

WTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 24, 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: Gary Fechter, Brad Patterson, SW: Virgil Bomkamp, Dennis Taylor, NE: Bill Simonar, NW: Greg Knorr, Ata Delegate Jay Adams, Alt. Delegate Kevin Doerring, Sec-Treas. Arlene Otto. Excused were Ray Martin, and Gary Strasser. Also present were Glenn Hamerly, Gary DeSmidt, Jay Nigbor, John Atkielski and Dick Otto. The Hall of Fame Committee, John Atkielski, Jay Nigbor and Bruce Stiteley having had a closed meeting at 8 a.m.

HALL OF FAME: Jay Nigbor reported on the 2009 Hall of Fame inductees. Following the Committee's review of the applications submitted, John Atkielski and Jay chose 5 to be considered by the current HOF members. 31 were sent out to the HOF members, 29 were returned. The HOF committee submitted the names of the two candidates receiving the most votes to the Board. Dennis Taylor made the motion to accept both Tim Curtin and Jim Westover as the 2009 inductees. Brad Patterson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Changes to be made in the selection process: applications must be returned by 12/15 instead of 12/31. Another change is requesting the inductees to provide the name of the person who will be inducting them at the Banquet, or if they prefer to have the Hall of Fame committee perform the induction. Bruce thanked John, Jay, and the existing HOF members for their efforts and time given in this difficult task.

2008 ALL STATE TEAM: Jay Adams thanked Dick for the efforts he expended writing programs to identify candidates for the All State Team who met target requirements based on the ATA database. This eliminated approximately 8 hours of work for Jay. In reviewing qualifications for the All State Team, it was agreed that age comes first, before gender, to determine placement on a team. Following discussion, Virgil made a motion that the requirement to have Co-Captains would be to have the identical composite averages to the 100th of a percent (ie: .9876 - .9875). Bill seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. It was also determined that "**IT IS THE SHOOTER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INSURE THEIR ATA AVERAGE IS CORRECT**". If a shooter does not wish to be included on the team, he/she is requested to notify the Board of such.

GARY DeSMIDT - WSCTP YOUTH PROGRAM: Gary thanked the WTA for their support and assistance in the past. He is no longer director of the WSCTP but is currently applying to become the State Advisor. There have been many changes: Name - Wisc. Youth Shooting Sports Alliance (WYSSA). The ATA has inaugurated a new program - Academics, Integrity and Marksmanship (AIM). Glen Hammerly, Matt Schneider, Mike Bradley and Gary are State Directors for AIM. The State SCTP will have their State Shoot at Sauk Prairie on June 20th. The AIM program is recommending the states have a State Shoot program for the kids, a team event and individual trophies provided by the ATA. He asked the WTA Board to approve the AIM group having their State Shoot on Saturday in conjunction with the WTA State Shoot. Approval was given. There was discussion regarding the implementation of it which was tabled to a later date. There will be an organizational meeting of the AIM & WYSSA Directors on March 21st at Sauk Prairie. Jay was

asked to attend this meeting, and Dick Otto volunteered to also attend.

WTA 2009 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Instead of a mass mailing including the pamphlet to all clubs, Bruce stated only a letter will be sent. The balance of the information will be available on the internet. Secondly, he suggested that because there will be no club or person donating targets this year for the Youth Group shoot, there will be no rebates paid back to the clubs based on the number of kids participating at the State Shoot, and the raffle tickets sold. In past years, it was \$40 per youth up to 10 kids, last year it had to be dropped to \$20.00. Following general discussion, it was decided to keep it the same as in 2008, the WTA furnishing targets.

STATE SHOOT: Jay - The shoot will be totally computerized using the 3S Program. No entry cards will be used. Whether shooters have presquadded or not, they will first come to the classification table in front of the windows, get classified, proceed to the bar area to be squadded, then on to the cashiering window. If presquadded, they go to the classification table and then to the cashier counter. The shooter will be given a receipt showing his classification, squads entered, amount paid, and balance to be paid. There will be two separate lines for "today only" and two for the entire shoot for squadding. Getting someone to classify in the afternoons has been a problem. If we have a new Secretary, she would be trained to classify during those times. If not, one of the cashiers will be trained for it. She would also be helping out at the trophy counter. Classifiers will be trained on the new program on Monday of the shoot week if not before.

Gary - He checked on getting a larger cart to pull trailers for garbage, ice, etc. At this time, there is non available. Brad will check with WGC regarding the use of a utility vehicle. Mike Thomas has again volunteered to water the driveway.

Virgil - The program will remain at the larger size as decided at a previous meeting. All articles have to be in by April 1st. Don Mittag has been approached to obtain more advertising, to cover additional costs. Cost of ads remain the same, \$200.00/whole page, \$100.00/half page, and \$50.00 per quarter page.

Bruce - The speaker system at the west end is useless. Renting one was discussed. Jay will check into what systems may be available. Target setting - 3 groups, same areas. 1) Bill, Paul Becker, Dave Lade 2) Dennis, Virgil, Rick Tesker, Gary Fechter 3) Bruce, Glen Hammerly, Glen Grabski, Ray Martin and Greg Knorr.

Dennis - Trophy committee will meet in April. Carts are ordered.

LUNCH BREAK: 12pm to 12:45pm

Program - WGC is donating \$1000.00 to sponsor an event.

Target Qualifications: Following discussion, Dennis made a motion to change the 2009 Targets Shot requirements to: 400, 400 & 200, and to change the 2009 New Shooters also to 400, 400 & 200. Brad seconded the motion. All in favor. Penalty class/yardage remain the same as 2008.

Jr./SubJr. Membership Renewals: - After discussion, Dennis made a motion to we continue to pay the 2nd year membership, but it would be as a reimbursement after the youth completes a form available on the Website, or from the Secr./Treas. and shows proof of payment for the 2nd year. Jay seconded the motion and offered to make up the form. Forms must be turned in to the Treasurer by March 1st to receive reimbursement. All were in agreement.

Practice traps: Practice on Permanent trap #1. Fee will be \$5.00 per 25, or \$5.00 for 12 pair of doubles. Food: WGC has engaged Coach House Grill, for the east end. There will be no food at

the west end. Brad is going to discuss with WGC the Youth selling ice cream.

Ladies Bingo: The WTA will conduct the Ladies Lunch & Bingo

Camping is handled by Bill Simonar.

Brad to handle the Vendors. Vendor spaces are \$50.00.

Target cost: All the large shoots are at \$29.00. Before just arbitrarily setting it at \$29.00, Brad will determine all the costs of the shoot so that entry price can be determined. State sales tax must still be collected.

Suggested changes to the events and trophies were discussed and approved. Dick Otto wanted it noted that with the new 3S program, the shoot is limited to 14 events and 8 options per event, nothing more. John is going to include in the program an explanation of shoot-off procedures as stated in the rule book. Brad will put it on the website.

Brad has lined up the help and has scheduled training. Shootoff personnel will be the night cleanup crew. There will be 6 kids to help with loading targets in the morning.

2009 ZONE SHOOT: Greg Knorr reported that Zone Shoot applications have been received from all 4 clubs: June 6/7 NE - Gateway, SW -Janesville, June 13/14 - NW - Eau Claire, SE - Boxhorn. Arlene stated that at this point, Gateway & Boxhorn have not applied for their registered shoot dates. They will not be included in the Shoot List in the Calendar if not in by 1/31. Once shoot dates are paid for, the Zone programs will be put up on the website.

WTA COMPUTER PURCHASE: Dick Otto reported that we have received all but the 3 laptops, which will be shipped late this month. The machines are all unpacked, operating systems updated, and programs loaded. The keyboards have card swipes installed. This is a wired system for security purposes. The club house does have adequate power. Bruce thanked Dick for all the work he has put into this new process. We are looking into getting insurance for the trailer, voice releases and computer equipment. Bill Simonar will call Dennis Kozlowski regarding insurance coverage.

LEGAL & FINANCIAL UPDATE: The new accountant, Rajek, Grimm & Assoc. is an improvement and very knowledgeable. The change-over has taken place. Arlene reported that she had to cash in 2 CD's to cover invoices for Computers, Lawyer, State Dept., Lobbyist, taxes and the \$5000.00 down payment to WGC. The cost of the computers will be covered in 3 years by not purchasing the entry cards. Name change to Wisconsin Trapshooting Assoc., Inc., permits and Bylaws have been completed. 501c3 has been submitted. Hopefully by the State Shoot we will have an approval.

CHANGES TO 5-MAN TEAM SHOOT: Dennis & crew will provide the cookout, same menu.

WEBSITE: Brad reminded everyone to submit their articles. All shoot dates are posted. The newsletter will go out the beginning of April, cut-off dates for articles will be March 30th. Reminded the Directors to use the Website.

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALLS: Jay suggested looking into having the WTA Board meetings via telephone conference call. He is going to look into it for our next meeting.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: April 4th

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

Dennis made a motion to adjourn, Gary seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting closed 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Otto, Sec./Treas.