



## WTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 26, 2008

Mukwonago, WI

The meeting of the Wisconsin Trapshooters Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:15 AM by President Bruce Stiteley. Directors present were SE: Joe Zukowski, Brad Patterson, SW: Dennis Taylor, Virgil Bomkamp, NW: Greg Knorr, NE: Bill Simonar, Mike May, ATA Delegate Jay Adams, Treasurer Arlene Otto, and Secretary Helen Mar Adams. Excused were Glen Grabski and Ray Martin. Also in attendance were John Atkielski, Gary Desmidt, Don Mittag and Dick Otto.

Wisconsin Scholastic Clay Target Program (WSCTP): WSCTP President Gary Desmidt spoke to the board of directors. He thanked the directors for their support of the youth program. He presented a proposal to allow youth to compete for WSCTP team trophies during the Championship Singles event at the state shoot. These trophies will be awarded independently of the WTA trophies. Youth competitors will still be eligible for all event trophies. Gary felt it would increase attendance and provide experience for youth shooters. He said the WSCTP would take care of advertising, registration, pre-squading (through the use of presquad.com), score sheets, and trophies. As members of SCTP, youth are also members of the ATA. There were questions raised regarding supervision of the youth shooters. Gary said coaches will be present to field problems should they arise. He expects 80-100 kids to participate in the 200-single event. Brad Patterson made a motion to accept the WSCTP proposal as presented by Gary Desmidt with Virgil Bomkamp making the second. Motion carried.

Gary Desmidt said to avoid confusion over registered shoots for the general ATA membership versus exclusively for WSCTP participants, he would contact Arlene Otto a week before the youth shoot date. He reported there is an upcoming coach/instructor class being offered but the registration is full. Gary asked about WSCTP youth vending at the state shoot and was advised to contact Waukesha Gun Club regarding the matter. Gary mentioned that WI Assembly Bill 672 will be introduced to the State Legislature which he asked the directors to support and contact their representatives. Part of the bill states that no age restrictions will apply for a person to use a firearm in target practice as long as he or she is accompanied by their parent or guardian or a person who is at least 18 years of age who is designated by the parent or guardian.

WTA Youth Development Program: Bruce Stiteley discussed previous problems with the youth program among which included no registration of youth shooters prior to the event. He outlined new ruling that has been developed to deal with past problems. The ruling changes include: 1. Any youth shooting an event at the state shoot will not be allowed to shoot the youth event, 2. Youth event is open to ATA members, 3. Mandatory requirement: Youth shooters must presquad. He said the rules would be printed in the event pamphlet.

Bruce reported Dick Otto has set up a software program for the youth program event. A computer will be in the trailer for youth shoot data. All donations for the event have been verified. Bruce said he expects attendance to be reduced because of a new rule that states a youth shooting any state shoot event will not be eligible to compete in the youth



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development program. Registered youth shooters who have not shot at the state shoot are still eligible to compete.

2008 Zone Shoots: Bruce Stiteley discussed a problem with the two clubs hosting zone shoots in the NW Zone. With the rotation of dates, Heart of Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club (WI Rapids) always holds the zone shoot the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June and Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club always holds the zone shoot the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June. Suggestions for dealing with the problem were discussed. It was decided to table the matter for another meeting.

Greg Knorr reported all programs have been submitted and approved. There was a question as to whether host clubs were required to advertise the details of their zone shoot in the Shooter's Calendar. Greg was directed to include the advertising requirement in next year's zone shoot requirements. Greg said the patches and buckles were ordered for the events. The 2009 Zone shoots sites will be: Boxhorn (SE), Eau Claire (NW), Janesville (SW) and Gateway (NE).

2008 5-Man Team Shoot: Patrick A. Gerbensky reported the changes to the 5-man team shoot program. He said special category teams must contain a consistent special category for all five members. No multi-special category allowed (i.e. lady & vet/sr/vet). The \$5 individual Lewis is eliminated and the team purse was changed to \$50. Dick Otto said a contact person notation was added on the entry form. Brad Patterson made a motion to accept the program as written. Dennis Taylor made the second. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding awarding trophies for champion team in each class and not an overall champion team. It was noted a new class (AAA) had been added to the event last year. A decision was not reached regarding the matter. The topic will be discussed after the annual meeting.

2008 State Shoot: Pat Gerbensky discussed financial matters regarding the WTA and Waukesha Gun Club (WGC) hosting the state shoot. He indicated Tuesday and Sunday of the state shoot were bad days regarding costs versus revenue for WGC. In 2007, daily labor costs for 28 traps were \$7,300. With other expenses considered, WGC needed \$12,200 to break even. He proposed cutting down the number of traps used on Tuesday due to the low number of entries. He said WGC would pay additional money on Tuesday as an incentive to increase participation. WGC will also be adding daily door prizes this year. He is looking for any suggestions or ideas for distribution of the added money. WGC vendor, camping, and electricity fees were discussed. Pat indicated WGC received \$2,400 in vendor fees in 2007 and expects prices to stay the same.

Pat said WGC would like more exposure for their contribution to the youth program shoot on Sundays considering their 2007 cost was \$3,000. He made cost saving suggestions for the event.

Pat was questioned regarding how schools were paid for providing trap help. He said the current terms were \$10,000 for 30 people/week and \$5,000 for 20 people/week. A change of paying people/trap was discussed.



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It was decided to eliminate the A bank from availability for Tuesday's events to accommodate WGC's concerns regarding labor costs. Pat assured the board these traps could be opened if needed.

Shoot Program: John Atkielski discussed changes for the 2008 program. The program submission deadline will be April 15 with mailing prior to Memorial Day. After some discussion, it was decided to acknowledge All American shooters, life-time target achievement milestones, and high yearly target attainment shooters at the banquet. Large number target attainment shooters will be listed in the annual meeting booklet. A list of WTA shooters dieing in the past year will be noted in the program.

Trophy Committee: Dennis Taylor reported zone shoot and 5-man team shoot trophies and patches have been ordered. Selection of the state shoot trophies will begin in April.

Mike May and cashiers will help hand out trophies at the state shoot. Jay Adams indicated a work schedule would be set up for the classification table between himself, Ray Martin, and Glen Grabski. The classifiers may be able to help hand out trophies. Arlene Otto said she could help classifiers with entering classification in the computer.

State Shoot Pin Selection: Joe Zukowski reported he checked on state shoot pin prices with two different suppliers. Last year's pin provider's bid was \$195.00 higher for the individual pins, plus an additional cost of \$65.00 for the die charge. There is no die or a graphics charge from the new vendor. Fifteen hundred pins will be ordered this year. He passed around a copy of the 2008 pin design. Delivery of the pins should be in two (2) to three (3) weeks.

Enclosed Trailer Purchase: Virgil Bomkamp passed around pictures of the trailer recently purchased for WTA use at the state shoot. The trailer is 20 feet long by 7 feet wide. It has a drop down end gate with a side entry door. The trailer will be stored in the Whitewater area. Virgil has the title for the trailer and is checking on registration. Voice releases will be stored in the trailer and will need to be considered when getting insurance for it. He plans to do some minor repair and improvements on the trailer.

Banquet & Youth Raffle Help: Tabled until next meeting.

Trap & Field Advertising: Bruce said Gary Strasser is designing the ad for the Wisconsin state shoot in "Trap and Field" and will submit it for publication.

Break for lunch: 12:40 PM – 1:20 PM.

WTA Newsletter, Website and E-news: Brad Patterson said he is working on the first of two newsletters for the year. The deadline for the first issue will be February 15 with the issue going to the printer on March 1. He listed reports needed for the newsletter including reports from the different zones. Brad indicated Mike Thomas provides the



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water truck at the state shoot and will be receiving a courtesy advertisement in the newsletter.

Brad reported a new website would be launched for the WTA by the middle of February. The webmaster advised the WTA to have moderated threads. Brad will act as moderator with Jay Adams as backup. Brad said he would take care of additions to the website and keep it current. The address of the new WTA website is: [www.witrapshooters.com](http://www.witrapshooters.com). There was a question raised about advertising on the WTA website. Brad will check with the web host and give a report on the matter at the next meeting.

Brad reported due to the lack of response and/or interest in the E-news, he would not be pursuing it further at this time.

50-Mile Radius Event Rule: Brad Patterson said four clubs from the SE zone met on January 18 to discuss the scheduling of shooting events without overlaps. He said with clubs working together it was felt there was no need for the 50-mile rule. The four clubs are cooperating in "4 x 8 Fall Classic" shoot. The event is four days long between the four clubs with 800 targets. The shoot will be held on Sept. 13, 14, 20, 21.

Virgil Bomkamp contacted clubs in the SW zone and found no major issues with scheduling shoots. It was advised for individuals with concerns to put it in writing for the board of directors to address.

WTA Incorporation: Bruce Stiteley gave a history of the incorporation of the WTA. It had been recently discovered the incorporation papers were not renewed with the State. The matter has been corrected with the next step to draft by-laws. New by-laws are not done yet because of the pending 501c3. Bruce reported the possibility of "piggy backing" with other the ATA and other states on a 501c3 status. Bruce continues to work with Ruder Ware regarding the filing for 501c3 approval.

There was a discussion of required reports, filings, etc. and whose responsibility it is to complete them. Helen Mar Adams indicated as she and Arlene separate the duties of secretary and treasurer, Helen Mar was documenting them.

Treasurer's Report: Arlene Otto presented the financial reports including the December 2007 financial report and the summarized annual revenue and expense report from the auditor. Arlene asked about changing the account firm. It was decided to look next year for a new one considering this accounting firm has been in service with the WTA for two years.

Arlene presented a daily fee charge report from surrounding states. The information was requested by Bruce. Daily fees and annual membership dues were discussed. No action was taken.



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ATA Delegate's Report: Jay Adams explained the process of verifying qualified shooters for selection to the all-state team. Brad Patterson made a motion to accept the list presented for the 2007 all-state team. Dennis Taylor made the second. Motion carried.

Jay said the new ATA rulebook is now available. One particular clarification is the wording regarding special category shooters in a championship shoot off. A special category shooter may only shoot the champion shoot off and still fall back. If the shooter continues to shoot for other places, they must accept the results of the shoot off.

There was some discussion regarding obtaining a report on how the state delegate votes at the annual ATA meeting. Jay indicated he gave a report at the WTA directors meeting following the ATA annual meeting and will continue to do so. It was decided a report should be posted on the WTA website.

Home Grounds/Fox Valley Report: Bruce Stiteley said the WTA has a standing offer from an individual for the purchase of the WTA owned farmland. He has met with Ryan Miller from the Bank of Oakfield regarding his assistance and help to the WTA concerning possible land acquisition. Bruce was informed a business plan would be needed for the Oshkosh site. A meeting with the Secretary of the DNR has yet to take place.

Mike May reported he met with Fox Valley Board of Directors and gave a summary of their meeting. They seem to be open to working with the WTA in setting up an agreement should a new home grounds be constructed near their facility.

The development of a lead management plan was discussed. The matter was tabled.

Around the table: Brad reminded directors of the 2/15 deadline for the newsletter. Jay thanked the non-directors for all their time and effort in the WTA. Mike May asked about getting pouches instead of plaques for the all-state team members. He will contact Midwest Shooters Supply regarding the matter.

Up for election this year: Bruce Stiteley, Joe Zukowski, Dennis Taylor, and Bill Simonar.

Presquad.com for the state shoot will be open 5/1/08.

Virgil Bomkamp made a motion to approve payment of the bills with Bill Simonar making the second. Motion carried.

Next meeting: 3/8/08.

Bill Simonar made a motion to adjourn with Dennis Taylor making the second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.