need to be returned by a given date. Waukesha, Town of Rome, and Rhinelander are the choices that will be available for vote. Gary Fechter suggested to print pros/cons and get out to BOD for revisions. Bruce mentioned that we should plan for something to be out in 30 days to the membership. The question of what requirements would need to be met for an ATA member to vote was brought up and discussed. No action taken at this time. Glenn Hamerly spoke on his meeting with Keller Construction vs Myron Construction.

Bill Simonar began a discussion on selling our Town of Eldorado property as soon as possible if the offer from Rickert is acceptable. Bruce expressed the need to clarify tillable acreage before moving ahead with the sale. A motion by Bill Simonar to let the WTA officers make the decision to sell the land was made. The motion was seconded by Gary Strasser, motion carried.

Banquet ticket pricing discussion as the venue has changed to Pano's Char House. Price will remain the same.

Virgil Bomkamp made a motion to pay the bills, Denny seconded, none opposed.

Next Meeting Date – March 19th

Motion to adjourn meeting by Gary Fechter, seconded by Rick Tesker, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned.