

Arizona State Trapshooting Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 15, 2016

ASTA BOD meeting Tucson Trap and Skeet Club, Tucson Arizona

BOD Attendees:

Steve Long	Karen Bergman	Tim Robb
Mark Williams	Ken Schatz	Doug Sims
Richard Lane		

ATA Delegate: John Bergman

BOD Absent: Alvin Matthews, Marty Benko (due to family illness)

ATA Alternate Delegate Absent: Tiger Volz

ASTA Member Attending: James Grider

President Long called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm and stated that the first 10 minutes of the meeting was open to any members of the ASTA to propose questions to the BOD for future consideration.

Jim Grider said he had no questions.

President Long requested a Treasurers report.

Ken Schatz directed everyone's attention to the June 30, 2016 bank statement provided in the hand outs.

Chase checking \$5,064.10, Chase Home Grounds Fund \$50,120.84, Chase Operations Fund \$103,427.42, Chase Life Membership Fund \$15,189.85, Axline Account \$4,504.37 Total Assets of \$178,306.58.

Steve Long made a motion to approve the Treasurers report and this was seconded by Mark Williams. The vote to approve unanimous.

Steve Long asked ATA Delegate John Bergman if anything new to report on the ATA. John stated that there was nothing to report.

Steve Long turned over the next part of the meeting to Doug Sims. Doug requested that the BOD consider his Proposal that was outlined in his email dated May 20, 2016, for a reduction in ASTA fees.

Proposal

The ASTA should implement the following policy for the target year 2017:

No ASTA daily fees will be charged to Junior or Sub-Junior shooters participating in ATA registered shooting in the state of Arizona during the target year of 2017.

Doug stated that the BOD had allowed this another time in 2002 based on Betty Sacketts's notes on historical data. He also felt that SCTP event held in Tucson on April 30, 2016 would have allowed the SCTP attendee's to shoot more than a 100 targets with a reduction in the ASTA daily fees.

Doug referred to the point that of the 298 shooters at the shoot, 189 shooters had not shot at a registered target this year. He said some parents were upset with all the fees for 100 targets. To join the ATA \$12.00, ATA fee \$3.00, ASTA daily fee \$3.00, ASTA membership \$2.00. Doug said this was \$20.00 before a target goes in the air. Steve Long asked Doug what was charged for the targets. Doug stated \$34.00 per 100. Steve asked why a reduced price was not offered. Doug said no one had asked him. That Tucson does offer a reduction when no prizes are provided.

Gene Viele from Arizona Game and Fish had set up the shoot and set the prices for the SCTP members. Game and Fish requested no help from Tucson Trap and Skeet Club for the SCPT shoot. Gene said they could not get more than a 100 targets in with the amount of shooters they had registered. Gene Viele stated at a Game and Fish meeting that it was a time issue for the shoot since everything is done by hand. Ken Schatz had attended this meeting where Gene had made this remark concerning the time element. Mark Williams backed this statement up and said this was the reason they only shot 100 birds. Gene uses his shooters parents to score and figure out winners.

Mark Williams stated that the main issue with Juniors and Sub-Junior shooters is that they do not want to shoot TRAP; it is not the \$3.00 fee. Mark stated that if the Jr. and Sub Jr. want to go to the Grand and participate in the SCTP events they have to shoot the Commissioners Cup. Mark also stated we gave them \$1,200.00 in the year 2015 by waiving the fee because they did not collect the fee at registration, and we got nothing for it.

Tim Robb proposed the question to the BOD whether we would be discriminating against other members of the ASTA by providing fee free targets to a certain class. The discussion on this went back and forth for twenty minutes and no firm answer could be provided by the BOD. Tim said he had contacted our lawyer Robert St. Clair on this issue and was waiting for an answer from the lawyer and should have that answer by the week of July 18th 2016.

Steve Long suggested that nothing could be resolved on the issue at this time so we should table the Proposal until we obtain an answer from Robert St. Clair. All were in agreement.

I am adding at this time Robert St. Clair's answer on the above issue. His answer was given to Tim Robb on July 19th 2016. Tim provided the BOD his answer to the BOD in an email dated July 19 2016:

Both Robert St Clair and the tax lawyer in the St. Clair law office came to the conclusion that we are OK to go forward with the fee removal for the J/SJ.

Mr. Robert St. Clair expressed the process that he would recommend for our Board to take this proposal into place. First, he said a collective vote in support from the Board should be taken and its resolution be placed in the minutes with the intent of the proposal spelled out completely. Secondly, a letter indicating this intent and degree of action spelled out completely should be placed in the ASTA's files and a copy sent to his office for his records.

For the next section of the meeting, Ken Schatz gave the BOD the new 2017 Budget. He informed the group that it was 98% complete; a couple of items have to be changed to reflect items still coming in and going out for the 2016 target year.

The cost to run the ASTA for the 2016 target year will be \$63,892.64. The cost to just start the ASTA target year 2016 was \$10,374.08.

Ken Schatz also turned a booklet over to President Long outlining the Secretary/Treasurers duties and how to preform them.

Ken Schatz informed the BOD of what happened to the AZ Web page.

The ASTA domain of aztrap.com was NOT HACKED. It just was not renewed and was “sniped” up by a cyber squatter.

The person who sniped the site was Perkins. He stated it was purchased on behalf of a client and he was not sure if they will want to sell. If they agree to a sale, it will not be cheap; maybe a few thousand dollars.

The ASTA has a new domain with Go Daddy and it is aztraps.com.

Steve Long made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mark Williams.

Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ken Schatz

Secretary/Treasurer