

## WTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 20, 2007, Mukwonago, WI

The meeting of the Wisconsin Trapshooters Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:22 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, 1st Alt. Delegate Glen Grabski, and Secretary/Treasurer Arlene Otto. Excused was Ray Martin. Also in attendance were Helen Mar Adams, John Atkielski, Jay Nigbor, Danny Hall and Dick Otto.

**Hall of Fame Selection Criteria:** A copy of WTA proposed Hall of Fame selection guidelines was handed out and discussed. A Hall of Fame selection proposal was presented by John Atkielski and Jay Nigbor. Board members discussed how to handle nominees not selected. The following addition to item #5 was made: A nomination will remain active for five (5) years. Another addition to the document made is the following statement: An individual may be nominated more than once. The name of the nominator and date of nomination will be added to the nomination form. It was decided to post the nomination guidelines and form on the WTA website, in future newsletters with notice to contact the WTA secretary for forms and to put a notice in the State program. The State program would have people contact a director for Hall of Fame nomination information. With the changes included in the Hall of Fame selection document, Brad Patterson made a motion to approve the Hall of Fame selection document including the changes suggested during the discussion with Dennis Taylor making the second. Motion carried.

John Atkielski showed a form he created to be used by the Hall of Fame selection committee. It will help with the selection of the top nominee. He suggested the form go to the Hall of Fame members with a SASE so results could be returned to the selection committee and bypass the secretary-treasurer. He asked if the secretary-treasurer could provide mailing addresses and labels for the Hall of Fame members. Bruce Stiteley thanked John Atkielski and Jay Nigbor for all of their work on the Hall of Fame criteria.

**Secretary-Treasurer Replacement:** Arlene Otto suggested splitting the secretary-treasure position due to the amount of work the one position involves. Helen Mar Adams has volunteered to take over the duties of Arlene and will work with her to learn the jobs involved with the position. It was decided to have Helen Mar take over the duties of the secretary. Consideration of changing the constitution with the separation of the secretary-treasurer position was discussed. Compensation and the number of hours work with this position were discussed. It was decided to revisit the separation of this position at the next meeting.

**Arlene presented the financial reports** including the year-end profit/loss report (9/06-8/07), the State Shoot profit/loss report (2001-2007) and the September 2007 financial report. There was some discussion regarding both WTA and ATA daily fees collected during the State shoot and the recording of the ATA daily fee payment. Arlene explained the Waukesha Gun Club did not issue checks after the shoot in a timely manner; which causes a bookkeeping complication for the WTA regarding payment of the daily ATA

fees. It was noted there was a \$1,600 annual profit for the WTA; an 8.1% increase over last year.

**Zone Shoots:** Greg Knorr handed out a 2008 zone shoot standardized classification and yardage penalty proposal. The penalty portion of the zone shoot was discussed first. Jay Adams suggested the penalties should be the same for the zone shoot as the State shoot. He handed out a document with the proposed penalty description. Dennis Taylor made a motion to accept the zone shoot penalties including the amendment to the penalties keeping it in line with the State shoot. Bill Simonar made the second. Motion carried.

Jay Nigbor suggested changing the doubles classifications for the four classes. He suggested the following changes: Class A: 93% and over; Class B: 88% and under 93%; Class C: 83% and under 88; and Class D: under 83%. Jay said the changes would allow for consistency between the classes. There was some discussion regarding making changes that depart from the classifications listed in the ATA guidelines. Dennis Taylor made a motion to accept the singles classifications and the double changes proposed by Nigbor for the 2008 zone shoot. Brad Patterson made the second. Motion carried.

Qualifying target minimums were discussed. After some discussion, Brad Patterson made a motion to eliminate the 2007 targets of 200/200/100 (16/handi/dbls); change the '07/'08 combined to 500/500/300 and leave the new 2008 ATA members at 200/200/100. Dennis Taylor made the second. Motion not carried. Jay Adams made a motion to eliminate the 2007 targets of 200/200/100 (16/handi/dbls); change the '07/'08 combined to 700/700/400 and leave the new 2008 ATA members at 200/200/100 with Virgil Bomkamp making the second. Motion carried.

Brad Patterson made a motion to set the qualifying target minimum for women & sub-juniors for doubles to "C" with Virgil Bomkamp making the second. Motion carried.

Zone shoot rules were considered. After some discussion about prices of targets; Virgil Bomkamp make a motion to set the maximum target price at \$25 for 2008 zone shoots. Dennis Taylor made the second. Motion not carried. After some further discussion, Virgil Bomkamp made a motion to remove the maximum target price from the zone shoot rules with the price to be set by the zone shoot host. Jay Adams made the second. Motion carried.

There were questions regarding the \$1,800 added trophy money for the zone shoots. Arlene Otto stated there is no proof of purchase submitted for the purchase of trophies. Greg Knorr was directed to send letters to the zone shoot host clubs with the requirement that programs be returned to him by 1/1/08.

**WTA/WGC 2008 State Shoot Agreement and Contract:** Brad Patterson gave a report of the negotiation process between WTA and Waukesha Gun Club (WGC) for the 2008 state shoot. WGC and WTA agreed to a contract for the '08 state shoot. The terms are the same as last year with the additional requirement of all payments being made by August first. It was suggested that payments be made by separate checks for ease in accounting.

The entry fee of \$26.50 can only be raised relative to target price. It was noted no members of the state shoot negotiation committee wanted the state shoot to be held out of state. A motion to accept the contract was agreed upon by directors through email contact. All votes were unanimous in favor of the contact between WTA and WGC.

Bruce Stiteley thanked the committee for the excellent job.

**2008 State Shoot Program:** A list of the 2007 event sponsors was covered. It was felt it was too early to finalize the list. There were questions regarding the sponsorship of an event and how it is listed. John Atkielski said an event is named for the sponsor or there is some type of acknowledgement elsewhere in the program. It was suggested there is room for additional sponsorship such as sponsorship of the high overall or all-around champions.

There was some discussion regarding adding an event during the state shoot. The consensus of the board was there is no time in the current schedule to add an event. It was suggested if WGC wanted to throw more targets they could possibly utilize their PAT traps on Monday preceding the state shoot. The board felt the additional event on Monday could hinder and/or complicate the set up activities in preparation for the state shoot.

The size of the state shoot program was discussed. The current size, 4" x 8.5" was decided on in the past because of its "pocket size". Virgil Bomkamp said he felt the printing price of the program would increase if the size changed to a 5" x 8" or 4" x 11" format. Brad Patterson will get a printing program bid. Advertising in the state shoot program has been taken care of in the past mainly by Virgil and Joe Zukowski. Advertisers are charged \$200/full page, \$100/half page and \$50/quarter page advertising space. The secretary sends out invoices and a copy of the program to advertisers.

State shoot attendance pins were discussed including the size, design and supplier. Brad Patterson made a motion to have Joe Zukowski get the 2008 attendance pins with Virgil Bomkamp making the second. Motion carried. Due to the fact there was a shortage of pins in 2007, it was recommended to have 1,500 pins made. Dennis Taylor has the leftover WI trophy winner pins. Two hundred twenty-five were ordered. The WTA paid \$100 of the cost, Virgil Bomkamp paid \$50 and Paul Sedwick paid the balance for the pins. Dennis still has some pins to distribute.

Dick Otto agreed to cashier for the 2008 state shoot. He asked for the same pay as last year; which is based on a per entry fee. Dick talked about plans regarding software updates, equipment purchases, and use. He said the trailer size was great at the last two state shoots. Virgil reported he is looking to purchase a sixteen-foot trailer. The trailer would be used for storage.

**2008 5-Man Team Shoot at WGC:** Dick Otto covered the planning of the '08 5-man team shoot event. The event will take place on June 22, 2008. The program will be finalized at the WGC's next meeting in December. Dick volunteered to handle the pre-squading if it was decided to have presquad for the event.

Brad Patterson reported the problem with the 2007 junior team classification has been resolved. There was no way to track the error with missing paper work so two sets of trophies were ordered.

**ATA Delegate Report:** Jay Adams gave a report on actions taken by the ATA at the annual meeting held in August at the Grand. He said the board voted on matters that cleared up rules previously passed. One of the matters voted on was if a delegate is suspended, the individual would not complete his/her term. A radar/chronograph rule will be added for setting targets. Delegates now have the ability to remove a shooter's two-year "H-Code" classification after one year should they feel it is merited. A special category rule change will allow a shoot off for championship only then the shooter "falls back". The ATA board discussed 10/post practice noting the event got done sooner but made no changes. There were other rulebook language changes made.

Jay said he talked to ATA president Neil Winston regarding how to handle the WTA election of alternate delegates. Neil recommended not changing the WTA by-laws; rather, he suggested setting up the annual meeting agenda as to how the WTA wants to hold the election. Dick Otto noted that in the past the WTA previously voted on the three positions at once. It was decided to table the decision on how to elect delegates until the next meeting.

The current target year will end 10/30/08. Jay reported the ATA president cited financial savings for year-end paperwork and bolstering of shooting as reasons for the target year change. The ATA vote for the target year change was reported as unanimous but Jay said there were nay votes. There appears to be some concerns being raised by clubs, shooters and delegates in northern Central Zone states regarding the change. Neil is reported as saying the matter could change. It was felt that shooters with concerns should contact the ATA delegate. A notice regarding this matter will be placed in the newsletter.

**Home Grounds/Fox Valley Report:** Bruce Stiteley reported Fox Valley contacted the WTA regarding purchasing land for new home grounds. Meeting with the Secretary of the DNR has been put on hold until the State budget is passed. Glen Grabski has met with the realtor and will have the realtor write up an offer to purchase. During the discussion a list of contingencies for purchase were discussed. It was brought up that the current lease agreement on the WTA land would need to be considered. Jay Adams reported the land up for consideration of purchase would have adequate room for several hundred camping spots (up to 400), buildings, parking, 34-40 trap houses, bunker trap, skeet, sporting clays, 5-stand, archery events, and cowboy action shoots. Jay said half of the land could be maintained as agriculture when it is fully developed. Bruce noted that a plan would need to be presented to the NRA for approval of the lay out. Jay will start drafting on it. Concerns about Fox Valley and the development of new home grounds were discussed. It was decided to ask them for an outline of what they would like. The outline would be considered at a future board meeting. An offer to purchase date was set for April 15, 2008. Easements and capital gains were also discussed.

**WTA Newsletter & Bulk Mailing:** Brad Patterson reported the newsletter will go to the printer on Thursday (10/26/07). He checked into bulk mailing and recommended the WTA stay with a printer that will also mail the newsletter. He felt it was not worth the hassle to try bulk mailing. Brad presented a printout of Broken Target E-news to the board. The electronic newsletter has a charge of \$30/month with up to 2,500 email addresses. No action was taken regarding the e-news.

**WTA Website:** After discussing the amount of use of the WTA website, the director started threads and the need for a website make over, it was decided to have Bruce Stiteley contact Dan Murphy regarding the matter.

**501c.3 Report:** Bruce Stiteley reported several documents are needed for consideration of a 501c.3 status. Bruce is currently waiting on a call back an attorney and on paper work.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Virgil Bomkamp with a second by Dennis Taylor. Motion carried.

**Around the Table:** Bruce Stiteley indicated he has been contacted regarding the 50-mile event rule. It was decided to have the SW and SE directors contact the clubs in their zones to get their thoughts on the matter. A report on the matter will be given at the next meeting.

The creation of a "tournament director" for the state shoot was discussed. The tournament director would make sure everyone is doing their jobs and all arrangements and preparations are done. Joe Zukowski suggested it would be a good duty for the new secretary position. The matter was tabled.

Arlene Otto asked board members to work on ideas for the ladies' state shoot trip.

Glen Grabski said he is talking to Virgil Beck about changing his painting at the banquet to the purchase of a commissioned painting after the event.

Next meeting: 1/12/08.

Virgil Bomkamp made a motion to adjourn with Brad Patterson making the second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Mar Adams  
Secretary