

WTA BOD Meeting August 21, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Bruce Stiteley at 7:13pm.

Present were Bruce Stiteley, Glenn Hamerly, Gary Strasser, Bill Simonar, Don Mittag, Dennis Taylor, Ken Cerney, Kevin Doerring, Jay Adams and Sarah Adams. Not present were Dwight Paulin and Gary Fechter.

Don Mittag has offered his services to replace Brad Patterson as Southeast Zone Director. According to WTA bylaws, the board of directors can vote a nominated member of the WTA to the Director position. Rick Tesker made a motion that Don Mittag be appointed to the position of SE Zone Director. Ken Cerney seconded the motion; all in favor.

Bruce talked about the state shoot, stating that it was a very good shoot. There may be a few things different for next year in order to prepare for the transition to the new home grounds. He opened the table for discussion. Denny talked to Jim Beasley of Tilden Trophies at the Grand about a possible "commemorative buckle" that shooters can purchase with a portion of the profit, perhaps \$10 per buckle, going to the WTA. They could be numbered. A buckle would be on display at the state shoot and ordered as shooter interest allows. This could be tied in with pins/shirts that could be available as well. Denny mentions maybe we could promote how it is the last shoot at Waukesha. They discussed the possibility of having the banquet on the grounds this coming year. Or perhaps the possibly have a "pig roast" or something similar to that on the grounds to raise money. The previously used venues for the annual fundraising banquet are already booked for the date of the banquet next year, so discussion was had about other venue opportunities. Arlene has checked into several places with no luck. Bruce has an idea of putting up a large tent for Saturday and hold the banquet there, with the usual raffles, etc, and open it up for anyone/everyone and just charge a small fee "per plate" and have the food catered in. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Don Mittag voiced concern about the classification desk with regard to shooters needing to change their classification in the middle of the week. It is not an option to change this at the classification desk currently. This will be placed on the to-do list for something that needs to be changed for next year. A question was raised about shooters wanting to shoot targets only. This also may be a possibility for next year. Rick mentioned that the ATA is going to have a new program in a couple years that will replace 3S at small clubs and allow electronic reporting of shoots directly to the ATA. This will be something to consider as the ATA will make it available to download their program. Jay sees this as a possible issue as some clubs are still doing shoot reports by hand, clubs do not have internet access, etc.

A situation at the state shoot where a handicap shooter had to be disqualified from the handicap championship event was discussed. Rick updated the board on how trophies had been redistributed. The discussion continued with how to redistribute the approximately \$600 of winnings from the disqualified shooter. Rick will be discussing this with Dick Otto in regards to how this could be handled.

Rick reported the Grand attendance was up 13% overall and 23% for the main Grand Week. This is good news. Rick also reported that the ATA daily fees went to \$3. Also, at the Central Zone meeting, it was

approved that any state in the Central Zone wishing to host the Zone Shoot can do so. Any clubs in Wisconsin interested in hosting the Central Zone Shoot are to contact Rick.

Rick also reported that he brought up the special category rule at the ATA Board of Directors meeting but after discussion, a revised rule was voted down and the existing rule will stay in place.

Discussion was had regarding non-resident trophies at the state shoot. The trophy list will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Bill Simonar brought up the idea of adding a mandatory runner-up singles trophy at each zone shoot. This would also add one trophy at the state shoot in the champion-of-champions event where the runner-up from each zone would be eligible to compete. Bill made the motion to approve this change, Kevin Doerring seconded, all in favor.

The 5-man team shoot was discussed about if it should be continued or not. Under the current contract with Waukesha Gun Club, it is up to Waukesha if they want to hold it or not. If they choose not to host it, the weekend can be opened up for registered shooting throughout the state to any club interested. Denny will talk to Brad about Waukesha's decision on this.

Last Friday Bruce began the process of pulling 240 acres of the Town of Rome Property out of Managed Forest Program. The application should be completed in the next 2 weeks. The cost of the withdraw is \$800/acre. Denny made the motion to proceed with the withdraw, and Ken seconded the motion to move forward on this process as it needs to be completed in order to move forward on the project. Discussion followed. No vote taken, motion tabled until the next meeting.

Bruce reported that 7 bids were received from engineering firms and that a meeting on August 30th, 2011 will interview the three lowest bids. Bids ranged from \$44,000 to just over \$100,000. The engineering firm as well as the continued direction of the homegrounds project with respect to project management should be made at that meeting or shortly thereafter.

That same day, Bruce is planning on meeting with a person who may be able to coordinate with an operating engineering school which could possibly be used to construct some of our homegrounds.

Bruce also reported that the golf course in the Town of Rome had received zoning approval and is expected to be opening mid-year in 2013.

Glenn Hamerly has done some work on a sign to go on our property in the Town of Rome that would state that the property is to be the future location of the WTA Homegrounds. Prices are around \$420 but he will do some checking with other businesses in the area and report back.

Next meeting to be scheduled for October 15th, 2011 tentatively to be held at the Heart of Wisconsin Gun Club.

Motion to adjourn by Rick Tesker, Bill Simonar seconds, all in favor at 8:55pm.