

## WTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 20, 2010

Mukwonago, WI

The meeting of the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Bruce Stiteley. Directors present were SE: Brad Patterson, Gary Fechter, SW: Dennis Taylor, Virgil Bomkamp, NE Gary Strasser, NW Glenn Hammerly, Alt. Delegates Kevin Doerring and Kyle Wojicechowski, and Sec.-Treas. Arlene Otto. Delegate Jay Adams was present for the entire meeting via speaker phone. Also in attendance were John Atkielski, Don Mittag and Dick Otto. Bruce thanked everyone for attending and then requested a moment of silence to honor Director Ray Martin (NE) who passed away on March 3, 2010.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Arlene provided financial reports to the Board Members.

- 1) **FILL NE ZONE VACANCY:** First on the agenda was replacing Ray as Director of the NE Zone. Several requests from the NE Zone had been made to WTA Board members to ask Bill Simonar to accept the position again. Bill accepted the request made to him by Dennis Taylor. Dennis made a motion to appoint Bill Simonar as NE Director, Gary Strasser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Board is very thankful that Bill will take over as Director, including the camping assignment for the State Shoot.
- 2) **STATE TEAM:** The response from Mike Seitz of the ATA was a disappointment as it was felt that he (Mike Seitz) should not have taken the blame for the ATA. Bruce stated that we are here to support not only the ATA, but the registered and non-registered shooters of Wisconsin. A complimentary Banquet ticket was sent to the Sub-Jr. Co-Captain, and an additional All State Team award pin has been ordered. It is a completed issue. Randy Boelkow from Midwestern will supply the Team trophies. Arlene mentioned that the Spring Gateway shoot is to honor Lee Schmidt for all that he did for trapshooting.
- 3) **ZONE SHOOT:** The zone shoot rules will be changed prior to the new target year to clarify the \$1800.00 distribution in the future. It was suggested the host club would not have to make a direct mailing to their shooters as the program is required to be in the Spring Shooter's Calendar, which all shooters receive. In the future, we will add the Zone shoot dates and places to the State Shoot ad in Trap & Field. Trophies and patches have been ordered. All Directors up for re-election will run again.
- 4) **5-MAN TEAM SHOOT:** Being that the shoot is a non-registered event on **Saturday**, August 21<sup>st</sup>, following the State Shoot and Grand, it will be more of a "fun" shoot, with no pressure. It is hoped there will be greater participation by opening it to non-ATA shooters. The program is on the WGC website and presquadding is available. Copies of the Spring Shooter's Calendar ad will be sent to the Zone Shoot clubs for display at the Zone Shoots, along with a list of area motels. Arlene will send an invitational letter to go along with the ad, also provide them to Recobs and Midwestern Shooters to distribute to their customers if possible. Arlene will also send it to non-WTA affiliated clubs from a listing provided by Jay. The Directors will review the list to make additions or changes. Patches are ordered and trophies will be ordered. There is no profit coming to the WTA from this shoot, but it is hoped that more shooters will become registered shooters. Gary Fechter

will check on getting ad copies made by Miller. Brad will contact WGC regarding their placing an ad in the Wisc. Conservation Bulletin.

#### 5) STATE SHOOT:

a. Brad's report: Office Trailer from Daco will arrive on 7/1. The large tent with sides will be on the East end, no tent on the West end as it was under utilized last year, 20 tables and 200 chairs all from D.C. Bergman. 10 Port-A-Johns (2 Handicap) will be distributed same as last year. Dumpsters will be delivered and picked up by Viola. One additional one will be placed on the east end. Pumping for the campers will be done by camper's request. A displayable card will be included in the mailing to the campers when reserving their place. They will display it on their camper when they want a pumping. The cost will be \$30.00 per pumping. Dave Lade and Paul Becker will again provide ice/water, and Mike Thomas will be doing dust control on the parking lot. Myron Bumsted will return as trap repair person. He has always been very complimentary of the condition of the traps. Lori Bumsted will also return unless she gets a full-time job in her hometown. All the office help will be returning. Gun Club Data Service will again be doing the cashiering. Adam LePine will return as Line Supervisor, and balance of help have been contacted. Trap help will be handled by Milwaukee Lutheran High School and Waukesha North Wrestling Team. They will be going through training. Vendor invoices have gone out to those vendors from last year, and Shamrock Leather and Phillip Gun Smithing. Replies must be returned by 4/15 to reserve their spot, after 4/20 spots not claimed will be reassigned. There will be approximately three vendors on the west end. Brad will contact Midwestern regarding a site.

Vendor spaces are \$60.00. Pete Williams said that WTA will be added to the WGC insurance policy. 16 golf carts have been ordered. There will be no squad shuffle. Presquad begins on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Banks A3 through G3 will be used for all events. Practice trap will be open on the far east end. WGC has plastic orange fencing that we are able to use. The trophy committee (Dennis Taylor, Nora and Tom Bristol and John Atkielski) will be meeting to order trophies. The WTA trailer is set. Brad was commended on the great job he is doing.

b. Gary Strasser distributed attendance pins which he had ordered. Discussed was placing a State Shoot Ad in the new Trapshooting Magazine. Glen Hamerly made a motion to place our color ½ page ad in the magazine. Gary Fechter seconded the motion. Unanimously accepted. Gary Strasser supplied a form to be signed and notarized to trade mark the WTA logo. Arlene was directed to order additional shirts for Kyle, Gary Strasser and Gary Fechter. Gary Strasser also displayed a sample of WTA logo stickers to be placed on cars. Brad suggested they be given with the attendance pin, and any extra could be sold, 2/\$1. Arlene will order 2500.

c. Virgil discussed the program being produced by a new company that produces state shoot programs for various states. Following discussion, it was decided to utilize the new company.

John Atkielski reviewed the State Shoot Program. A discussion followed to clarify classifying Special Categories as found on pages 18-19 of the Sept.,2009 ATA Rule Book. It will be imperative the classification committee be well schooled on these rule changes. A shooter must declare class or special category at the time of classifying. If not declared, class takes precedence. Once classified, **changes to category cannot be made** during this shoot.

Lunch Break: 12:00 - 1:15 Jay rejoined the group via phone.

d. Banquet update: Banquet is set for Saturday night. Both Bob Weber and Helen Mar Adams will again assist. Bruce will contact Randy Boelkow at Midwestern to purchase gun gift certificates. Arlene will send out letters requesting donations from gun clubs and companies. Names of donors will be listed in the Banquet Program. Ken Cerny agreed to be the Master of Ceremonies. Being new to the Board this year, Kyle asked how he could help.

e. Dick Otto reported on hand held radios. He had checked several over the internet, to purchase or rent. He also checked at Gander Mountain and Cabela's. He brought a Midland set he purchased from Cabela's for the Board to examine. If 20 sets (40 radios) were purchased, we could get a reduced rate of \$72.00 per set. Following discussion, Brad made a motion to purchase 20 sets and Gary Strasser seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was made to purchase 20 Midland sets.

f. Target Setting Teams: Glenn Hamerly said that last year's teams will set targets again this year. Three teams of 4 people are necessary. Bill Simonar will be contacted. Supplies will be there. Norieda Martin was contacted by phone and agreed to sell Ray's radar gun to the WTA to supplement the radar gun the WTA already owns.

**6. ATA DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Jay reported on the last meeting of the ATA Zone Committee. They decided to open the host clubs for the Central Zone Shoot to 4 clubs, adding Brittany (IL). They felt it would draw shooters on their way to the Grand. Tim Thompson is working on the Wisconsin Central Zone Shoot to be held at Sauk Prairie. Jay also reported that the ATA is requiring new shells to be shot at the Grand for all Handicap Events.

**7. RECREATION PARK AND TEACHING FACILITY UPDATE:** Jay reported that he had received aerial maps from Glenn Hamerly, and estimates from Glen Grabski, to produce the proposed layout. The current price for Pat Traps will be obtained. The Hodag Club is in the process of procuring the parcel adjoining their land that had been used as a dump site, this would enable a straight line of 30 traphouses. Russ Slaby is also working on a layout. Dick Pettigrew will be contacted regarding lead management assessments. Dennis reported that he has been in contact with Dan Lemke, Senior Land Advisor at the DNR regarding land that has become available in the central area of the State. Dennis provided a plot map for the Board's review. Bruce will be in contact with the chairman of that township. It is in sand country, located along a highway, completely dry and partially cleared. Plum Creek has come back with a price on the land. Bruce stated that it is our responsibility to be concerned with the future of the WTA, 50 years down the road. Brad stated that WGC is also working on a proposal to locate the home grounds at the Waukesha Gun Club and they should have it completed soon for the Board's review. Interest rates and building supplies are all going up. Contractors are looking for work at this time. Our members want us to do something now. It is planned to get the information out to the membership for a vote following the State Shoot, IF we have viable options and if the proposals fill our needs.

**AROUND THE TABLE:** Dennis supplied a drawing of a traphouse for the Board to review. Brad - the Home page of the website will be revamped after the State Shoot. Directors need to get on the site. The SCTP has separated from AIM. The WTA have loaned the SCTP \$4000.00, which will be paid back. Bruce said that he put it through as a "plan B" in the event we did not get our own

501.c3. Brad also said that Pete Williams of the WGC thought that it may be possible to extend the agreement with them for 1 more year, depending on how attractive a short term contract would be and what is happening with the Home Grounds. They would not like to commit to short term contracts. Arlene will setup the Presquad same as last year. Don Mittag asked about pictures taken of the State Team over the years. If anyone has any from previous years they should contact the WTA. They could be put up on the website. Gary Strasser suggested sending the membership a letter indicating a means for supporting the Home Grounds by donating funds for a variety of items and having their name displayed, as has been done in other places. A second form could be completed to promise a sum at a later date, or in a will. This could be put on the website. Glen responded to a statement at the last meeting regarding the realignment of the zones. He felt it was OK as is. John Atkielski commented on the great job Glen Grabski and Cheryl Demulling did to get all the State Shoot trophy winners into an Excel program so that the history of wins would be available in a “usable” manner. Thanks to them! Brad will put it on the website. John also suggested recognizing our sponsor by giving plaques to event Sponsors for 5 and 10 years of sponsoring events at the State Shoot. Kevin said several shooters recommended attendance pins for 10, 15 and 20 year increments for attendance at state shoots. Pins would be in the shape of the new official state logo. Shooters would have to request and sign for them. Gary asked the Directors to review the gun club lists and compiled with changes by the next meeting. This list to be used for the 5-Man Team posters/letters to the gun clubs. Virgil is going to have the waterproof score sheets made.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Next meeting dates set for May 16<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>, both to be teleconference calls at 7 p.m.

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

Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brad seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Otto, Sec./Treas.