

**CALIFORNIA GOLDEN STATE TRAPSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 13, 2008
KINGSBURG, CA**

President David Ver Halen called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Those answering roll call were:

<u>Northern</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Southern</u>
Jim McCullough	Gary Bombalicki	Ray Brassler
Esther Puckett	Don Bunch	Walt Hastings
Julie Robinson	Steve Cloyd	John Malcolm
David Ver Halen	Tom Goss	Jim Merrimon
	Ed Hammond	Kurt Sachau
	Dan Hoffman	Bob Slough
	Kym Hughes	
	Fred Piazza	

Also in attendance: Eileen Williamson

Minutes of Prior Meeting:

With no discussion or corrections being brought to the floor:

Motion: Bunch Second: McCullough
To approve prior minutes as presented.
Passed: by voice vote

Correspondence:

1. Rec'd October 22, 24, and 29 - Letters from Gail Miller (California SCTP), Mike Sorchy (San Diego Shotgun Sports), and Gil Martinusen (Kingsburg Gun Club) in support of our leader board grant application to the NRA Foundation.
2. Rec'd October 28 - FYI Letter from the California State Trapshooting Association regarding their new fee structure. Effective November 1, 2008 they will no longer charge an annual membership fee or series daily fee. Instead, the CSTA daily fee will be increased from \$0.01 per target to \$0.02 per target.
3. Rec'd November 18 - Letter from Gail Miller confirming his discussions with President Ver Halen regarding plans for holding the 2009 SCTP State Shoot at Kingsburg on Saturday, June 20th.
4. Rec'd November 29 - Final notice of outstanding invoices sent to California gun clubs. These invoices must be paid or the amounts will be deducted from our state shoot refund. Total unpaid amount is \$25.
5. Rec'd November 28 and December 8 - Letters from California State Assemblyman Martin Garrick and J.G. Koffel (XO Marine Corps Air Station Miramar) in response to President Ver Halen's letter in support of San Diego Shotgun Sports.
6. Rec'd December 6 - Letter from the ATA detailing our state shoot refund for 2009 at \$14,823.
7. Rec'd December 10 - Shoot Registration Certificate from the ATA for our 2009 State Shoot for June 23rd through June 28th.

Delegate's Report:

Delegate Eileen Williamson reported on the following:

1. The ATA has instituted new policies regarding membership renewals including 1) discounts for disabled veterans, 2) renewals 90 days prior to new target year will automatically be extended through the succeeding target year, and 3) a 3 year prepaid membership for \$50.
2. The ATA has also adopted new marketing incentives including 1) anyone who signs up 25 full priced new members will earn a cash credit towards a life membership in the ATA, 2) anyone who signs up at least 10 full price new members will earn a cash credit towards a life membership in the ATA or a merchandise credit redeemable at the ATA Online store, 3) current life members can assign credits they earn to anyone else of the life member's choosing. These marketing incentives will not be included in the state shoot rebates.
3. Rulebook changes include 1) 50 yard stakes are again required where terrain allows, 2) minimum target speed for singles and handicap targets is 42 mph and for the right-hand target of doubles its 39 mph. These speeds are measured from the 16-yard line with hi-power radar guns and from behind the trap house with low-power radar guns.
4. The ATA has recently introduced AIM, their new junior program. Lots of information on this new program at www.shootata.com.
5. Guns clubs are encouraged to submit their shoot results to the ATA for posting on their website. PDF format is preferred but Word or Excel are acceptable.
6. A new feature on the ATA website will allow users to "Search for a gun club within a radius" of a specified zip code. This search feature will find all ATA gun clubs within that search area. This feature will be added once the website programming is complete.
7. Average cards are being mailed out this week.
8. The 2009 Western Grand will be held at the Spokane Gun Club in September.

New/Replacement Directors:

Southern Zone reporting there were no changes.

Central Zone reported there were no changes.

Northern Zone reported there were no changes.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Discussion:

Treasurer Hastings provided the Board with Balance Sheet amounts as of December 8, 2008 including cash on hand of \$20,697 in Bank of America plus \$189,280 in Morgan Stanley for a total of \$209,977. Income Statement amounts showed daily fees down 24% over last year and annual memberships down 50%. Discussion from the floor attributed some of this to the change in the 2008 target year end date. Some shooters cut back on their shooting until the new target year starts, and other shooters will not rejoin until the spring.

Brief additional discussion resulted in the following:

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

Committee Review:

None

2009 State Shoot Program Review:

Brief discussion on what time we should open the Handicapping and Cashier windows on Sunday and Monday before the State Shoot. In past years we've opened the windows at 1:00pm on those days and we've always had a big crowd. It was agreed to open the windows at 11:00am both days.

Some discussion on changing the format to Event 1A plus a handicap on Tuesday and Event 1B plus a handicap on Wednesday. Director Sachau thought we had better participation in years past when we split the Class Singles. Secretary Brassler said he had at least 15 years of attendance figures and would bring them to the next meeting. It was agreed to table the discussion until the February meeting.

Brief discussion on the added money in the President's Handicap and the Handicap Championship. We changed the number of yardage groups from 4 to 5 in the September meeting and we need to add \$500 to the added money to accommodate those new groups.

Motion: Goss Second: Hughes
To increase the added money for the state shoot from
\$7,500 to \$8,000.
Passed: by voice vote

Question from Director Bunch as to whether or not we had "stop loss" language in the program for the gun purse. He recalled that when the board originally added the gun purse to the program that the approved language included a stop loss provision. Secretary Brassler will research the prior year minutes and report back on what language is there. It was agreed to table the discussion until the February meeting.

New Business:

Director Sachau presented a proposal to change the way our state teams are selected and change the state team requirements. It is his opinion that it's more appropriate to use head-to-head competition to select our teams rather than use shooter averages. His proposal includes 1) extending the 5 clubs 2 zones requirement to each discipline individually, 2) awarding state team points to shooters based on their scores on the 400 championship targets at the state shoot, plus points for their scores on the 400 championship targets at the CGSTA zone shoots, plus points for year-end average on all targets except marathon and special date targets.

Lots and lots of discussion from the floor about marathon targets. With no motion being made, it was agreed to table the discussion until the February meeting.

Director Sachau reported on his participation in ATA's search for a fulltime fundraiser. The ATA is now a 501(c)(3) corporation and is increasing it's fundraising efforts. Director Sachau reported that one of the primary beneficiaries of the ATA's fundraising will be their new AIM program. He gave a brief summary of this new program and handed out copies of the AIM Operations Manual. This program is brand new and lots of work needs to be done between now and our state shoot. Lots of discussion on the timing of the AIM Program participation at our 2009 state shoot.

President Ver Halen shared his thoughts on the challenges facing the AIM program in California and how the AIM program would probably develop over the next six months in California, especially in the North. Lots more discussion on the timing of the AIM Program participation at our state shoot resulted in the following:

Motion: Sachau Second: Malcolm
To have our 2009 AIM Program shoot concurrent with our Championship Singles event on Saturday, June 27th.
Passed: by voice vote

Delegate Williamson presented bids for hosting the 2009 Western Zone Shoot from Redlands Shooting Park and Triple B Clays. The bid from Redlands Shooting Park included \$3,000 in added money and the target price would be set at \$30 per hundred. The bid from Triple B Clays included \$1,000 in added money and the target price would be set at \$27 per hundred. Discussion from the floor resulted in the following:

Motion: Bombalicki Second: Malcolm
To award the 2009 Western Zone Shoot site to Redlands Shooting Park.
Passed: by voice vote

Secretary Brassler presented two different designs for the 2009 State Shoot pin. The oval design was chosen 17 to 1 over the square design. We'll order 1,600 pins for the state shoot.

Secretary Brassler gave a brief summary of the work done by David Van Elgort in connection with the leader board project and other custom reports developed for our use. He's developed a report that would allow shooters to go to our website and look up their state shoot scores, but we need to upgrade our website server in order for this program to run. This would cost an additional \$5 per month. Brief discussion resulted in:

Motion: Sachau Second: Goss
To increase our monthly website hosting cost by \$5 per month to upgrade our service.
Passed: by voice vote

Secretary Brassler passed out our 2009 pocket calendars to all directors in attendance. The \$300 expense for these calendars was once again paid for by Morris Hall and he asks that his contribution be allocated to our Junior Program account.

Old Business:

Secretary Brassler gave a brief report on the grant application submitted to the NRA Foundation for our leader board project. Director Bombalicki did all the background work on the grant application and was very instrumental in getting the package submitted. We'll hear in January if we were selected.

With no further business being brought to the floor:

Motion: Sachau Second: McCullough
To adjourn the meeting at 1:47pm.
Passed: by voice vote

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD

Approved as presented: _____

Approved as corrected: _____