

WTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 4, 2009
Mukwonago, WI

The meeting of the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Bruce Stiteley. Directors present were SE: Brad Patterson, SW: Dennis Taylor, NE: Bill Simonar, Alt. Delegate Kevin Doerring, Secr-Treas. Arlene Otto. Excused were Ray Martin, Virgil Bomkamp, Gary Fechter, Greg Knorr, Gary Strasser, and Jay Adams. Also present was Don Mittag. Ray Martin, Virgil Bomkamp and Jay Adams are available by phone.

WTA SECRETARY POSITION: Kris Johnson was again unable to attend this meeting for an interview. We will continue to look for a person to fill that position. Arlene will continue as Secretary/Treasurer with Helen Mar Adams as Assistant until the position can be filled.

2009 ZONE SHOOT: Bruce read e-mails from Greg Knorr. The Gateway gun club has not submitted a program for the NE Zone shoot as of this date. John Muir was contacted by phone in Florida. He will get a program out by the end of April as soon as he returns. It will be a 3 day shoot, Fri. 3 events, 100 targets each. Sat.- 200 singles, Sun. 100 doubles, then 100 handicap. Camping and lodging will be available by calling 1-800-848-8058. A copy of the Zone Shoot application and letter accompanying it that was sent to the clubs in rotation was discussed. Although the letter stated that the application and draft of shoot program be submitted by Jan 5, 2009 or sooner, the application stated that the Zone Shoot Application be postmarked before 1/5/09, no mention of the program draft. The Jan. 24 minutes state that applications had been received from all 4 clubs. It was decided that the forms would be re-written stating that shoot application, program draft and ATA Shoot Application forms be submitted for approval by Jan 1st. Blank forms to be mailed to the clubs no later than Oct. 1st.

5-MAN TEAM SHOOT: Brad reported that everything was in place for the 5-Man Team Shoot at WGC. He has been in communication with WGC liaison person, Pete Williams, who has been very co-operative. Pete has been a great help for both, the 5-Man and State Shoots. They have lent the WTA a trap that Brad is currently using to train the line help. They have also offered us the use of their new large grill for the 5-Man Cook-Out on Saturday of the 5-Man Team Shoot.

WTA 2009 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Bruce said that raffle tickets are currently being printed. Don Mittag may be able to get a used 3200 Trap Special and a Belgium made A 5, both in A-1 condition, collectors items, to be used for the raffle. Don is going to pursue this with the estate.

Brad Patterson presented a check from Boxhorn Gun Club, (Rick Schim), and Direct Drive Distributors (Dudley Larson) for \$500.00 to cover the cost of the targets for the Youth Development Shoot as we lost our previous sponsors. Recob will again be donating the shells. Thanks to Jerry Patterson for his assistance in making this a go. He is also getting a banner made up for the Youth Shoot listing these 3 donors.

2009 STATE SHOOT: Jay will be contacted regarding the loudspeaking system again. Brad reported approximately 25 vendors have already paid for their spots. Tents (with side walls) have been ordered. More vendor spots are open. Golf carts are ordered. Only the WTA designated golf

carts will be allowed on the line. Don Mittag suggested one cart be stationed behind every 4th or 5th trap to handle problems instead of going up and down the line. Swischer will be cleaning bathrooms daily. WGC is building new benches and repairing old ones to have 2 benches per trap. They are also making new scoring table tops. Paul Becker will be making ice blocks for the water jugs. Bruce is going to check on the prices of safety glasses. Coach House Grill will again be the vendor on the East end, with a limited amount of food available on the West end. Line Supervisors are hired, and line training is taking place. A morning crew to load houses is still to be hired. Arlene will get a Cert. Of Insurance to WGC for the event. WGC members, Dave Resch, Norb Koepke and Jerry Patterson will be volunteering their time for set-up and take-down, more people are needed. **Event entry costs:** John Atkielski and Brad spent 3 hours reviewing all of the costs associated with the State Shoot. It was their recommendation the price be set at \$29.00/100 targets, plus tax to break even. Their reasons are that the shoot is a fixed cost regardless of the weather & number of shooters. Most of the fixed costs have gone up over last year. It is less than a 10% increase. The goal is to break even. Following discussion, Dennis made a motion to set the price at \$29.00/100 targets, plus tax, and reduced target fees for Jr./SubJr will be \$22.00 plus tax. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed. **Trophies:** John Atkielski, Nora Bristol and Dennis chose and ordered all the trophies. Helen Mar will assist on Saturday and Sunday with the office and trophies. Myron Bumstead has been hired to do trap repair and will have use of the Gator. WGC has been repairing traps.

Lunch Break: 12-12:30

Program mailing & advertising: John Atkielski submitted a list of questions concerning the program which were discussed and answered. WGC is donating \$1000.00 added money in WGC gift certificates for event 3 on Tuesday and will be handling the shoot offs for this event. Advertising is complete and has been given to Virgil.

All-State Team, an error was made in recording the score of Jim Grunwald at the Mo. State Shoot. When it was discovered by Jim after he was issued his new card, he reported the error to the ATA. Because of the ATA change in the target year, the correction was made after the data base was issued for determining the All State Team. Because of the time difference, an error was made in selecting the team, and the announcement was made excluding Jim. A vote was taken during a WTA Board Teleconference meeting and it was decided to add a 6th person to the team, and in the future shooters have to make application for the All-State Team to avoid this problem. Bill Simonar, NE Zone Director, wanted it known that he is dead set against the adding of a 6th person to the team as it is against the rules of the All-State Team. Bill is going to speak with Ralph Sievert as he would be bumped from the team as the 6th person. ***Note:** Following the meeting, Bill spoke with Ralph regarding the situation. Ralph felt that he did not want the honor if he did not earn it and completely understood the problem. The Board recognizes his good sportsmanship and thanks him for his willing cooperation.

BANQUET: Letters will be sent to the gun clubs requesting donations for the banquet. The Early Bird entry cut off will be June 15th. A gun and print will be given as 1st & 2nd Early Bird prizes. Banquet reservation forms will be sent out to the clubs along with these minutes. The program is 6:00 pm cocktails, free beer & soda. Raffles begin at 6:30 continuing through dinner at 7:00pm. Presentations follow dinner, no later than 8:30pm. MEC is donating a Reloader. We need a Master of Ceremonies.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Arlene had distributed an updated financial report to the Board.

TAX & LEGAL UPDATE: Communication between our new accountant and our legal firm has been great. They have uncovered missed items and paved the way for the 501c3. We must change the name to Wisconsin Trapshooting on all our Financial Reports. Gary Goyke informed Bruce of a “Legislation Day” in Madison on May 6th or 7th where the DNR would be available to us either day. They are pushing the sales tax on targets again. He would like approximately 10 people at the meeting. We need one page explaining who we (WTA) are. We will be attending on Thursday 5/7. Dennis, Arlene, Brad, Don Mittag plan on going, plus others who might be willing. He suggested some Jr. and Lady Shooters. Bruce will e-mail the new By-Laws to Arlene.

AROUND THE TABLE: Brad updated the Board on the Newsletter and Website. The cost of the newsletter runs approximately \$2100.00 per publication, or a \$1.25 per issue . Most items in the Newsletter is outdated by the time it is published. He suggested we put the Newsletter on the Website and if anyone requests a hard copy we would send it to them. Bill made a motion to discontinue publication of the newsletter on paper after this last issue due to costs, and place it on the Website, mailed upon request. Brad seconded the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.

Teleconference Meetings were discussed. It was noted that it was acceptable to have teleconferenced meetings one or two times a year, with short agendas, published in advance. This is a great savings to the WTA. Expenses for meetings are approximately \$800.00 per meeting. This covers reimbursement of gas mileage at only \$.30/mile, and lunch expenses. The cost of a teleconference meeting is under \$200.00. The Secretary has been hosting it in her home and preparing the lunch in order to keep costs down. Don Mittag and Brad expressed concern about the lack of communication by the members of the Board on the Website.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Sat. Evening of the 5-Man Team Shoot

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

Dennis made a motion to adjourn, Brad seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting closed 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Otto, Sec./Treas.