

WTA Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2010

Present: President, Bruce Stiteley, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Delegate/Treasurer, Jay Adams, Secretary, Sarah Adams, Glenn Hamerly, Gary Fechter, Delegate, Rick Tesker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Delegate, Kevin Doerring, Brad Patterson, Virgil Bomkamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Bill Simonar, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Dennis Taylor.

- Latest info and update on proposed Homegrounds/Training and Shooting Center properties: Topics discussed were the properties at Rhinelander and the Town of Rome, and Waukesha's proposal. Rhinelander- Glen Grabski and Gary Strasser involved in exploration. Zoning has been approved, but conditional use permits have not been started. MSA-Professional Services, town and county board voted in favor of it, went very well. Not proceeding further at this time.

Ray Moser is against any option except the Town of Rome property and will not support as he feels Rhinelander is too remote, WTA will not own the grounds. He also talked about rifle/pistol range liability issues... need to be fenced and locked. NRA can come in and have meetings, etc. but he does not want to fund rifle range/skeet fields. Discussion continued about how people have gone to sporting clays as opposed to skeet. Glen states that many people concur with rifle range issues that Ray has stated. Ray would like to limit DNR involvement because of concerns that the DNR will try to run it if involved. Vendors, suppliers, HOF members would like to contribute if approached. Larry W, Tom F, etc. willing to donate a trap field.

- Tour and inspect Town of Rome Properties and surrounding area: Located about 10 minutes south of Heart of WI club. Town of Rome does their own zoning. 1<sup>st</sup> step is complete- hired MSA to help with process. There is competition for the land- Farm incorporation looking at purchasing the property for vegetable crops, cranberries, etc. A public forum was held in the Town of Rome with nearly 400 people in attendance, which is >10% of the population of the township. 80-85% of Town of Rome residents are retired, close to retired, or relocated individuals. These people would like a recreational area which is one of the directions the township would like to see as future development of the township progresses. The farm incorporation is still pursuing the land but has not filed for zoning permits, etc. People in the area are concerned about water, noise and habitat. Town chairman, received proposal and likes idea of a shooting facility tremendously. Town zoning recreational and forestry – text amendment complete. 270 acres are zoned recreational/forestry. Monday/Tuesday the WTA will be submitting to planning committee to rezone to business on 48.12 acres and a conditional use permit on 270 acres. Plum Creek has agreed to the WTA's proposal for rezoning the land on the east end of the property(48.12 acres) for potential businesses, hotels, etc. Conditional use permit for 270 acres rec/forestry is needed because anyone in town of Rome can put a club here at this point. The WTA has submitted a list of what is wanted to do with the conditional use permit. Some things fall into business category (atv rally, rv rally, horseshoe tournaments, model airplane shows, etc). Permit and zoning will be submitted next week by MSA. We are preparing for informational forum open to public on November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Rome hall in the "big room" at 6pm. See

website. MSA is putting a powerpoint presentation together. Wisconsin NRA Field rep, Scott Taetsch will be there. Lead/noise mgmt, environmental/habitat concerns will be addressed and all questions answered so everyone understands.

Advisory meeting for public planning commission listening to people/us. Town Planning Commission will give their recommendation to town board on November 18<sup>th</sup> for yes/no on approval.

Attorney has given advice on the property selection process. Each place will have a feasibility study done. Voting process/legal rights leave us with 3 suggestions.

BOD has right to make decision on where to go. Vote can be limited by age, member for at least 2 years, etc to limit eligible voters. Can have advisory vote, town board meeting within zones, or have a membership meeting proxy vote. Vote pass would be handled through attorney or accountant.

The WTA could allow input from all members and also have an advisory non-binding referendum.

Glen wonders how BOD feels about a vote from members. A membership advisory vote could be held with which the BOD makes the final decision. Facts need to be laid out in a non-biased way. Attorney will handle this.

Question about JR shooters being involved. Belief is homegrounds in ultimately the future for these JR shooters. Possibly a 2 year membership regardless of age to stay consistent with annual meeting voting rights could be used to choose eligibility of voters. BOD agrees to this but no motion on this yet. Question about mailing database and how to see who can vote on this. There are many people who don't shoot anymore that should still have a say. Maybe just let everyone vote regardless of these factors because it may be an advisory vote.

Concerns expressed from members in attendance of the meeting on the BOD proceeding with the homegrounds selection. Members not wanting to hear about it anymore.

Bruce seeks info to present to town of Rome community on what we would bring to them. Volunteer scorekeepers were paid a flat rate of \$10,000 for 30 youth to be there all week, \$2000 bonus if all are there all week every day. 90 volunteers to cover everything. All PAT traps may require less.

Bruce states that people have been asking how WTA can financially do this. It is very doable with what we have and generosity of others. \$330,000 to start with Ray Moser's and other's donations.

Ray Moser stated to the WTA BOD that the WTA is the official beneficiary of his estate. Ray states that his generosity is based on the fact that "trapshooting made (him) the man (he is) today." Ray wants this to be his and his wife's legacy. He also states, "you guys are my kids."

Many permits are needed for the Town of Rome Property yet. Power is on STH 13. Around November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will get an offer on the current property owned by the WTA from the current leaser. Land values have gone up and taxes have gone up on the WTA property.

1<sup>st</sup> year events- State Shoot, AIM Program, 5-man, Mayville Team Shoot possibly coming over,

Heart of WI objects to leagues at the homegrounds, which will not be done. Glenn Hamerly asked about a fundraiser or a way to generate funds for bunker trap (Olympic style trap). There is a committee that will bring Olympic regionals to the WTA Homegrounds in summer if the WTA have this and will also serve as a hub. Bunker traps costs are in the neighborhood of \$78,000 not including concrete to put one field in. The WTA would get corporate sponsors for this. Fairfield, OH is closest bunker trap club.

Waukesha's proposal: need to see if this is their final answer. The proposal is three-tiered over 6 years- increase club house size, replacing traps, bring in fill to raise everything up. The WTA would be responsible for trap 11 and west.

- Treasurer and Secretary report and comments:

Youth shooter wondering about AIM reimbursements, not occurring at this time. Discussed that Fox Valley is not getting shoot reports in. Fine, etc. Issues with Boxhorn's were discussed. More information to be brought to the BOD.

- Committee assignments:

State team 3 delegates: Tesker/Adams/Doering

Camping: Simonar

Classification: Tesker/Doerring/Wojicechowski

Exhibitors/Vendors: Patterson

Food Service: Waukesha Gun Club

5 man Team Chairman: wait on this/delete?

Hall of Fame: Atkielski, Jay Nigbor/Stiteley

Homegrounds Construction: Board Members

Homegrounds-Promotion/Political: Board Members

Ladies lunch/bingo: Melinda Mittag (needs info on \$\$ to spend)

Line Personnel/Training: Patterson/Dick Otto/Jim Daniels

No newsletter

Presquadding: Jay Adams/Sarah Adams

Program Advertising: Bomkamp

Public relations: Fechter/Strasser/Taylor/Mittag

Referees: Directors by Zone

Rep to WGC: Patterson

Scoreboard: GCDS

Shootoffs: Tesker/Atkielski

State program: Atkielski/Bomkamp

Target setting: All Directors, Hamerly

Trap & Field reports/photos: Tesker

Trophies: Taylor/Atkielski, et al.

Trophy counter: Strasser/Fechterj, et al.

WTA Fundraising & Awards banquet: Bob Webber, Stiteley, Strasser, Helen Mar Adams, Ken Cerney

WTA youth program: Gary DeSmidt/Rueben & Betty Stark/Stiteley

Zone Shoots: Doerring

Daily Fees:

Discussion on recently added \$1/100 fee for more than 300 targets/day. Many people are against this fee. 3S doesn't support this fee either. Virgil made a motion to rescind this fee. Second by Brad, Gary F, Rick. One opposed.

Question about grand targets counting toward in-state targets will be reviewed at next meeting. Discussion followed, no motion made.

- Zone Shoots-Uniform Programs?  
Brad discusses complications with different issues. The WTA should be encouraging shooters to shoot their zones. Talked about possibly a mutual agreement among all host clubs on target prices and payouts. Arlene mentioned that all clubs should publish a uniform program... must advertise in shooters calendar, \$1800 minimum added money. There was a question about possibly dictating how much added money, etc. and how it is paid out/giving clubs more opportunity to get more shooters in attendance/ price of targets. The BOD decided it is up to clubs to draw attendance.

Zone shoot dates club rotations were discussed

- Decision needs to be made as to direction of the State Shoot program. Losing event sponsors was discussed. Motion to go with the same again this year made by Dennis T. May go smoother as being a second year. He collects all revenue from advertising. Second made by Glen H. Virgil has idea for ads to get put together by smaller businesses. He will contact them. None opposed.
- 50 mile radius rule has been requested to be brought up for discussion:  
Len Janis called. The issue was discussed and it remains the same. It will not be revisited at this time.
- Discuss 2010 Wisconsin State Shoot:  
Brad met with Waukesha liaison and Pat. They have a 2 yr agreement and 1-yr agreement in which the contract is the same. WGC still wants to host the 5-man and have exclusive rights to registered shooting that weekend.

Motion for agreement for WGC contract for 2 years by Tesker, Fechter seconds. None opposed.

Possibility of reducing All State team requirements due to loss of 200 singles and 100 handicap targets at state due to flood. Board felt there was ample time to get after state if in state targets were needed. No changes made.

Update on Christy complaint investigation: Jay talked to Jeff Wagner in hopes that the ATA member in question may return to registered shooting, complaint was withdrawn by the

complainant, but a formal letter was sent to Logan, stating seriousness of his actions, and possible ramifications should he return to shooting and continues the actions that led to the complaint.

NE zone club interested in shooting big 50s Plymouth Rine- sent info and how to run the shoot, what to file, etc. Still interested in doing it but would like someone to go there to help

Next meeting scheduled for December 11th

Virgil makes a motion to pay the bills. Second by Bill Simonar. All in favor.

Fechter motions to adjourn meeting. Virgil seconds the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Adams

WTA Secretary