

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN STATE TRAPSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FEBRUARY 9, 2008  
KINGSBURG, CA

President Kevin Erwin called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Those answering roll call were:

<u>Northern</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Southern</u>
Jim McCullough	Don Bunch	Jessica Anderson
David Ver Halen	Steve Cloyd	Ray Brassler
Jim Wyllie	Kevin Erwin	Bob Slough
Ken Yamaguchi	Tom Goss	
	Ed Hammond	
	Dan Hoffman	
	Kym Hughes	
	Myles Johnson	
	Gil Martinusen	
	Fred Piazza	

Also in attendance: Gary Bombalicki

**Minutes of prior meeting:**

With no discussion from the floor:

Motion: Yamaguchi Second: Ver Halen  
To approve prior minutes as presented.  
Passed: by voice vote

**Correspondence:**

1. Rec'd December 10 - bid from Norm Volponi to provide cashiering services for the 2008 State Shoot.
2. Rec'd December 30 - bid from Don Black Photography to provide photography and T&F reporting services for the 2008 State Shoot.
3. Rec'd December 18 - letter from the ATA listing the trophies they will provide for our 2008 State Shoot, 26 in all.
4. Rec'd January 29 - Registered Target shooting record and request from Wilbur Poston, Jr. for a 200,000 target achievement award, to be presented at the 2008 State Shoot.
5. Rec'd February 7 - letter from Michael Rush asking for assistance in getting a score incorrectly reported by San Diego Shotgun Sports corrected.
6. Rec'd January 21 - letter from ATA HOF regarding their Junior Trophy Program and listing trophies that may be available to us at our state shoot.
7. Rec'd February 6 - e-mail letter from Vickie Craine resigning from the board effective immediately, citing personal family matters.
8. Rec'd January 23 - letter from Redlands Shooting Park requesting \$1,000 in added money for the Western Zone Shoot to be held at Redlands on July 17-20, 2008.

**Delegate's report:**

ATA Delegate Eileen Williamson was not able to attend this meeting due to prior commitments.

**New/Replacement Directors:**

Southern Zone reported there were no changes.

Central Zone brought to the floor:

Motion: Hoffman Second: Goss  
 To nominate Gary Bombalicki as Central Zone director.  
 Passed: by voice vote

Northern Zone reported there were no changes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Hastings was unable to attend this meeting due to a prior family commitment. He provided a balance sheet as of February 7<sup>th</sup> that shows our current cash assets at \$198,524.24, our current fixed assets at \$155,344.34, our current liabilities at \$785.80, for a total liabilities and equity of \$353,868.58.

Copies of the balance sheet were available at the front desk for any board member that wanted to pick one up.

**Committee Status Review:**

Brief discussion from the floor regarding projects to improve the walkways on Banks D thru G. Discussions continued with no motions made. Plans to work with the Kingsburg Gun Club on these projects are on-going.

**2008 State Shoot Program Discussions:**

Secretary Brassler reported that advertising and typesetting work for the 2008 program was going well. Outstanding issues for discussion included; Target Price, Purse Payout Schedule, and Gun Purses.

President Erwin noted that the negotiation committee had met with the Kingsburg Gun Club earlier in the day and asked Vice President Hoffman to report on the details. Vice President Hoffman reported that, due to an increase in the minimum wage to \$8.00/hour and an \$0.85/case increase in target cost, Kingsburg Gun Club would have to raise the cost-per-target-thrown price by 1 cent over last year, or \$1.00 per hundred. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of not raising our target prices this year. Considering the increased cost in gasoline and shells, it would certainly be to the shooter's benefit to hold the line on increased target cost. More discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: Ver Halen Second: Wyllie  
 To leave the state shoot target price the same as last year.  
 Passed: Yes - 16, No - 2 by hand vote

The issue of conducting shoot-offs every day versus carrying over Singles and Doubles ties to the championship events was brought to the floor. Discussion ensued regarding the cost of shoot-off targets, the cost of shells, the time and effort of shoot-off personnel, problems inherent in resolving carry-overs on a trap by trap basis, and the potential of unresolved ties resulting in shoot-offs anyway. Lots of discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: Anderson Second: Bunch  
 To carry-over ties from the class singles and class doubles to the championship events.  
 Failed: Yes - 3, No - 15 by hand vote

It should be noted that carrying over ties is already an option to shooters. If everyone involved in a particular decision agrees to the carry-over, they should inform the shoot-off desk inside the handicap office prior to the shoot-off. Championship events cannot be carried over.

The issue of our purse pay-out schedule was brought to the floor. We currently cut checks every night and make them available the day after the event, resulting in over 1,500 checks being written. Treasurer Hastings is proposing a schedule of making checks available on Thursday (for Tuesday's and Wednesday's events) and on Saturday (for Thursday's and Friday's events). Checks for Saturday's and Sunday's events would be cut late Sunday and mailed. This would reduce the number of checks we write by 1/2 and save us money in bank and check fees. Lots of discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: Anderson Second: Wyllie  
 To adopt this new pay-out schedule.  
 Passed: Yes - 17, No - 1 by hand vote

The issue of the two gun purses was brought to the floor. Brief discussion about getting the same guns as we did last year and making no changes to the gun purses.

The issue of our annual meeting schedule was brought to the floor. Discussion followed about ways to streamline things in the annual meeting to avoid any possible delays in the starting times for Events 8 and 9. Lots of discussion about what happens if no vote is necessary and possibly moving some CGSTA activities to Saturday to shorten things on Sunday. This resulted in the following:

Motion: Hughes Second: Johnson  
 To adjourn the CGSTA part of the meeting earliest possible on Sunday and turn the meeting over to the HOF.  
 Passed: Unanimously by voice vote

The issue of the Introductory Shooting Clinic for Ladies and Juniors was brought to the floor. Kym Hughes and Jessica Anderson volunteered to run it again this year but needed to find someone to contribute the shells. Gary Bombalicki will make the calls to find us a new contributor for shells.

The issue of some squads shooting late/early during the state shoot was brought to the floor. Discussion ensued as to whether this practice should be stopped or could be stopped. A suggestion was made to adopt language similar to that used at the PITA Grand (something to the effect that your morning squad number had to be within 10 of your afternoon squad number) and condition the HOA and HAA trophies to that rule. Further discussion on the exceptions that would have to be made to accommodate non pre-squaded shooters in filling partial squads. All this resulted in the following:

Motion: Brasser Second: Yamaguchi  
 To have Secretary Brasser investigate the specific language used in the PITA Grand program and present it to the Executive Committee for their action.  
 Passed: Unanimously by voice vote

**New Business:**

Norm Volponi's bid to provide cashiering services for the 2008 State Shoot was brought to the floor. Brief discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: Yamaguchi Second: Ver Halen  
 To accept Norm Volponi's bid.  
 Passed: Unanimously by voice vote

Don Black's bid to provide photography and T&F reporting services for the 2008 State Shoot was brought to the floor. Brief discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: Yamaguchi Second: Martinusen  
To accept Don Black's bid.  
Passed: Unanimously by voice vote

The request from Redlands Shooting Park for \$1,000 in added money for the Western Zone shoot was brought to the floor. Discussion followed on the fact that the board removed the \$1,000 "Added Money" line from it's budget 2 or 3 years ago and added that money to the "Winter Chain Trophy" budget line, and that we had no allocation in our current year budget for added money. Additional discussion followed on the problems it would create by granting Redland's request after having told the Northern Zone clubs that added money was not available this year. It was also noted that our \$1,000 budget amount in the past was never intended to go to any one site; it was set at \$1,000 so we could provide two different sites with \$500 apiece. This all resulted in the following:

Motion: Anderson Second: Wyllie  
To provide \$1,000 in added money to Redlands for the Western Zone.  
Failed: Yes - 2, No - 16 by hand vote

Additional brief discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: Anderson Second: Slough  
To provide \$500 in added money to Redlands for the Western Zone.  
Failed: Yes - 3, No - 15 by hand vote

#### **Old Business:**

President Erwin brought the issue of Kingsburg's public address system back to the floor from the last meeting. Director Martinusen reported that the purchase of a new system had been approved by Kingsburg's board, pending receipt of their Friends of the NRA grant.

Director Martinusen brought the issue of Pat Trap insurance back to the floor from the last meeting. He reported that the Kingsburg Gun Club had checked with their insurance carrier and determined that their current policy covers the traps and voice release equipment while in use or in storage at their site. No other policy is required.

Secretary Brassler reported that the 2007 T&F Average Books were being published late this year and were expected to arrive in late February. They will be distributed to the directors once they arrive.

Trophy Chair and Director Kym Hughes brought up the matter of what trophies are going to be awarded at the zone shoots to the shooters who make the zone teams. After brief discussion it was agreed that certificates good for "200 Championship Singles Targets at the State Shoot" will be awarded, with the provision that these certificates are not transferable; i.e. if the shooter that makes the team does not attend the state shoot, then the certificate will flow down to the alternate that takes their place. Traditional leather shooting bags are still being planned for trophies for the winning teams at the state shoot.

**For the Good of the Association:**

Director Anderson brought up the issue of guns clubs being pro-active and applying for EPA approval of an Environmental Stewardship Plan for dealing with lead at their clubs. The program, available through the National Association of Shooting Ranges, even allows clubs to do this anonymously, all at no cost. With the current mindset in Sacramento, every club is going to be forced to address the presence of lead on their ranges in the foreseeable future. Clubs that take a pro-active approach towards this issue, and get EPA approval of a specific plan, will be in a much better position to respond to California's plans to "shut them all down".

California is being pro-active in getting rid of lead where ever they find it. Clubs that don't have an approved plan to manage the lead on their property will be hard pressed to survive. Jessica Anderson has volunteered to assist any California club through the process of getting EPA approval through the NASR program. Requests for assistance should be sent to CGSTA, Environmental Stewardship Plan, PO Box 4489, West Hills, CA 91308-4489. All requests will be submitted anonymously if desired.

With no further business being brought to the floor:

Motion: McCullough Second: Yamaguchi  
To adjourn meeting at 12:02pm  
Passed: by voice vote

***SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD***

Approved as presented: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as corrected: \_\_\_\_\_