

Arizona State Trapshooting Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2013

ASTA BOD meeting, Tucson Trap & Skeet Club, State Shoot

BOD Attendees:

Steve Long
Mark Williams
Doug Sims
Scott McClelland
Len Sullivan
Richard Lockett
Tim Robb
George Miller

BOD Absent:

Larry Mane
Dick Whitman

Members Attending: General Meeting of the Association

President Long called the meeting to order at 4:45pm and reminded the assembled members that they must have their ATA card with them in order to vote in the election.

President Long thanked the Tucson Trap & Skeet Club for hosting the 2013 Arizona State Shoot. He continued by announcing that the ASTA had purchased steaks for the dinner Saturday night and that all in attendance were invited. He then called on Secretary/Treasurer Len Sullivan to provide a Secretary's report.

Secretary Len Sullivan informed the crowd that the financial statements for the previous year and the minutes for the last two board meetings were posted at the back of the room. The association finances at that time were as follows:

Operating Checking Account: \$8,860
Main Operating Fund: \$118,395
Life Member Fund: \$13,256
Home Ground Fund: \$46,719

Total Cash Assets: \$187,231

Secretary Sullivan reminded the group that there were still invoices for the state shoot that had to be paid, so the account balances would go down over the next few weeks. He stated that the average bank balances had hovered around \$154,000 for the last year. Secretary Sullivan requested a few minutes to start his laptop to provide current membership information.

President Long announced that there were no other committee reports, but that Richard Luckett had a delegate report to present.

State ATA Delegate Richard Luckett told the assembled membership that he has had “a great time” as the state delegate for the last 3 years, and thanked the group for allowing him the opportunity to represent the state. In ATA news, the Big 50 program may be expanded to include weekend shoots next year, and that the 2 yard reduction may return also next September. Delegate Luckett then informed the group that the ATA had provided a belt buckle that would be awarded to the high resident shooter in Event 11. There was also \$500 to be split between the top 3 shooters.

Delegate Luckett then explained why there had been changes made to the state teams. The ATA provided the category assignments based on the 2013 target year and not for the 2012 target year. This led to incorrect category assignments being used for the state teams. The ASTA will introduce a policy for the 2013 target year that should eliminate this issue. He then introduced Alan Radway, President of the ATA.

President Radway thanked the assembled shooters for attending and the Tucson Trap & Skeet club for putting on a great shoot. The move to the Sparta office is complete and things are flowing smoothly. He announced that there were possible bylaw changes that would be presented at the next meeting in Sparta regarding the catastrophic amount of deaths that have occurred in the Executive Committee and extending the spending limits of the Executive Committee with the approval of the Real Properties Committee. Other than rule changes, the change to the Big 50 program was made for states like Arizona and Florida where the summer season is too hot for some shooters to shoot 100 target events. The 2 yard reduction is likely to happen again because it appears to be helping shooters who were not competitive become competitive again.

Walt Venberg asked about the status of a new satellite grand being awarded to Ben Avery. President Radway replied that there would not be another Satellite Grand introduced, but that an existing Satellite Grand might be moved. No new Satellite Grands will be introduced.

President Long then returned the floor to Secretary Sullivan for a membership report. Secretary Sullivan reported that there were 384 active members, 252 are life members, 132 are annual. There are 177 inactive life members who are no longer shooting, and there are 58 life members who have passed on.

There being no other old business, President Long moved on to new business. The ASTA will be considering ways to clean up the State Team selection process regarding

age based categories. This matter will be considered by the new board after the election is finished.

Randy Kalal presented the idea that Sunday's doubles championship for the state shoot should be moved to Friday and suggested polling the members for opinions.

President Long responded that the new board would look at possible program changes when the program is created for the 2014 state shoot.

Walt Venberg asked about the purpose of the Home Ground fund. President Long responded that the funds were available in the event of a club not being able to hold the State Shoot and the association needed to rent a club. Previous boards had ended each year almost bankrupt at the time of the state shoot and this money is being put aside in the event of an emergency. Mr. Venberg suggested that the original purpose of the fund was to buy a club and that it was not serving any purpose. President Long suggested that if anyone knew of a club that was available for purchase for \$46,000 that they should inform the board immediately. President Long informed the assembled group that this discussion would make the meeting extend very late into the night and that it would be more appropriate to put it on the agenda for a future board meeting. Secretary Sullivan said that he would put the discussion on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Mr. Venberg then requested that the dates for future board meeting be published in advance, and stated that for several years the meeting dates have only been available after the meetings had been held and that the board was acting like a secret society. Secretary Sullivan agreed that it would be a good idea to publish known meeting dates on the website.

Sherry Shatz then stated that she had not seen any meeting minutes. Several members of the board responded that the minutes were posted on the website, and Secretary Sullivan added that the minutes for the last two meetings had been posted at the back of the room since Thursday. Ms. Shatz then stated her opinion that the minutes had not been posted in a timely manner.

Secretary Sullivan took the floor and stated that the minutes were late because of him. He stated that the association needed a new secretary and that there simply were not enough hours in the day for him to put in the required 20 hours per week. The time period between the Autumn Grand and the State Shoot is the busiest time of the year for the Secretary/Treasurer position and he was not able to keep up. The best person for the position would be a retired person.

Secretary Sullivan announced that as of the election, he would not be accepting a nomination for the position of Secretary/Treasurer and asked for a volunteer to take the position.

The response from the assembled members was to laugh at the request. There were no volunteers.

President Long stated that the board would work on getting the minutes and meeting schedules posted. Betty Sackett is still in charge of the website and posts the information when it is made available to her. President Long went on to remind the assembled members that there were board members available at all of the large shoots and that anyone who had concerns or questions was welcome to speak to any member of the board at any time.

Ms. Shatz continued to press the issue and asked how the issue would be addressed. President Long explained that the officers of the board were elected at the first meeting of the new board after the election. If no Secretary was selected from among the new board members, the board would approach the general membership to ask for a volunteer to take the position as a non-voting member. He continued to say that the transition would take time and that Secretary Sullivan would remain in the position until a replacement is trained and brought up to speed.

Northern Zone Director Tim Robb then took the floor. He spoke of Betty Sackett and the amount of work that she has done for the association in the past, and the void that was left to fill with her departure from the board. He asked for anyone in the assembled membership to speak to the board after the meeting if there were any volunteers.

Secretary Sullivan reminded the group that it would be 60 to 90 days for the new Secretary to be sufficiently trained to take over the position and that he would remain for as long as was necessary for the transition to take place.

Gene Hapney addressed the meeting regarding out of state shooters and that it would be a benefit to draw more non-resident shooters to our shoots by offering runner up trophies and All American point awards to non-resident shooters. President Long mentioned that this would increase the trophy cost by 33% to cover all categories and classes and that the board would address the issue at a future meeting.

Mike Luchetta stated that other states give out pins and points without providing expensive trophies for the runner up awards. Southern Zone Director McClelland added that trophies have to be equitable going forward.

President Long then called for nominations from the floor for director positions.

Jim Grider nominated Steve Long for director for the Northern Zone.

George Miller seconded the nomination of Steve Long.

Scott McClelland nominated Doug Sims for director for the Southern Zone.

Lee Bachman seconded the nomination of Doug Sims.

Jim Bob Davis nominated Mark Williams for the Central Zone.

Jay Alderman seconded the nomination of Mark Williams.

President Long asked for any further nominations.

George Miller moved that nominations be closed. Jim Grider seconded.

President Long requested nominations for State Delegate. Tim Robb nominated Richard Lockett. Scott McClelland second the nomination of Richard Lockett.

Mike Luchetta nominated Tim Robb as the alternate delegate, with a second from Gerry Williams.

Scott McClelland moved to close nominations, Roger Coveleskie seconded.

President Long then presented the awards for the 2012 Arizona State Team, and Delegate Lockett presented the Rookie of the Year award.

At the close of the meeting, Secretary Sullivan cast one vote for each person nominated for director positions. One vote each was cast for the following:

Steve Long, director
Doug Sims, director
Mark Williams, director
Richard Lockett, delegate
Tim Robb, alternate delegate

Roger Junkins made a motion to adjourn, Dennis Stedman seconded the motion.

President Long announced that the new board would meet at 8am the following morning and adjourned the meeting at 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Len Sullivan Secretary/Treasurer