

NYS ATA
General Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 1, 2011
NYS Home Grounds

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Doug Duncan, Sam Bonetto, Maureen Herbstsommer, Dennis Hart, Susan Gullotta, Bill Corsa, Mike Waschitz, Jim Wright, Bradley Heath, George Hart, Tim Herbstsommer, Howie Parmalee, Jim Davis, Larry Daigler, Brian Whalen, Joe Strucker, David Cichelli

Absent: John Barney, Dennis Hawthorne

Secretary: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Sam Bonetto – We have money but all the bills are not in yet, as it is too soon since the Northeast Grand. We have a net profit of \$549.00. Because we did not host the Eastern Zone this year, our profits are down. Sam explained the treasurer's report page by page.

Two people were hired to clean the club house at a cost of \$30.00 per hour. They did a great job and it was well worth the money spent.

Tim asked how we determine target loss. Sam said we generally estimate 5% of targets thrown.

The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Dennis Hart, Eastern Zone – The Eastern Zone shoot was rescheduled due to the hurricane. The shoot will be held on October 7 & 8, 2011 at Whortlekill.

Jim Wright, Central Zone – Jim stated that there was a poor turnout for the Central Zone shoot. They threw 15,500 targets. The league shoot off for 2012 is August 26th at Bridgeport.

Tim Herbstsommer, Western Zone – 37,500 targets were thrown at the Western Zone shoot. The usual start time is 9:00 a.m.; however, not enough shooters showed up so the start time was 10:00 a.m. Tim suggested that the program read 10:00 a.m. for the start time.

Brian Whalen, Delegate – Brian stated that we had a busy year. There were rule changes at the Grand American meeting. The changes will come out in the new rule book. Most of the changes related to category shooters.

The Eastern Zone shoot is scheduled for July 26-29, 2012 at the Home Grounds.

Empire Grand – May 9-13, 2012

New York State shoot – July 10-15, 2012

NEG - September 11-16, 2012

Regarding the Eastern Zone – when it is held in NY it seems that we lose money. One way to save some money would be to do away with the Delegate’s dinner. This was passed at the ATA level, so there will be no Delegate’s dinner going forward.

Brian mentioned the new \$3.00 ATA fee. Tim had asked Wayne Morris why the ATA increased the fee. There were three reasons: 1. Due to trophy packages for states; 2. Payroll for full time employees in Vandalia; and 3. Tim could not remember the third reason.

Doug Duncan mentioned that two new committees have been set up: Program Committee consisting of Sam Bonetto, Doug Duncan, Jim Wright, Jim Davis, Brad Heath and John Barney. Also, a by-laws committee consisting of Susan Gullotta, Dennis Hart and Mike Waschitz.

Camping Report – Jim Wright – The biggest problem with camping is that leasees don’t notify Jim that they are not coming to the shoots so that Jim can rent the sites out to others.

Trapsetting – Jim Davis – All went well. He thanked his crew.

The NEG was represented by 18 states and 3 Canadian Provinces.

Parking – Dennis Hart - Dennis sold one spot this year. There is a problem with people parking in spots owned by other people. Dennis will work on coming up with a way to alleviate this problem.

Leasing – It was suggested that the lease be rewritten. This was not decided on at the Board meeting of September 30, 2011. It was proposed, however, that as of the Thursday before each shoot, if someone does not let Jim know that they are not coming, the spot will be rented out. A motion was made by Dave Cichelli and seconded by Jim Davis to rewrite the lease contract to state that if Jim has not been notified by the Thursday before the shoot, the site can be rented out.

There will also be no long term camper parking unless okayed by Jim and Doug.

Coordinator – Doug Duncan – Things are going in the right direction. It takes a lot of work and Doug thanked the directors. Doug mentioned that there is work ahead on the grounds, i.e. electric and building repair.

Doug stated that our web master, Steve Manley has resigned his position. Kathy Flint (wife of shooter, Jim Flint, will take over the website. We will still need a photographer. Doug has someone in mind to ask. If they do not want the job, pictures will still be taken and sent to Trap and Field.

Fall meeting – There was discussion about when to hold the fall meeting. It was suggested that the meeting be moved to the Wednesday of the NEG. This topic was tabled for further discussion.

New York State Zone Shoot Dates – July 7 & 8. The program has been changed to throw 200 16’s on Saturday and 100 Handicap and 100 Doubles targets on Sunday. It was suggested that we can change the by-laws on a trial basis as they now state that there needs to be 8 traps and 1 practice trap to host a Zone Shoot. This change will allow clubs that don’t have 8 traps, but must have 5 traps, the option of hosting a Zone shoot at their club.

A motion was made by Jim Davis and Jim Wright to change Article VII of the by-laws, paragraph 1 under Zone Shoots to make a temporary provision to read the clubs with a minimum of five traps (4 for the program and 1 practice trap) may apply to host a NYS zone shoot. The motion was carried.

Tim suggested that we solicit clubs who would like to have a zone shoot, that someone from the board go to the club to check and see that the club meets the specified criteria and that they then can become part of a rotation schedule to be set up.

Doug stated that Vince will be returning as the trap mechanic.

Brian suggested a change in the program on page 15 and 16, preliminary events 1-5. He asked that category shooters be added. A motion was made by George Hart and seconded by Larry Daigler. The motion carried. Jim Davis will make this change.

Elections – Run by Brian Whalen.

President/Coordinator – Larry Daigler nominated Doug Duncan, seconded by Kathy Hart. The secretary cast one ballot. Doug Duncan will continue as President/Coordinator.

Eastern Zone VP – Richard Burton nominated himself for one of the director positions. This was seconded by Larry Daigler. Three names need to be on the ballot and a paper vote needs to occur. The names on the ballot were Richard Burton, Bill Corsa, Sue Gullotta and Mike Waschitz. Once all votes were counted, the directors for the Eastern Zone will be Bill Corsa, Sue Gullotta and Mike Waschitz. Dennis Hart will remain as Eastern Zone VP.

Central Zone VP – Larry Daigler nominated Jim Wright, seconded by Jim Davis. The secretary cast one ballot. Jim presented his slate of directors: John Barney, George Hart and Bradley Heath.

Western Zone VP – Chris Kline nominated Tim Herbstsommer, seconded by Jim Davis. The secretary cast one ballot. Tim presented his slate of directors: Jim Davis, Larry Daigler and Howie Parmalee. Randy Fitzsimmons nominated Ken Davis for one of these director slots. A paper ballot was taken and Ken Davis won over Howie Parmalee. The Western Zone directors will now be Jim Davis, Larry Daigler and Ken Davis.

Secretary – Kathy Hart nominated Maureen Herbstsommer, seconded by Sam Bonetto. The secretary cast one ballot.

Treasurer – Larry Daigler nominated Sam Bonetto, seconded by Tim Herbstsommer. The secretary cast one ballot. Sam will continue on as Treasurer.

Jim Wright made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Sam Bonetto.

Hall of Fame report – Joe Strucker. Cliff Haaf from the Central Zone has been named as the third member of the HOF committee.

The nominees for the HOF are Larry Evans and Mike Mincel. These two shooters were approved by the BOD and will be inducted into the HOF

New Business

Due to increasing amount of expenditures discussed at the BOD meeting on September 30, 2011, it was decided that we need to keep up with other states regarding the cost of targets thrown on our grounds. We have been the lowest in the country. Costs for targets are going up and we need to compensate for this. Currently targets are \$27.00/100. Our targets prices will increase as follows: \$30.00/100 for the

Empire Grand and the NEG. New York state target fee will be \$29.00/100. The ATA fees will remain the same at the \$2.00 daily fee.

Doug reported that there are others selling shells the grounds, competing with the shell house. There are suppliers interested in supplying shells to the home grounds. We need to decide that either the State will continue to supply the shells or we will get an outside vendor. Vendors will be contacted and a decision will be made.

Doug asked if we should have the chicken BBQ again. Brian made a motion that we have the chicken BBQ again for the NYS shoot. Seconded by Jim Davis. We will have the BBQ again at the NYS shoot.

Doug said that we are pursuing accepting credit cards in the shell house. Richard Burton suggested that an alternative to this might be to put in ATM machine to save the 3% credit card fee. There would be a minimal fee charged for ATM use. This would require a designated phone line. There was no decision made on this.

Brian asked for the names of clubs interested in hosting the Zone shoots. Any clubs interested in hosting the zone shoot in their respective zone, should contact their Zone VP.

Brian commented on a verbal confrontation that took place on the home grounds between two shooters. This incident was reported to the ATA. NYS did not take any action on this, nor did the ATA.

Brian also stated that an incident occurred at the NEG where one of the workers spit at another person. The worker was fired.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen E. Herbstsommer

Secretary NYS ATA