

March 19, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

BOD Members in attendance: Bruce Stiteley, Jay Adams, Sarah Adams, Gary Strasser, Rick Tesker, Gary Fechter, Brad Patterson, Virgil Bomkamp, Glenn Hamerly, Dennis Taylor

- 1) Shooting and Training Center
  - a. Our progress thus far:

No matter where we go, when we buy, the property will have to be reassessed since the land use is changing. Overall acreage cost for land purchase at both Rhinelander and Rome are a wash when considering total cost per acre. MFL buy-out would be \$250/Acre at Rhinelander and \$800/acre at Rome. Currently an entire 40 acre parcel has to be withdrawn from the program. Any fractional piece of a 40 cannot be withdrawn. Bruce is looking into ways that we might be able to circumvent some of the MFL buy-out at Rome. Ray is drawing up his living trust for his entire estate, house included, with the WTA being the beneficiary. He is naming Dennis Taylor as executor of his trust. It is to be remembered that this will only be the case if the Town of Rome location is chosen.
  - b. Pros and Cons mailing of advisory vote to membership:

Dennis and Bruce have completed the pros/cons list for the mailing. Packets will be going out and this will be an advisory vote. Members will list in order what they would like as well as comment on them. The board has the absolute final decision. The proper way to handle this, abiding by bylaws, is that all current members will receive the ballot. The timeframe for getting the votes returned was decided that they must be postmarked by two weeks following the date they are mailed out, which will be specified. All will be sent out on the same day as a complete mailing. Don Mittag has offered to tally the results of the vote. Directors would like to know which zone the votes are coming from to see how their shooters are voting. A ballot system will be devised to determine which zone the votes come from while maintaining the integrity of voters' anonymity. It is asked that the members stamp their return and send it back. Doing so will save the WTA approximately \$700 dollars in postage. The votes will be sent out first class by March 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Creation of Economic Impact Statement:

This EIS will aid the WTA in selling municipalities on all the positive aspects the home grounds facility would bring to the local economy. This is something the WTA has to consider for wherever the home grounds is decided to be. Gary Goyke will be involved in helping us with this.
- 2) Report on Farm Sale
  - a. The transaction process went very smoothly. In 1991 the WTA, led by Ron Bell, purchased the property for \$125,800. Since that time, we have been receiving rent money on the land which has allowed the WTA to recoup the original investment alone. The property was sold for \$831,000 to the farmer who has been renting it from the WTA. Comparison prices were received for similar properties, and found that Rickert's offer was above similar recent land transactions in the area. Another offer was received, which Rickert countered and the WTA accepted. Ruder Ware, our law firm, handled the legal transfer of the land, which made the progress go smoothly. The property was sold as is so there could be no recourse against us for any faults.
  - b. Handling of proceeds- Mike Wicks was contacted for advice on what to do with the money. FDIC questions were raised as to whether or not to put it in one account or four separate banks because of the FDIC insurance limit of up to \$250,000. He felt it would not be worthwhile to spend the time opening separate accounts because the money is only intended to be invested in a short period of time at a stable financial institution. It is in a money market account gaining 1% interest, which is around \$700 a month. The home ground accounts have 956,168.96. Bruce recommended that the WTA consider setting aside money in a legal defense fund. The NRA has potential programs and funding to offer if situations arise. No action taken at this time.
  - c. Rome property should qualify for range protection act. Would go through Gary Goyke and is considered more of a formality. No club using this process has been turned down for the range protection act.
- 3) ATA Delegates Report:

Rick Tesker- ATA is taking over the campsites for the Grand. If anyone is having problems regarding the sites, contact Rick. Letters have been sent out to site "owners" with details.
- 4) Other news:

The WTA was subpoenaed from the IA DNR regarding a WI shooter. A conservation warden from IA called and was asking for information on a WI shooter who was being charged in IA for buying a license in IA as a resident there, but was claiming to be a WI resident. The conservation warden requested information from the WTA that showed the shooter's residence. More information to follow.
- 5) Zone Shoots comments or questions:

Rotation dates are being set so everyone is aware of them well in advance. Brad states that clubs want to be able to set their amt of added money and create their own program and that clubs shouldn't be expected to pay out a certain amount if attendance cannot be guaranteed. Could this amount be changed? No action was taken.

**DATES for 2012:** June 2-3 SE/NW and June 9-10 SW/NE. This rotation will remain for 2013 as well. June 16-17, 2012 will be the 5-man team shoot at WGC.

- 6) From the secretary:  
Shooters Calendar – Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> shoot for Brodhead is an error. Please send an email to sarahaadams@msn.com with an email address for your club or for a representative of your club in order to help cut down on the amount of mailing. Thanks!
- 7) 2011 State Shoot Report
  - a. Review State Shoot Program- final revisions we made.
  - b. Needing sponsors for events 5 and 6 –Brad is volunteering Rick’s money for an event because “he is a wonderful man.” Rick says yes and is donating \$1,000 toward event 10(State Doubles Championship)from Tesker Manufacturing. Bruce wonders if there should be a minimum set amount for sponsoring an event in order to be sure enough of the costs are being covered. With the 501C3, sponsors’ money can be written off. Dennis will come up with the list of costs per event so this can be determined.
  - c. Cost of Event and Practice Targets  
From Brad- Practice targets will be \$5 per 25 singles or handicap and \$4 per 10 pairs of doubles.  
Cost of Event- Actual target prices have not increased for this year; however nearly all other aspects have seen an increase in cost this year. Last year shooters’ targets were \$29/100. Brad is thinking \$30/100 would be reasonable. Dennis makes a motion and Gary Strasser seconds to make the cost \$30/100. All in favor. None opposed.
  - d. Brad Patterson report- Update on rentals, etc for the shoot and progress of payment of these items. Everything is moving along well. All vendor invoices and labor contracts have been sent out. May 1<sup>st</sup> pre-squadding will start and Arlene has graciously offered to take care of this. Arlene will also be employed for the state shoot to help with the secretary/treasurer transition. Myron is back again this year as trap mechanic. Trophies have been taken care of by Dennis.
  - e. Banquet update:  
A planning committee is desired. Bruce and Arlene are handling the remaining items. What is left to do was discussed and is moving along well.  
Hotels for Shoot: As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Radisson will be a Holiday Inn. Still waiting to find out about shooter specials.
- 8) Virgil makes a motion to pay the bills, Rick seconded, none opposed.
- 9) Next Meeting Date: April 30, 2011 at Heart of WI gun club.
- 10) Gary Fechter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rick Tesker seconded, none opposed.