

Saturday, January 14, 2012 WTA BOD Meeting

9:13am President Bruce Stiteley called the meeting to order. Present were Bruce Stiteley, Dennis Taylor, Ken Cerney, Bill Simonar, Glenn Hamerly, Gary Fechter, Kevin Doerring, Don Mittag, Gary Strasser, Sarah Adams, Jay Adams, Dwight Paulin and Rick Tesker present via teleconference.

1) Treasurer's and Secretary's Report

- a. Jay handed out the balance sheet. To note, there have been \$64,600 in donations received for the home grounds so far. The MFL check was sent to the DNR for approximately \$187,000. There may be areas of the property that can be put back into MFL as the plan progresses. It is noted that the minimum area is 10 acre parcels for this.

2) ATA Delegate's Report

- a. Rick discussed the ATA office moving to Sparta. The employees have been offered their jobs if they move there. The Hall of Fame will probably move as well. It has not yet been decided if they will move into the events center or another building in Sparta, IL.
- b. All State Team- Rick explains that there are not many shooters applying for the All State Team. He discussed the number of in-state WI targets for the requirement and questions if this is too many. He believes the WTA should consider changing the requirements. Rick discussed other states' requirements for comparison and recommends that the WTA drops the in-state target minimum requirements in order to boost state team involvement. He believes that it would be enough of a requirement with maintaining the requirements of shooting the State Shoot Championships, a Zone Shoot Championship, and at a minimum of 4 different clubs. If the state shoot and a zone shoot are both at the same club, this would mean the shooter needs to shoot at two more clubs to equal the four in-state club requirement. Ken Cerney makes a motion to pass this, Gary Fechter seconds. 2 opposed. Motion passed. This will be retroactive to the beginning of the target year- Ken makes motion, Gary Strasser seconds, all in favor. Bruce asks how in-state high averages will then be calculated. After discussion, it was decided that this will not change. Rick also discussed moving the deadline up to November 30<sup>th</sup> for All State Team applications in order to get the teams published earlier. This will be again discussed at the next meeting. Rick discussed the 2-yard reductions sent out by the ATA and noted that these will be received by shooters in a few days.
- c. State Shoot Pins – The final design was shown and the amount of pins to order was discussed and decided. Bill Simonar makes a motion and Kevin Doerring seconds to go with this design created by Rick Tesker and to order 1500 pins. All were in favor. The pins will be ordered.

- d. WTA to discuss ATA proposed additions to the special categories. Don Mittag wonders if there would be any ramifications if we did not go with the suggested category changes for the WI State Shoot. The number of additional trophies that would need to be purchased for the changes was discussed. John Atkielski explains options for categories and ways to save in some areas where it will be spent in the new categories. John recommends running the categories in all events except Tuesday's preliminary events and to remove some other category place trophies. Doing so would net an addition of 47 trophies. Dennis makes a motion to add the new categories for all events 4-14 for this year and remove some that are not as necessary. Trophy costs will try to be kept somewhat the same overall by decreasing value of some trophies where it is warranted by the number of shooters in that category/class. Glenn Hamerly seconds this. One opposed. Motion passed.
  - e. Don would like the WTA to look at expenses allowed for directors and delegates. This will be tabled for the next meeting and Don will come up with some proposed guidelines.
- 3) Youth Programs - Where are they today?
- a. Gary DeSmidt –Gary no longer is a director for the AIM program. He is still the SCTP director for WI. Nationally, the AIM program is being worked on but has suffered because of a lack in communication from the ATA Executive Committee. The majority of coaches in WI want the targets to be registered. Gary is working hard to keep youth shooting at the state shoot and shooting registered targets in general. Midway USA is donating money for the SCTP. The future coordination of the ATA, SCTP, and AIM programs is in question. Coaches classes are still available and the NRA is behind this.
- 4) State NRA Conference
- a. Will be held at Wausau February 10-12, 2012. This will be a good opportunity to advertise the home grounds. Bruce and Glenn will be in attendance.
- 5) Zone Shoot update
- a. Programs are almost all in and will be verified prior to being published.
- 6) 2012 State Shoot update
- a. Revisions to the purse payouts were discussed at length and will be published in the state shoot program.
  - b. The entire program was gone through and changes were made as needed.
  - c. Sponsors are needed for: 2011 All State Team trophies and Event 5 Handicap. Please contact a board of directors member if interested.
  - d. Brad Patterson, tournament director, has everything being arranged for the state shoot according to schedule.
- 7) Camping – Bill discusses the possibility of an increase in campers this year, which may mean a generator would need to be rented in order to provide adequate power for everyone. This would potentially increase the cost for camping for those affected.

8) Banquet update

- a. The banquet will be held Saturday, July 21, 2012 at Country Springs Hotel on Golf Road starting at 6pm. Raffle, and silent auction donations are needed! Please contact Bruce Stiteley or Sarah Adams if interested in helping or donating. Donations can be dropped off at the cashier's office at the state shoot. Please do not just drop items off without notifying someone first in order for adequate tracking of donations to be possible.
- b. Tickets are available by sending checks made payable to WTA to Sarah Adams at E7201A Oak Knoll Dr, Viroqua, WI 54665. Prices are: adults \$50 each or 2 for \$90 and for children under 12 are \$30 each. Tickets purchased before June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be placed into the early bird drawing.

9) Shooting and Learning Center update

- a. Al Bilbao from the Town of Rome Board and Planning Commission is present.
- b. Jay summarizes progress: The topographic survey is complete. This information is being analyzed by TEAM Engineering which allows them to have a surface model to base the design from. Finalized concept plan was available at the end of December. A teleconference was held about a week ago between TEAM and the homegrounds committee on the concept plan. Revisions have been made. The site plan application form for the Town of Rome is nearly complete and will be ready for the Planning Commission meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> to approve. Residents of Rome are very excited about the progress of the site.
- c. Discussion was had between the board and Mr. Bilbao to make sure everything is moving along and nothing is being missed. The site plan will hopefully be presented to the Town of Rome Board for approval. Once the planning commission has approved the site plan, the property will have to be surveyed and marked in order to lay out what areas need to be cleared of timber.

10) Gary Fechter makes a motion to pay the bills, Kevin Doerring seconds, all in favor.

11) Gary Fechter makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kevin Doerring seconds, all in favor.

12) The next meeting date is set for February 18, 2012 at Heart of Wisconsin.