

WTA Board of Directors' Meeting October 15, 2011

Present: Dennis Taylor, Bill Simonar, Glenn Hamerly, Ken Cerney, Kevin Doerring, Sarah Adams, Jay Adams, Gary Fechter, Don Mittag, Rick Tesker, Gary Strasser.

In Bruce's absence, Dennis Taylor ran the meeting which started at 9:13am at the Heart of WI Sportsman's Club.

1) Committee Assignments

Assignments were discussed and updated as needed individually:

All-State Team – Tesker/Adams/Doerring/Paulin

Camping – Simonar

Classification – Tesker/Doerring/Paulin

Exhibitors/Vendors – Brad Patterson

Food Service – Waukesha Gun Club

Five Man Team Chairmen – Waukesha Gun Club

Hall of Fame – John Atkielski/Jay Nigbor/Stiteley

Home Grounds Construction – WTA Board of Directors

Home Grounds Promotion & Political – WTA Board of Directors/Melinda Mittag

Ladies Lunch & Bingo – Melinda Mittag

Line Personnel/Training – Brad Patterson/Jim Daniels

Website – Brad Patterson

Pre-squading – Arlene Otto

Public Relations – Strasser/Mittag

Referees – Directors

Representatives to WGC – Brad Patterson

Scoreboard – GCDS

Shoot-offs – John Atkielski/Tesker

State Program – John Atkielski/Tesker

Target Setting – All Directors/Hamerly-chief

Trap & Field Reports – Tesker/Adams

Tournament Director – Brad Patterson

Photos – Cerney/Strasser

Trophies – Tom & Nora Bristol/Taylor/John Atkielski

Trophy Counter – Tom & Nora Bristol/Strasser/Fechter

WTA Fundraising & Awards Banquet – Bob Webber/Sarah Adams/Strasser/Cerney/Paulin

WTA Youth Program – Gary DeSmidt/Reuben & Betty Stark/Stiteley

Zone Shoots – Doerring/Paulin/Simonar

2) Zone Shoots

a. Clubs hosting the Zone Shoots this year will be as follows:

i. 1st weekend (June 4th/5th) – NW/SE – Wisconsin Rapids & Waukesha

ii. 2nd weekend (June 11th/12th) – NE/SW – Langlade/Antigo & Sauk Prairie

b. Standardization of Classes amongst zone shoot locations

i. Was voted and passed at a previous meeting. This will be noted in the letters to the zone shoot hosts and will be available in their programs.

- c. The Zone Shoot Rules were reviewed-
 - i. Waukesha has asked for the minimum of \$1,800 in added monies to be removed from the rules. This was discussed- it was originally placed in the rules in order to standardize the dollar value of trophies at each shoot. The board came to decision to change wording to \$1,800 cash awards to be paid out in the Championship Events. How the clubs choose to divide their “winnings” is up to them. Ken Cerney made the motion, Glenn Hamerly seconded. All in favor.
 - ii. New this year
 - 1. In the singles championship, there will be a runner-up trophy at all Zone Shoots that will compete at the Champion of Champions event at the State Shoot.

CORRECTION: In the July 2011 meeting minutes, it was incorrectly stated that WGC is required to have \$2,000 added money for the 5-Man Team Shoot. No added money is required.

3) State Shoot

- a. Recommendations for changes that were received were discussed
 - i. There will be no A bank in 2012 due to lack of utilization. All BOD members agree that this is a good idea due to the lack of utilization and safety issues with any rain. The possibility was mentioned that one of the traps could be used as an extra practice trap for that end of the line. This would leave a practice trap open during make-ups, which will only occur on the usual practice trap (27).
 - ii. It was recommended to shoot 100 targets per trap as this would easily make up for losing the A Bank and speed up the shooting in general. Dick Otto thinks this is a bad idea as the start of each day is so fractured already. It will be worse if starting with all traps “running,” even though maybe only half of them would actually start right away due to the fractured squadding on the first squads of each day. It was decided to leave it at 50 per trap. Gary Fechter made a motion, Gary Strasser seconded. Rick Tesker is the only opposed.
 - iii. It was recommended to leave the 2012 price the same despite the slight target price increase. This item was tabled and will be discussed again at another meeting.
 - iv. Plans for the banquet are still in progress- discussion was had in the past about holding the banquet on the grounds with a tent and catering. It was decided against this as it can easily be very costly and messy depending on weather. A venue is in the process of being booked and this information will be released once the contract has been signed.
 - v. There was a recommendation of having the WTA donate a gun for a special shoot-off. This could perhaps be done based on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday handicaps and a drawing for number and then have a shoot-off Friday night. Everyone likes the idea of this, and it will be further discussed and details will be decided at another meeting. Another idea would be to have a “last target auction” for the last State Shoot Target shot at Waukesha. Also, a commemorative buckle is being created that can be ordered by shooters at the

State Shoot.

- vi. Rick Tesker and Gary Fechter are working on the pin for the State Shoot this coming year, as well as attendance pins for state shoot years of attendance.
 - vii. The WTA is not ordering trophies for the 5-man team shoot until after the shoot is held.
 - viii. Directors will start contacting previous event sponsors for next year.
 - ix. Considering the cost of the All State Team pins and the possibility of other available options, Rick Tesker will look into other options for a lesser cost per pin. The current All State Team pins cost about \$1,200 last year, and the cost has gone up.
 - x. Recommendation regarding High All Around and High Overall- maybe eliminate the Runner-Ups in each resident class and each resident special category. This would eliminate 22 trophies and save approximately \$1100. This will again be discussed at another meeting.
 - xi. Note: No Hall of Fame nominations were sent to the board this year for approval; therefore, there will be no nominee for the HOF this year.
 - 1. There is a need for a list of all nomination rules for HOF to be put together- this will be worked on.
 - xii. Cleaning of the club during the state shoot last year cost \$755. This will be looked into to see if anyone would volunteer for this job, which includes garbage emptying, floor cleaning, and bathroom cleaning.
- b. Gary Fechter noted that the All-State Team trophies will not be sponsored by Midwestern Shooters Supply next year, so a new sponsor is needed.

4) **Home Grounds**

- a. A kick-off meeting is being scheduled with Miron Construction, Team Engineering, and the Homegrounds Committee. Once this is complete, a plan can be developed, which can then be approved by the BOD. Once this process is complete, trees can be taken out according to the plan and work can begin.
- b. Ken Cerney and Don Mittag are going to work on contacting ATV and Camping Associations to make them aware of the coming camping facility and to discuss what exactly these groups require in their campgrounds so we can do our best to accommodate this.
- c. Bill Simonar came up with some numbers on camping, and what the income would be for the WTA. These numbers included a different fee for during the State Shoot than for the rest of the year as well as costs for 5 and 10 year commitments. These costs will be discussed and decided upon at a later date. He also mentioned that people could donate toward naming rights on buildings/rooms/facilities as well as playground equipment and other items such as indoor clubhouse items.
- d. Playground equipment needs to be designed – the WTA would like to find someone who knows about this to help with the design/build process.
- e. MFL withdrawal is going in Monday morning, October 17th, 2011. Tree removal will begin yet this fall. Layout of the roads/camping areas will have to be done so removal can be according to design.

5) **Other Info**

- a. Rick asked about his reimbursement for the Grand American hotel cost. He will be

- covered for the number of nights he was required to be there for the meeting and refereeing.
- b. Delegates Report – WI was 3rd in attendance at the Grand with 209 shooters. The banner at the Grand looked very nice. There were a few ATA rule changes – most noted, the ATA daily fee increased to \$3.
 - c. Around the table: Bill Simonar thanked Rick Tesker and Dick Otto for handling, very well, the State Shoot changes with the disqualified shooter in the championship handicap event.
 - d. Boxhorn Gun Club has changed its name to Boxhorn Sportsmans Club and has a new phone number.
 - e. Next meeting date has been scheduled for January 14, 2012.
 - f. Gary Fechter motion to pay the bills. Gary Strasser second. All were in favor.
 - g. Motion to adjourn made by Rick Tesker, seconded by Gary Fechter. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.