

Arizona State Trapshooting Association
Board of Director Shoot Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2014

ASTA BOD meeting, Ben Avery Clay Target Center, Phoenix AZ.

BOD Attendees:

Steve Long
George Miller
Doug Sims
Richard Lane
Dick Whitman
Mark Williams
Len Sullivan
Ken Schatz
Richard Luckett ATA Delegate

BOD Absent

Tim Robb

Members Attending:

Tiger Volz/Casa Grande
Robbie Love/Tri State

President Long called the meeting to order at 11:15 am and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to set the dates for the upcoming shooting season.

Paul Doetsch asked if he could address the board and submitted in writing a Shoot Date Request. Below is the request submitted by by Paul Doetsch.

To: Board Members of the Arizona State Trapshooting Association

From: Ben Avery Clay Target Center

Ben Avery would like for the ASTA Board to consider allowing Ben Avery to host the 2015 Arizona State Shoot at the Ben Avery Clay Target Center. This request takes into consideration the following aspects of trapshooting in Arizona as it has changed over the last few years.

First of all, our Winter Chain has now been reduced to three trap clubs-Ben Avery, Casa Grande and Tucson. For these three clubs to survive, trapshooting in Arizona must be spread more evenly between these three clubs. The key shoots within Arizona are the Autumn Grand, Spring Grand and the Arizona State Shoot with minor but important shoots being the Hall of Fame Shoot at Ben Avery and the Breast Cancer shoot at Casa Grande.

Since Tucson is asking for two weeks for the Autumn Grand, and two weeks for the Spring Grand, it stands to reason that the Arizona State Shoot should be held at Ben Avery and the Pre State Shoot held at Casa Grande. By doing this, it would even out the key shooting dates and keep our Winter Chain, the lifeblood of trapshooting in Arizona, viable and more enjoyable for our Winter Visitors.

Respectfully
Paul Doetsch

Paul Doetsch then proposed to throw targets for Arizona State Shoot for \$29.00 without the buy down.

Doug Sims stated that cheap targets and lots of targets is not a draw to have more people shoot, and that this was the first time he heard of this proposal, and he was not prepared to get into a bidding war or shoot himself in the eye.

Ken Schatz read Article X page 17 of the Bylaws, which states Annual State Tournament shall be held at various Clubs within the State on a rotation basis or as the BOD may, in its discretion, select. Any Club who is a member in good standing of the ASTA may apply in writing to the BOD for consideration to host or to be placed in the rotation.

Paul Doetsch did propose to host the 2015 Arizona State Shoot in writing, with the above letter.

Len Sullivan asked Tucson if they wanted to prepare a counter proposal to Ben Avery proposal for the State Shoot. Tucson declined and stated they are not prepared. Tucson stated that they did need the State Shoot to maintain their financial stability.

Doug Sims made a motion to return the State Shoot to Tucson for the 2015 Target year, dates to be determined by the shoot meeting. Richard Lane seconded the motion. A vote was held by show of hands. Results of the vote to keep the rotation in place and State Shoot will be held in Tucson. Hand count 5 for the rotation 2 against. Motion passed.

Meeting continued selecting the shooting calendar for the target year 2015. Discussion was mostly around Preliminary Autumn Grand and Preliminary Spring Grand dates. Ben

Avery and Tucson will be throwing targets on the same dates for both preliminary days of the Autumn and Spring Grands.

Steve Long asked George Miller if Prescott Valley had any intention of throwing targets. George Miller's response was that we are talking about next year, 2015. Prescott Trap and Skeet will have a shoot May 14, 2014, a Big 50 and see how it goes. Then, possible other shoot dates in the future.

Paul Doetsch made a suggestion to call ATA, once all green sheets are in, to follow up and make sure sheets have arrived.

President Steve Long called the second part of the meeting to order 1:03 pm.

Steve Long requested that past meeting minutes be approved by the BOD.

Ken Schatz read two different meeting minutes from March 29th and March 30th 2014. The purpose was to approve the minutes from both meetings.

Doug Sims made a motion to approve the March 29, 2014 minutes and Richard Lane seconded the motion. Vote was taken with unanimous approval.

Richard Lane made a motion to approve the March 30, 2014 minutes and Mark Williams seconded the motion. Vote was taken with unanimous approval.

Steve Long requested that the November 7, 2013 minutes revised copy be approved by the BOD.

George Miller made a motion to approve the November 7, 2013 minutes and Mark Williams seconded the motion. Vote was taken with unanimous approval.

Next set of minutes to be approved were the BOD meeting on February 27, 2014. Dick Whitman made a motion to approve the February 27, 2014 minutes. George Miller seconded the motion. Vote was taken with unanimous approval.

Ken Schatz stated that Betty Sackett and Larry Mane had to be removed from the bank accounts along with Len Sullivan. The only two individuals now who can sign checks or transfer funds are Ken Schatz and Steve Long.

All of Len Sullivan's access to accounts was stopped on May 3, 2014.

Len Sullivan stated a debit card will be issued but will not function as a debit card. It will have an ATM withdrawal limit set at zero. Will be used for deposit only transaction.

Len Sullivan asked the BOD if they wanted to make the debit card active, or keep it at zero balances the way he set it up at the bank.

Ken Schatz made a motion to keep the debit card at zero balances the way it was set up at the bank this morning. Doug Sims seconded the motion. Vote was taken with unanimous approval to keep the card at deposit only.

Ken Schatz presented the Treasurer's report. Current account balances as of 5/3/2014 were taken from the totals on Quicken.

ASTA Checking account:	\$8,063.78
ASTA Operating fund:	\$99,401.39
Home Ground fund:	\$47,840.87
Life Membership fund:	\$13,745.82
Total:	\$169,051.86

Steve Long wanted to know if all bills were paid for the State Shoot.

Len Sullivan stated all bills were paid that he received, before he turned over the bank account to Ken Schatz.

Two bills were in question; a bill to Shamrock Leathers and one for Form Management. A search through Quicken showed Form Management was paid. Shamrock Leathers bill to be looked into.

Richard Lockett ATA Delegate informed the BOD that the ATA had acquired Trap & Field magazine.

Steve Long explained the rationale for the special committee he chose to appoint. The function of the committee is to possibly provide advice on legal or accounting issues that the president or BOD cannot answer. By using this special committee with their years of combined experience and wealth of expertise can help answer questions without going to a lawyer. This would be a cost savings to the ASTA.

Steve said he contacted Tim Robb who is part of the special committee concerning the lighting request from Buckeye Sportsman's Club who are seeking a Shooter Opportunity grant of \$1,600 from the Arizona State Trapshooting Association.

Doug Sims asked the question is Buckeye Sportsman's Club for profit club?

Len Sullivan responded that Buckeye Sportsman Club is a non profit club.

Doug Sims said we could possibly assist if Buckeye Sportsman's Club is a non profit club but we need a letter as proof that Buckeye Sportsman's Club is a non profit club.

Discussion for 11 minutes was held on the assistance to Buckeye Sportsman's Club with nothing settled.

The BOD suggested that the special committee appointed by Steve Long look into possible grant program, for Non Profit Organizations.

Discussion on Prescott Trap and Skeet Club about waiving the daily state fee for the Big 50 that they are having May 14, 2014.

Mark Williams made a motion to Not reduce or waive any ASTA fees, not just for Big 50 events. He felt we would be doing a dis-service to the members by waiving or reducing any fee's for any purpose.

George Miller seconded the motion. Vote was taken with unanimous approval for the state fees to stay in place.

Steve Long asked BOD if they wanted the three Zones to continue buying the trophies for the State Shoot for their assigned days, or did they want to turn this duty over to a trophy committee. The reason for this was based on duplication of trophies from the Central Zone and mislabeling of trophies from the Southern Zone.

Mark Williams requested to have a trophy committee formed of one member from each Zone who will purchase the trophies.

George Miller made a motion to form a trophy committee, and do away with the three Zones purchasing trophies.

Mark Williams seconded the motion.

Vote was taken with unanimous approval for a trophy committee to be formed and purchase the trophies for the State Shoot.

George Miller suggested that any person or group that wanted to make a presentation to the BOD be allowed to do so before the meeting. The time allowed before the meeting would be 15 minutes with no presentation longer than 5 minutes.

Mark Williams stated that before we adjourn, we had unfinished business to attend to: Target requirements for a shooter to run for the BOD for the ASTA.

A discussion was held on the target requirements used at the present time to run for the

BOD and the cost associated with the targets. Some BOD members felt the cost associated with 4,000 targets stopped a lot of qualified shooters from being able to run for the BOD.

Len Sullivan made a motion that we change the requirements for being on the BOD of the ASTA. The new requirements for the BOD to be: 1) Targets shot in a target year 2,500 reduced from 4,000; 2) Shoot at least 3 different Arizona clubs at registered ATA shoots; 3) Must be a life member of the ASTA.

Mark Williams seconded the motion.

A vote was taken by the BOD: 4 for the new requirements 3 against. Motion passed will go into effect September 1, 2014.

Dick Whitman made a motion that we adjourn, which was seconded by George Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ken Schatz Secretary/Treasurer

