

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN STATE TRAPSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 9, 2006
KINGSBURG, CA

President Bob Slough called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Those answering roll call were:

Northern
Patrick Jenks
Esther Puckett
Julie Robinson
David Ver Halen
Ken Yamaguchi

Central
Don Bunch
Steve Cloyd
Vickie Craine
Kevin Erwin
Tom Goss
Ed Hammond
Dan Hoffman
Kym Hughes
Myles Johnson
Gil Martinusen
Ray Phillips
Fred Piazza
John Silva

Southern
Ray Brassler
Walt Hastings
Dan Kirby
Jim Merrimon
Kurt Sachau
Bob Slough

Late arrival: Jessie Miyasaki
Also in attendance: Allen Tomasini, Eileen Williamson
Quests: Gail Miller, Warren Fine, Steve Johnson

Opening Discussion:

President Bob Slough read the resignation letter from Virginia Crawford, and explained that the Executive Committee had asked Ray Brassler to be interim Secretary until the board could elect someone to that position. With no further discussion:

Motion: Erwin Second: Johnson
To nominate Ray Brassler.

Motion: Kirby Second: Phillips
To close nominations for Secretary.
Passed: by voice vote

Minutes of prior meeting:

With no discussion from the floor:

Motion: Kirby Second: Goss
To approve prior minutes as presented.
Passed: by voice vote

Correspondence:

1. Rec'd October 30 - letter from Virginia Crawford resigning from the office of Secretary and resigning from the Board - read previously by President Slough.
2. Rec'd October 15 - e-mail from Jonas Mayhue resigning from the Board.
3. Rec'd October 15 - e-mail from David Fleming resigning from the Board.
4. Rec'd November 20 - paperwork from Morgan Stanley to authorized new signatures for our investment account.
5. Rec'd November 03 - letter from the ATA authorizing the dates of June 19th thru the 24th for our 2007 state shoot.
6. Rec'd November 20 - letter from the ATA detailing our 2007 state refund in the amount of \$14,585.

7. Rec'd December 04 - letter from the ATA with a list of state shoot trophies to be provided by them for our 2007 state shoot. Copy given to Kym Hughes, Chair of the Trophy Committee.
8. Rec'd December 04 - letter from the ATA announcing the Executive Committee's ruling that the after-market XX fingers provided by Pat Trap presented doubles targets that did not meet ATA rule specifications. Pat Trap XX fingers would have to be removed or modified by January 1, 2007.
9. Rec'd October 28 - letter from the ATA regarding a NSF check that was written to the Kingsburg Gun Club by Glen Crown. Mr. Crown has been suspended from the ATA until he remits \$211. Delegate Williamson reported that a second NSF check had been written to Redlands Shooting Park.
10. Rec'd October 14 - e-mail from Randy Shelton asking why targets he shot at El Dorado Gun Club on April 29, 2006 hadn't been cross-registered with the ATA. Mr. Shelton says that he paid the cross registration fee, but the scores have never shown up on his ATA record. Virginia Crawford looked into the matter and responded to Mr. Shelton that the CGSTA had never received any report or scores from the El Dorado Gun Club, and that he would have to take the matter up with them.
11. Rec'd November 16 - e-mail from Chrisie at Grubby's explaining the expenses associated with doing the t-shirts every year and asking for consideration with regard to the \$200 fee for using our state shoot pin design artwork. The matter will be brought up under new business.

Delegate's report:

ATA Delegate Eileen Williamson reported on four issues:

1. The dates for the ATA Western Zone have recently changed. The dates originally published were July 19th through 22nd. The actual dates are July 12th through 15th. We have 5 shoots already scheduled that conflict with these new dates; Edwards, Coon Creek, No Hollywood, Newman, and Palmdale. These shoots will have to be cancelled, and possibly rescheduled. Also reported that we have received two bids for Western Zone sites, from Redlands and Triple B, both in the south. Livermore in the north would have bid but they couldn't meet the original dates, but now that the dates have been changed, Livermore would most likely submit a bid, pending a board decision on December 11th. She has been in contact with Redlands and Triple B and both clubs say there's no problem with the changed dates.

President Slough pointed out that we might have a site in the north, depending on what Livermore decides, but we need to make a decision on a site in the south. Delegate Williamson read the bids from Redlands and Triple B. After discussion from the floor a vote was taken resulting in the following:

Triple B - 19
Redlands - 5

2. ATA rules regarding shoot offs have changed. A special category shooter may now shoot off for event champion only and fall back to a category trophy if unsuccessful, but must declare the intent to do so prior to the shoot off. A special category shooter who enters a shoot off for any runner up or place trophy must still complete the shoot off and accept the results, and may not fall back to category unless he/she lost the shoot off for runner up or place.

A shooter eligible for more than one special category (i.e. a Junior Lady) may not fall back to the second category after shooting off for the first. And special category shooters may not fall back to category after unsuccessfully shooting off for Class or Yardage Group.

A new safety rule prohibits the use of golf carts on the firing line.

Target requirements to avoid penalty class and penalty yardage at the Grand American have been lowered and penalty classes have been modified.

And while not a rule, the ATA also passed a \$1 daily fee to be applied to the "Big 50" program. In addition, ATA annual dues will be increased by \$2.00 to \$20.00 effective with the 2008 target year. Juniors will continue to be half price.

3. Delegate Williamson passed out a summary of the "Big 50" program to answer any questions that the board may have.
4. Delegate Williamson also reported that she had received a letter from the ATA regarding a Mr. Robert Vargas from Pasadena. The ATA was suspending Mr. Vargas because of a NSF check written to Tucson Trap and Skeet. Warren Fine commented that he personally knew Mr. Vargas, and that Mr. Vargas must not be aware of the problem because he would have cleared it up immediately. Not only is Mr. Vargas a reputable attorney, but he's also a big supporter of the Claybuster's junior program. Warren said he'd get Mr. Vargas in touch with Eileen.

New/Replacement Directors:

Southern Zone reported there were no changes.

Central Zone brought to the floor:

Motion: Erwin Second: Goss
To nominate Allen Tomasini as Central Zone director.
Passed: by voice vote

Northern Zone reported there were no changes.

Committee Changes:

After a brief discussion, Ray Brassler was appointed chair of the Election Committee and the Shoot Off Committee, replacing Virginia Crawford on both.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Jenks reported that, as of November 30th, we had received \$27,074 in income and had paid out \$24,137 in expenses; most notably \$4,700 to Cust-M-Bilt for the Winter Chain buckles and \$6,000 to the California SCTP for our 2005 and 2006 contribution. In addition to the \$24,137 paid in expenses, we had also paid a \$50,000 deposit on the Pat Trap order. The balance due, around \$70,000 will be due in January. With no questions or discussion from the floor:

Motion: Phillips Second: Piazza
To accept the Treasurer's report as presented.
Passed: by voice vote

Committee Reports:

Director Craine had presented some proposed changes to the Zone Shoot Criteria in the October 14th meeting for discussion. Director Bunch, after having time to review these proposed changes, presented the Criteria Committee's recommendations with regard to the new junior team and new veteran team:

1. The trophies should be determined by the trophy Committee.
2. The trophies should be the same as the other zone teams.
3. Rule 9 should be modified to add the appropriate number of trophies.
4. This change should take place in the 2008 shoot year.

Following Director Bunch's presentation, questions were raised regarding parts of the proposed changes that Director Bunch did not address in his recommendations; i.e. the proposal to change the Men's Team to the 5 high guns and the proposal to have the zone teams compete at the state shoot in a separate team event.

Director Bunch yielded the floor to Director Sachau, who widened the discussion of the proposed changes to the Zone Shoot Criteria to include:

1. Changing the trophies awarded at the zone shoots to Wendell August custom plaques saving the leather bags for the winning teams at the state shoot. This would allow us to present more overall trophies at the zone shoots, present leather bags to the four winning teams at the state shoot, all within our current zone shoot trophy budget.
2. Changing the Men's Team Criteria from Class to High-Gun (5 shooters).
3. Adding a "State Champion of Champions" team event Friday afternoon after the President's Handicap. It would be 100 Singles targets where the zone teams would shoot "shoulder to shoulder" to determine the winning teams.

Following lots of discussion from the floor, President Slough called for a short recess at 10:50. The meeting reconvened at 11:08.

With no further discussion or questions being raised:

Motion: Sachau Second: Craine
To not accept committee recommendations as presented.
Passed: by voice vote

Motion: Sachau Second: Craine
To change the Zone Team Criteria as follows:

1. The Men's Zone Teams will be comprised of 5 high guns.
2. Add a Junior Team which will be comprised of the 2 high Juniors, 2 high Sub-Juniors, plus the next highest score.
3. Add a Veteran Team which will be comprised of the 2 high Vets, 2 high Sr. Vets, plus the next highest score.
4. Change the trophy structure to include plaques, or something similar, to all team members at the zone shoots, and leather shell bags, or something similar, to the winning teams at the state shoot.
5. The zone teams will compete in a separate "California Zone Champion of Champions" event, comprised of 100 Singles targets, Friday afternoon following the President's Handicap.
6. Zone Team members will pay the normal price for this event.
7. These changes to be effective this year.

Following additional discussion a vote was taken.

Motion Passed by hand count - Yes....13

No.....11

2007 State Shoot:

Secretary Brasser brought up the new ATA shoot off rules and how they would be applied to our state shoot events. Brief discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: Kirby Second: Hughes
To apply the new ATA shoot off rules to all events that have a Champion, not just those that involve ATA trophies.
Passed: by voice vote

Secretary Brasser also brought up the wording in the Welcome To Kingsburg Gun Club letter that says "The Kingsburg Gun Club and the CGSTA request that you leave your pets at home during the shoot." The question raised was whether or not the words "and the CGSTA" should be removed or left in place. Discussion resulted in no decision being made.

California SCTP State Director Gail Miller presented a brief recap of how many SCTP participants have come to Kingsburg over the last 4 years, and the problems this presented for future years. Last year there were 307 SCTP shooters on Sunday during the pre-state and activities weren't finished until 8:00pm. With a 20% increase projected for 2007, or nearly 370 kids, he feels that he'll exceed the capacity of the current arrangement with Kingsburg. One option under serious consideration is having 3 "regional" qualifying shoots in May, and then inviting the top 3 squads in each of their 4 division from each shoot to the State Singles Championship event on June 23rd, for a total of 36 squads. The regional shoots would be held at Redlands, Livermore, and Coon Creek.

Following this presentation, discussion ensued on what changes we could make to our June 23rd schedule to help accommodate these extra shooters. Suggestions included shortening the Saturday portion of our business meeting by moving the Treasurer's report to Sunday, and reserving the first 30 squads for the State Singles Championship for the SCTP and starting their first 100 targets at 8:00am. More discussion continued on questions specific to the SCTP. How were the regional sites selected? Would the regional shoots be registered? How would the kids be handicapped? Would having the SCTP shoot at Kingsburg on June 16th eliminate the need for the regional shoots? Lots of discussion with no immediate decisions made.

This was followed by a presentation by Director Sachau on how many junior entries we could expect during our 2007 state shoot, and the finances involved in giving the juniors a discounted target price. Further discussion resulted in:

Motion: Kirby Second: Hughes
 To set the 2007 target price for Juniors at \$20/hundred.
 Passed: by voice vote

New Business:

Secretary Brasser passed out 4 proposed designs for the 2007 state shoot pin. The first design was a California outline with a target and CGSTA. The second and third designs were Oak Trees and a target and CGSTA. The fourth design was a shotgun and CGSTA. The first design was chosen in a nearly unanimous decision.

Secretary Brasser passed out the preliminary 2007 state teams for review, and stated that he'd like to leave discussion of the state teams open until the next meeting. This would give the directors a chance to review the teams and comment on any errors or omissions before we published them on our website.

Secretary Brasser brought up the two issues recently raised by Smitty's and Grubby's regarding the artwork for the t-shirts they handled at the state shoot. The first issue was the \$200 licensing fee for using our artwork, and the second issue was the Kingsburg Gun Club selling their own t-shirts that also said "State Shoot". Discussion followed that we were not in a position to tell Kingsburg what they could, or could not, put on their t-shirts. Further discussion followed on how best to encourage Smitty's and Grubby's to continue to offer a quality t-shirt with quality artwork, resulting in:

Motion: Kirby Second: Sachau
 To reduce the licensing fee to \$0.
 Passed: by voice vote with 1 opposed.

Secretary Brasser brought up the issue of what to do with our Lanier 6625 copier. Parts and service agreements are no longer available, and if they were they cost more than we spend all year on copying. Plus it's completely depreciated on our books.

Motion: Brasser Second: Hughes
 To take the machine to a recycling center.
 Passed: by voice vote.

Old Business:

President Slough brought up the discussion from our December meeting on minimum requirements for directors. Director Cloyd reported that similar requirements were in place 20 years ago, and were later dropped because they didn't really accomplish anything. The penalty for not attending meetings, or not working shoots, was the nomination committee would not nominate you next year. Those directors simply got themselves nominated from the floor at the annual meeting and wound up back on the board. Lots of discussion ensued with a number of directors expressing an interest in having some sort of minimum requirements put in place. The matter was left open with no motions being made.

For the Good of the Organization:

Secretary Brassler passed out copies of the 2006 California Shooter Statistics. General membership was up 2% over 2005, and total targets thrown was up 4%. Redlands regained its #1 spot after the California State Shoot by throwing 528,900 registered targets. Kingsburg remained in the #2 spot with 303,250. Total Junior membership was up 9% but total targets shot by juniors was down 4%, most of which was the result of fewer juniors and sub-juniors shooting the state shoot due to the excessive heat.

Other:

President Slough reported that the Pat Traps will arrive in mid-January. The concrete slab for Kingsburg's new building will be poured next week and the section of the old building where the Pat Traps will be stored will be cleaned out and ready for us by the time they arrive. The base plates for mounting the Pat Traps in the traphouses are being fabricated by Dan Hoffman and crew. Final preparations for cutting the roofs on banks C through G are being made by Kingsburg. As weather permits, the Pat Traps will be set in place in the traphouses beginning in mid-January, tested, set, and removed to storage.

Preliminary discussions have begun on possibly cutting back the dirt embankment behind G bank to give shooters more room, and also on replacing the concrete walkways on banks C thru G, maybe one bank per year. He's looking into ways of raising the money necessary for these projects so CGTSA funds will not be involved.

Discussion was brought to the floor regarding the next meeting date. It was determined that the next meeting would be held February 3, 2007.

With no further business being brought to the floor:

Motion: Kirby Second: Goss
To adjourn meeting at 12:45 pm.
Passed: by voice vote

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD

Approved as presented: _____

Approved as corrected: _____