

WTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 23, 2010

Mukwonago, WI

The meeting of the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:21a.m. by President Bruce Stiteley. Directors present were SE: Brad Patterson, Gary Fechter, SW: Dennis Taylor, Virgil Bomkamp,, NW Glenn Hammerly, Alt. Delegates Kevin Doerring and Sec.-Treas. Arlene Otto. Excused were NE Directors Ray Martin and Gary Strasser. Excused were NE: Directors Gary Strasser and Ray Martin, and Delegates Jay Adams and Kyle Wojicechowski. Bruce thanked the members for attending. Also in attendance were the Hall of Fame Committee; John Atkielski and Jay Nigbor, Glen Grabski, Don Mittag, Dick Otto. Special guest was Pete Williams representing the Waukesha Gun Club.

Bruce revised the order of the agenda to allow time for Pete Williams to discuss the Zone and 5-Man Team shoots and a WGC proposal for the Home Grounds.

SE Zone Shoot: Discussed was the Zone Shoot Program making the \$1800.00 in added money open to all shooters, not just zone. Although this did not break any rules, it was suggested they restrict the \$1800.00 to in-zone shooters only as it has been done in the past. Waukesha Gun Club will make the change to their proposed program. The zone rules will be changed to clarify this in the future.

5-Man Team Shoot: **Saturday**, August 21st. This is a non-registered shoot, hoping to increase the number of participants. Team entries will be \$165.00. This includes \$7.00 of the cost of a \$10.00 chicken/ribs dinner per team shooter. It was decided the WTA would cover the \$3.00 balance of the dinner up to \$450.00. Junior Team (all 17 and under) cost is \$125.00 for trophy only. A Team Doubles event will be the second event, at \$140.00 per team. There will be opportunities to conduct open fun events similar to a chicken shoot, or a 50 target jackpot. Youth Fund Raisers would also be possible.

Proposal for WTA Home Grounds: WGC wishes to build a better relationship with the WTA and therefore made the offer generic. He feels a WGC proposal would be comparative with Hodag. It was suggested that WGC give the WTA a proposal, then sit down with the WTA to go over what the WTA needs, goals and standards are. Both the WTA and WGC are looking at very long term agreement. WGC suggested portable, removable traphouses, new storage shed. More land west of the gun club would be available at a reasonable cost. Pete left the meeting following his presentation.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Arlene provided financial reports to the Board Members. She reported that she redeemed a CD to cover the \$5000.00 deposit to the Waukesha Gun Club due on 1/1/10, lobbyist, and accounting/legal fees.

HALL OF FAME: Jay Nigbor, representing the Hall of Fame committee of John Atkielski, Bruce Stiteley and himself, gave a presentation on the 2010 Hall of Fame inductees. There were 32 voting questionnaires sent out to current Hall of Fame members on the 4 candidates which had been nominated, 25 responses were returned. In addition to voting on the 4 in order of preference, they were asked, by candidate, should he/she be inducted this year, or should he/she be set aside for induction in the future (yes or no). One person, Bruce Wiegemann, was selected based on the 25

responses received. Brad made a motion to accept Bruce Wiegemann into the Hall of Fame based on the recommendations of the Hall of Fame Committee. Dennis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Letters will be sent out to Bruce as well as the other 3 nominees advising them of the Board's decision. As a result of the survey's 25 responses, the other 3 nominees have been removed from rotation. At this time, there is no nominee. Forms to nominate any shooter are available from the Website, or the HoF committee. A letter from Fritz Thistle was read and discussed by the Board regarding (1) WTA to reimburse costs of record search at Trap and Field, for wins (2) Record of All-State Team members (3) record keeping of all State Trophy recipients. A record of All State Team members is already available. To cover the costs for record searches would be too costly and a benefit to very few shooters. Glen Grabski has offered to gather the information regarding Wisc. Trophy winners. Arlene will provide him with all the information she has in files.

ALL-STATE TEAM & HIGH AVERAGE RECIPIENTS: A list of the All-State Team Members was presented to the Board as follows: **Men's:** Gerald Demulling (Capt), Chad Blanke, Jonathan Denman, Richard Tesker, Glen Grabski, Jason Traas, Donald Mittag, Mike May, William Simonar, Joe Bronson. **Ladies:** Cathy Wehinger (Capt.), Karen Stingl, Janet Reding, Kinzie Platta, Cheryl Demulling. **Jr. Team:** Tyler Vertein,(Capt.) Reed Slaby, Corbin Kostyn, Jessica Whalen. **Sub Jr. Team:** Jacob Gorres, Ryan Vorndran, Billy Ebbers, Nathan Slenczka, Cody Sandstrom. **Veterans:** James Grunewald,(Capt.) Don Moe, Bruce Wiegemann, Fritz Thistle, Gary Jahn. **Sr. Vet:** Dick Otto (Capt.), Ronald Rieck, Bob Weyker, Ron Dondlinger, Byron Gorres. **HIGH AVERAGE AWARD WINNERS:** Singles - Chad Blanke, Handicap - Gerald Demulling, Doubles - Chad Blanke. A phone conversation with Jay Adams, ATA Delegate, during the meeting, covered the reason for only 4 members on the Jr. Team. In the fall of 2008, the shooter, father and mother contacted Jay, as well as the ATA Central Zone President, and the ATA Executive Director regarding the shooter having been "cheated" out of a year of eligibility for Sub Junior because of his birthday falling in the 2 month period of the target year change. He was told many times that no exception would be made, which was not accepted by the shooter or his family. Through an error in the ATA computer system, Sub. Jr. was printed on his ATA card and he shot all of 2009 as a Sub Jr. even though he was actually a Jr., and won trophies as such. The error was not discovered until All-State Team applications were verified and his age did not agree with the Sub. Jr. classification. This was a blatant rule violation and a complete lack of shooter responsibility. Therefore, he will not be included on the team. Further disciplinary action is in the hands of the ATA. There are e-mails to confirm this. Brad made a motion to accept the All-State Teams and High Average Awards as submitted. Glen Hammerly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2010 STATE SHOOT:

Program Review - We need to get a sponsor for Event #1. Kolar to again donate the \$1000.00 for their center page ad. The Sedwick/Kolar option in Event #12 will be changed to a Youth Lewis Option. Changing to a program produced by an outside company printing programs for several adjacent states was reviewed. Price comparisons with last years program, advertising and mailing were discussed. Connection to the company by phone could not be made. Virgil will call him on Monday to discuss it. A statement "if a shooter has consumed any alcoholic beverage prior to a shoot-off, he/she will be considered as having left the grounds should be included in the program. **Note: quote from 6/29/09 WTA Board Meeting Minutes: "If there is a tie between two shooters, and one shooter leaves the grounds, he disqualifies himself. If the other shooter has consumed alcohol, he has*

disqualified himself. 1st ATA rule is for “no show”, 2nd rule regards no tolerance.” “Jay reported that he had already spoken to the ATA and they suggested the trophy be decided by a coin toss as both parties had disqualified themselves”. **Improvements for 2010:** New radios are needed. Many on hand are unuseable. Communication from the line to the squadding table needs to be improved. Dick Otto volunteered to investigate pricing for 20 sets and present his recommendation at the next meeting. Trailer: Virgil stated they would be putting shelves up on the sides. Arlene said that it would be helpful to erect a shelf above the squadding computers for the CRTs so that the shooter is more able to see the screen’s display without having to stoop over.

Lunch 12:15 - 1:05

Banquet- Ray Moser gave a very generous donation toward the expenses of the Banquet in memory of his wife, Wy. This is greatly appreciated. Arlene will contact Helen Mar Adams and Bob Weber on their working the Banquet. Ken Cerney has offered to be MC. Arlene will send out letters for donations to the clubs, and vendors. Kevin requested accurate and up-to-date attainment awards be noted in the Banquet programs. Shooters should notify Jay Adams, their zone director or Board member of their attainment as we aren’t always notified on time by the ATA. Bruce will contact Randy at Midwestern Shooters for guns for raffles. **Youth Program** -The Youth Program shoot on Sunday will be for non-registered shooters only. A new computer system will be developed for this shoot. Following a meeting on Feb. 6th, Gary DeSmidt is considering a merging of our Youth Development Program with the SCTP organization and they will be running the shoot on Sunday.

2010 Zone Shoot: Boxhorn Gun Club has made payment of fines to the ATA, therefore they do remain in the Zone rotation. The “Rules & Regulations” was reviewed. Arlene was instructed to write a letter to the Club Manager stating that the club is on probation, once the WTA rules are not complied with, further shoots will be suspended and the club will be removed from it’s place in the zone rotation. Gary Fechter, Dennis Taylor, Ray Martin and Bruce are up for re-election this year. The rule for elections will be changed to read that if a person to be nominated is unable to be there on Saturday, he/she can submit a hand-written letter to the Zone Director stating that he/she is in agreement to run for election. Arlene stated that in 2009, Beaver Dam requested being placed in the SW Zone Rotation. They will follow Sauk Prairie in 2011. The Board discussed the re-aligning of Zones with the possibility of adding a new zone. It was decided to table the discussion to the next meeting. The Zone shoot application will be changed to read that the required \$1800.00 be restricted to that Zone’s shooters only. Gateway will again conducting registered shoots and will remain in the NE Zone rotation. Dennis will purchase the Zone trophies. Arlene reminded everyone that when making purchases for the WTA, they are to use the Sales Tax Exemption Number and distributed copies of it. Zone programs must be submitted to Carol Keeley for the Spring Calendar by January 31st.

5-MAN TEAM SHOOT: What does the WTA gain at the 5-Man Team Shoot? We do not receive any daily fees, we pay \$3.00 for each dinner, and we purchase the trophies. It is hoped that we attract new registered shooters.

ATA DELEGATES REPORT: In Jay’s absence, Kevin Doerring had nothing to report.

CENSUS & SURVEY OF WISC. CLUBS: Bruce and Jay are working on the list of clubs.

HOME GROUNDS: A copy of the Letter of Intent to the Hodag Gun Club, drawn up by our attorney, was submitted to the Board for review. It is a non-binding contract with contingencies,

showing a sign of good faith. It will be signed by Bruce and given to Mr. Spec Debyle of Hodag Gun Club, and posted on the Website. Bruce will remain in contact with Virgil Davis, also of Hodag Gun Club, and Glen Grabski will contact Mr. Debyle to discuss the 6% of gross or net. A new 1 year renewable farm contract was also drawn up by our attorney, giving Rickert Farms first right of refusal.

AROUND THE TABLE: Gary Strasser reported through Glen Hammerly that the attendance pins are about to be delivered. A design for the State Shoot Tee Shirt has been provided to Recob's. An ad has been placed with Trap & Field and Shotgun Sports magazines. It was suggested that an ad also be placed in Shooting Sports Magazine. He also reported that Hodag has purchased additional land. Don Mittag said that Melinda will help Norieda with Bingo. Brad updated the Board on contracts for the State Shoot, including targets, tents, tables & chairs, dumpsters, and schools. He asked Dick Otto about cashiering. Dick said that because the WTA now has all their own computers, he would do it for \$1500.00. Dennis will order golf carts. Gary Strasser will be mailing out the camping forms. Vendor mailings go out Feb. 1st. Arlene will handle the Presquad. Com. Virgil will contact the same companies for ads that he took care of last year. Dick Otto offered to contact people in the Milwaukee area. WGC has offered to provide the lunch for the Ladies Lunch & Bingo on Saturday in the tent. Glenn Hamerly asked what the next step is for the Home Grounds and when will it occur. Bruce will meet with officials in Town of Pine Lake area the 3rd week in February, next would be the business plan.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting date set for March 20, 2010.

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

Gary Fechter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kevin Doerring seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Otto, Sec./Treas.