

WTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 17, 2009

Teleconference

The meeting of the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association Board of Directors was called to order at 7:04 PM by Vice President Dennis Taylor. Directors present were Gary Fechter, Virgil Bomkamp, Ray Martin, ATA Delegate Jay Adams, and Secr-Treas. Arlene Otto. Taylor asked Adams to chair the meeting because of his experience with teleconferencing. Adams reviewed conference call etiquette and said the call was being recorded by the host website.

ATA Delegate Report: Adams explained the steps currently followed to select members for the All State Team. The process was adopted when Dan Murphy was ATA delegate approximately four years ago. The starting point of the process is the annual ATA report. A special request is needed to be placed with the ATA for in-state and out-of-state targets. Dick Otto has developed a computer program that sorts the information to aid in the selection process which saved 8 to 10 hours of Adams' time this year. However, there are still problems involving determination of meeting All State Team qualifications and confidentiality. A verification of shooting the Zone Shoot, Championship events at the State Shoot and meeting the minimum target requirements needs to be done. Otto's program sorts shooters by special categories but has limitations.

A problem arose this year with a late detected and corrected score with the ATA involving selection of the All State Veteran Team. Jim Grunewald had a score corrected on 12/12/08 with the ATA. With the target year ending on 10/31/08, the All State Team selection used data after 10/31/08 but before the correction on Grunewald's targets was made. With the corrected score, Grunewald qualified as a member of the All State Veteran Team. The omission of Grunewald was not an oversight, rather missed due to the data used at the time of selection. The All State Team selection was made, approved and notified in January 2009. There was discussion on how to handle the error. Bomkamp made a motion to add a sixth position to the 2008 All State Veteran Team with the WTA paying for the additional trophy needed with Martin making the second. Motion carried.

Adams feels the current selection process is ripe for errors and would like to see it change to an application process initiated by the individual shooters. He said there would be ample opportunities to inform WTA members of the application process through newsletters, a "Trap & Field" ATA Delegate article, the WTA website, and at the annual WTA meeting and during morning announcements at the State Shoot. It was suggested including the application form in the Broken Target Newsletter as well as posting in on the website and giving forms to directors to distribute. Adams made a motion that the selection process for the All State Team go to an application process starting with the 2009 All State Team. Bomkamp made the second. Motion carried. Information needed on the application for All State Team was discussed. Adams will create a sample form including a deadline date and send to the directors for their comments and approval. It was noted that the application process change will not change the selection process or target and event requirements.

State Shoot Update: Taylor reported Brad Patterson is training students at several schools for trap help at the State Shoot as well as the 5-Man Team Shoot. Since Don Mittag has stepped down from getting advertising for the State Shoot Program, Patterson and Dick Otto have taken on the job.

After considering the large number of fixed costs, Patterson and John Atkielski recommend 2009 State Shoot targets be \$29/100 plus tax and daily fees. They further discussed a possible reduction in the camping charge for 2009 State Shoot. There was some discussion on current and past prices at various shoots. Last year's State Shoot target cost was \$26.75/100 plus tax and daily fees. Adams volunteers to contact the Zone ATA director to get target prices for surrounding State Shoots. Target price for the 2009 State Shoot was tabled until the next board meeting to be held on April 4, 2009.

Secretary Position: No one has assumed the position of secretary vacated by Helen Mar Adams last fall. Arlene Otto said she would like to see the position listed as assistant secretary/treasurer where the person would aid the regular secretary/treasurer. H. M. Adams has been helping Otto with some of the secretary duties and will continue until someone takes the position on a permanent basis.

Around Table: Fechter noted the Broken Target newsletter deadline is March 30, 2009. He asked about the prices for ads in the State Shoot Program and was told full page ads are \$200, ½ page ads are \$100 with \$50 for ¼ page ads.

Taylor reported he has received the patches for the 5-Man Team and Zone Shoots. The buckles for the Zone Shoots have been mailed. He will be meeting with several other people on Sunday, March 22, to select State Team trophies.

Martin asked about getting for zone director nomination forms.

Bomkamp reported there appears to be the same number of ads as last year.

A. Otto said she has not received shoot date applications from Fox Valley or Gateway. She reported the WTA has insurance for voice callers, computers, the trailer and coverage of money loss. She said Sportsman's Warehouse has announced it is going out of business and MEC will be giving a reloading tool for this year's awards banquet.

Adams talked about making the teleconference meeting recording available to WTA members. Otto said there has never been a request for recordings of any previous board of director meetings. It was decided to pass the issue on to President Bruce Stiteley with regards to the by-laws and legality issues.

Bomkamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Martin making the second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Submitted by Helen Mar Adams