

WTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 29, 2009

Mukwonago, WI

The meeting of the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association Board of Directors was called to order at 8:55 a.m. by President Bruce Stiteley. Directors present were SE: Brad Patterson, Gary Fechter, SW: Dennis Taylor, Virgil Bomkamp, NE: Gary Strasser, Ray Martin, NW Glenn Hammerly, Delegate Jay Adams, Alt. Delegates Kevin Doerring and Kyle Wojicechowski, Secr-Treas. Arlene Otto. Brad Patterson, SE Zone, arrived at 1:00 p.m. due to previous commitments. Bruce thanked the members for attending.

STATE SHOOT: Arlene provided financial reports, and state shoot financials in addition to other informational forms. Bruce said that the next meeting would be in Rhinelander and asked that Arlene & Dick Otto come up one day early to meet with our new accountants who are doing a great job for us.

In reviewing the state shoot expenses, Arlene requested the expenses of the shoot be cut back. She also brought up the issue of insurance coverage which is now provided by SIAI. It was suggested the possibility that a WTA member who is in the insurance field be contacted for other sources of insurance coverage. Arlene will speak with Jeff Mainland, and Bruce will check with other possibilities, including Kozlowski Agency. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. State Shoot Profit & Loss History: After a few corrections, the total loss was \$552.42.

Next discussed was the payment to Gun Club Data Services. Arlene requested to be excused during discussion. Virgil made a motion to pay Gun Club Data Services \$5000.00 for cashiering of the state shoot, purchasing of the computer equipment, set-up, as well as programming changes required to implement the 3S Cashiering Program. Glenn Hamerly seconded the motion. All were in favor. Arlene will be purchasing another CD once the outstanding checks are in.

Bruce read a letter from Rick Tesker regarding two concerns. (1) He felt the WTA was forcing the All-State Team members to attend the banquet to receive their awards. He would like recognition be given at the annual meeting as done in the past. Ray commented that no member is forced to attend the meeting, nor are they required to spend any money. They are provided a free banquet ticket and it is their choice whether to use it or not. Two Women's Team members prefer not to attend and receive their awards at a later time. They are recognized by reading their names at the annual meeting, and write-ups are printed in the handbook. (2) He feels the few members who paid for the power at Waukesha Gun Club should be able to sub-let their rights to the power for their camper. Ray felt that they should be able to sublet their camping spot. The camp spots are limited to two vehicles per site. This was agreed upon. Due to the electric bill for the pole not being paid for the past year, Dennis personally paid the \$549.27 to keep it from being turned off by the Electric Company. \$177.00 of the total occurred during the State Shoot. It was mentioned that the power was used for a period of approximately 3 months by the lead reclaiming company WGC had used and therefore some adjustment should be made with WGC. Virgil made a motion to reimburse Dennis for the full amount. Gary Fechter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Part of the funds had been paid by the campers paying the additional cost for power.

Arlene requested that rules, as printed in the Shoot Program, be followed. If exceptions are to be made, the head cashier will be notified of same and will in turn notify the workers prior to any confrontation. It was suggested the Big Ready Board be eliminated in front of the clubhouse. Starting banks are to inform the squadding table when a new squad is starting. Next year we will

have current event entries only until 11 am, then opening it up to the rest of the shoot. Cashiering will have one line for today's events only.

Trophy counter: It worked much better this year. Gary Fechter did a great job, and trophies were distributed in a more timely fashion. It is hoped that John Atkielski will agree to head that committee again. He was complimented on the great job he did once again with shoot-offs. He will be offered additional help if needed. A new consistent background will be considered for photos next year. Jay will look into it.

Computer problems: Dick was asked to comment on the progress being made to address the problems incurred. In discussions with George at 3S, it was decided that the probable cause was the "refined" ATA Database used by Dick. In future years, the full ATA Database will be used. He also suggested that next year a shelf be placed under the screens so that the shooter has it closer to eye level.

2010 State Shoot dates: July 13th to 18th. The Grand begins on August 4th.

2010 ZONE SHOOTS: An application form requesting the amount of added money, what events on what days will be mailed to the 4 clubs in rotation, with a return deadline date of December 15th to the Secretary. The programs must be published in the Spring Shooters Calender, on the Website and the Newsletter. Sauk Prairie and Fox Valley will be June 5-6; Waukesha and Wisconsin Rapids will be June 12-13. Ray suggested returning to a bid shoot instead of the rotation as requested by members of his zone. Gary Strasser confirmed his zone shooters requested the same. Following discussion, it was decided to include it on the 2010 Annual Meeting Agenda. Tim Thompson at the 2009 Annual Meeting asked that a AA Class be added to the Zone Doubles. Jay made a motion to make Doubles 5 classes, Kevin 2nd the motion, all were in favor. Ray suggested returning to the All-State Team requirement of shooting your own zone shoot. This was discussed and decided against the change.

Lunch Break: 12:15 to 12:50

2010 5-MAN TEAM SHOOT: Waukesha Gun Club is required to have the program submitted to the WTA by January 1st. They will include \$2000.00 in added money and publish it in the Spring Shooters Calendar. It will be held the 4th week in June unless they would agree to change the date to August 21st. This would be the weekend following the Grand when few clubs normally hold a registered shoot. Bruce is waiting for a response to the date change from Pat Gerbensky. Brad will check with Pat Gerbensky regarding 8/21 being an acceptable date for them.

2011 5-MAN TEAM SHOOT: Jay had checked with the ATA as to the possibility of a temporary 3-day ATA membership - this was not approved. A telephonic non-registered shoot was discussed having 15-20 clubs (registered and non) hosting it. The clubs would pay \$150.00 to host it, and collect \$3.00 per shooter for a fee to the WTA to cover cost of trophies. Target fees would be the responsibility of the club. The clubs would need to have a minimum of 2 traps. Entries would close at noon, and the clubs could hold any other kind of shoot (reg. or non) following the 5-Man. Scores would be e-mailed into a central host club. Ties would be decided by reverse score, if still tied - by target, and if still tied - by management decision. Clubs would decide the amounts of any added money, and how it is paid. Checks would be mailed to the Team Captains. If the club does not send in the monies within 8 days, winners would be recalculated. A poll of the Directors, Officers and Delegates resulted in 1 person wanting to leave the 5-Man a registered telephonic shoot, and the

others preferred a non-registered telephonic shoot. Alt. Delegates are to help Jay. A letter will be going out to all the shooting clubs in the state with a form to complete and return to Jay as to their interest in conducting the 5-Man at their club, after the Grand, open to all shooters.

DELEGATES REPORT: There is a change in the Rule book regarding the Special Category shooters. You must declare only one special category - (such as either Lady OR Jr., not both). We need to wait to see how it is worded in the new rule book. The Central Zone shoot will be held at Sauk Prairie 7/30 - 8/1. This shoot may go telephonic in the future. Jay, Kevin and Kyle will help Tim Thomson in promoting it.

Kevin & Kyle will be helping Jay with the Trap & Field articles. Jay will give Kyle the Delegate's handbook.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

All State Team - Jay Adams, Gary Fechter and Dennis Taylor (Only completed applications will be considered) Applications available from Secretary, or gun clubs

Camping - Gary Strasser (Gary Fechter and Dennis Taylor will help with marking sites)

Classification - Jay Adams, Kevin Doerring, Kyle Wojicechowski

Vendors - Brad Patterson

Hall of Fame - John Atkielski, Jay Nigbor, Bruce Stiteley

Home Grounds - All Directors, Officers and Directors

Line Personnel/Training - Brad Patterson

Website Administrator - Brad Patterson

Presquading - Arlene Otto

Program Advertising - Virgil Bomkamp, Bruce Stiteley

Public Relations - Dennis Taylor, Gary Fechter, Gary Strasser (contact Freeman, Journal/Sentinel and

Gary Goyke, note to radio & TV Stations, Time Warner 32, Dan Small)

Referees - Directors by Zone

Representative to WGC - Brad Patterson

Computer Cashiering - Gun Club Data Services

Shoot-offs - Jay Adams, John Atkielski, Kyle Wojicechowski

State Program - Virgil Bomkamp - John Atkielski -(put on Website)

Target Setting Chairman - Glenn Hamerly, Ray Martin

Trap & Field Reports/Photos - Adams

Trophies - Tom & Nora Bristol, Dennis Taylor, John Atkielski

Trophy Counter - Gary Strasser, Tim Thompson, Tom & Nora Bristol

WTA Fundraising and Awards Banquet - Helen Mar Adams/ Bob Webber/Arlene Otto, Bruce Stiteley

and Gary Strasser

WTA Youth Program - DeSmidt/ Reuben & Betty Stark, Kyle Wojicechowski, Gary Fechter and Bruce Stiteley (There no longer is a minimum age for a child shooting. Hunter's Ed has a minimum age now of 10 years. New law effective (9/1.)

Zone Shoots - Arlene Otto

5-Man Chairman - Jay Adams, Mike Pigusch

Ladies Lunch & Bingo - Norieda Martin

HOME GROUNDS: The next WTA Board meeting will be held in Rhinelander tentatively scheduled for Saturday Oct. 24th. Bruce will confirm this with Skip Debyle of the Hodag Gun Club. This club wants the WTA and has given us a preliminary proposal. A temporary layout done by the Hodag Club was passed around. The Town of Rome is still an open option under consideration. Bruce will be contacting them. Sauk Prairie has added another 40 acres to their land. The Fox Valley club would be too costly at \$7000. 00 per acre. Jay suggested we get started with an offer and go it alone as a separate entity instead of part of a complex. Bruce will check out aid available from the Wisc. Wildlife Federation, and check with Gary Goyke on progress being made. The cost of a complete trap field is approximately \$9000.00. The Farm Lease Contract is due November 15th. This will be discussed at the October meeting.

AROUND THE TABLE: Gary Strasser read a request for a donation to the Tobias Cochran memorial museum, a famous African American trapshooter as printed in the Trap & Field. Following discussion, Ray made a motion to pass on the request, Glenn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Arlene distributed a Bank Utilization report to be reviewed by the members for future reference. Brad said that overall the shoot ran very well. There are a few places where expenses could be cut back.

PAY BILLS: Virgil made a motion to pay the bills, Gary Fechter seconded the motion. All in favor.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn, Gary Fechter seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting closed 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Otto, Sec./Treas.