

**CALIFORNIA GOLDEN STATE TRAPSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2009**  
**KINGSBURG, CA**

President David Ver Halen called the meeting to order at 9:58am.

Those answering roll call were:

<u>Northern</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Southern</u>
Jim McCullough	Gary Bombalicki	Jessica Anderson
Esther Puckett	Steve Cloyd	Ray Brasser
Julie Robinson	Kevin Erwin	Jim Hammond
David Ver Halen	Tom Goss	Walt Hastings
Ken Yamaguchi	Ed Hammond	Dan Kirby, Jr.
	Dan Hoffman	John Malcolm
	Kym Hughes	William Martin
	Myles Johnson	Jim Merrimon
	Gil Martinusen	Kurt Sachau
	Ray Phillips	Bob Slough
	Fred Piazza	
	John Silva	
	Allen Tomasini	

Also in attendance: Eileen Williamson

**Minutes of Prior Meeting:**

With no discussion or corrections being brought to the floor:

Motion: Cloyd Second: Hughes  
To approve prior minutes as presented.  
Passed: by voice vote

**Correspondence:**

1. Rec'd December 15 - Invoice from Eilert Insurance Group for renewal of our Directors & Officers insurance. This invoice has been paid and our insurance has been renewed for another year.
2. Rec'd December 27 - Invoice from Morris Hall for printing the 2009 Pocket Calendars. Mr. Hall has paid the \$250 cost on our behalf and requests the \$250 reimbursement go directly to the 2009 CGSTA Junior Program.
3. Rec'd January 9 - Letter from the ATA listing the trophies they will provide for our 2009 state shoot. A copy of this list has been given to Kym Hughes, Trophy Committee Chair.
4. Rec'd January 15 - Email from Smitty advising us that he will not be attending our 2009 state shoot. At the age of 85, he's starting to take things a little easier. Our state shoot logo t-shirts will be handled by Grubby's. Smitty sends his regards to everyone and his best wishes for a wonderful state shoot.
5. Rec'd January 29 - Letter from the NRA Foundation that our application for a grant for our leaderboard system was denied. Applications received exceeded available funding and our application was perceived to have some private benefit.

**Delegate's Report:**

Delegate Eileen Williamson reported on the following:

1. The ATA and the Southwestern Illinois Tourism Bureau have put up a website for finding hotel rooms for the 2009 Grand. Go to <http://www.thetourismbureau.org/> and click on the link next to the ATA logo. Use code 2234 to search for available rooms.

2. The ATA has announced reduced life membership fees for disabled veterans. They can become ATA life members for only \$250.
3. The ATA has added a "Shoots Near Me" feature to their website to help shooters find registered shoots by zip code. Go to <http://www.shootata.com/> and click on the "Shoots Near Me" link.
4. Guns clubs can post their shoot results on the ATA website. Details available at [http://www.shootata.com/Content/News/submit\\_results.aspx](http://www.shootata.com/Content/News/submit_results.aspx).
5. The ATA AIM program is actively seeking sponsors for their program. Interested parties can contact ATA.
6. The dates for the AIM Program at the 2009 Grand American are August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
7. Kym Hughes has been designated the state director for the California AIM Program
8. The ATA has announced reduced membership fees for the AIM program. Membership fees are now just \$13 in addition to the \$12 ATA membership fees.

**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:**

Treasurer Hastings provided the Board with Balance Sheet amounts showing \$18,900 in Bank of America plus \$189,298 in Morgan Stanley for a total of \$208,198. Recent expenses that have been paid include \$500 for 2008 Average Books and \$1,300 for Directors insurance. Income Statement amounts showed daily fees down 39% over last year and annual memberships down by 360 members. Discussion from the floor attributed some of this to the change in the 2008 target year end date.

Brief additional discussion resulted in the following:

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

**Committee Review:**

The Negotiation Committee reported on their discussions with the Kingsburg Gun Club on the cost-per-target-thrown for our 2009 state shoot. Kingsburg has not seen any significant price increases and has agreed to keep the price the same as last year.

**2009 State Shoot Program Review:**

The State Shoot Program Committee brought to the floor the rates for putting an ad in Trap & Field for our 2009 state shoot. The cost is \$165 per issue for a 1/4 page ad. Brief discussion resulted in no action.

Committee also reported that nearly everyone has renewed their ad this year with available space going quickly.

Also brought to the floor was the issue of requiring a picture ID in order to vote in a delegate election or a CGSTA director election. It was agreed that a picture ID would not be required if the individual was known personally to the election officials.

The Trophy Committee brought to the floor a discussion of added trophies to be donated by the Larkins. These trophies will be for special category 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Singles Championship, Doubles Championship, Handicap Championship, President's Handicap, and High Overall. These trophies will allow more shooters to earn All American points at our state shoot.

A director brought to the floor the matter of shooting Event 1 all on Tuesday vs splitting it and shooting 100 singles on Tuesday (plus a handicap) and the second 100 singles on Wednesday (plus a handicap). The split format was used in 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, and 2000. The 200-targets-in-one-day format was used in 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008. Secretary had researched the Tuesday/Wednesday historical data for these years and reported that the turnout was slightly higher (by 3%) in the years with the 200-targets-in-one-day format. There was no consensus on the reason for the better turnout with the 200-targets-in-one-day format, but the discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: Yamaguchi Second: Slough  
To keep the 200-targets-in-one-day format for Event 1.  
Passed: by voice vote

The State Shoot Program Committee brought to the floor the matter of target price for 2009. Discussion focused on our bottom line this year and last year, on typical target price throughout the state, and the current economic situation. This resulted in the following:

Motion: Erwin Second: Slough  
To leave the target prices for 2009 the same as 2008.  
Passed: by voice vote

After a 15 minute break the meeting was resumed at 11:00am.

**New Business:**

Secretary presented a bid from Norm Volponi to do the cashiering for the 2009 state shoot for \$7,900, the same price as 2008. Very brief discussion resulted in

Motion: Kirby Second: Hughes  
To accept Norm's bid for cashiering the 2009 shoot.  
Passed: by voice vote

Secretary presented a bid from Bruce Maurer to do the photography at the 2009 state shoot, including the director's dinner, the state teams presentation, the Sunday morning award presentations, and individual trophy winners. Mr. Maurer's bid was \$600. Brief discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: Yamaguchi Second: Slough  
To accept Bruce Maurer's bid for photography services at the 2009 shoot.  
Passed: by voice vote

The Youth Committee brought to the floor the matter of CGSTA financial support to the SCPT program and the AIM program. President Ver Halen reported on his recent discussions with Gail Miller in light of SCTP's recent decisions regarding the registration of targets. The SCTP's current position is that only those SCTP shooters who plan on attending the nationals in Sparta in July need to register their targets at the state shoot level. The rest of the SCTP shooters need not join the ATA, CGSTA, or register their targets.

Lots of discussion about the on-going changes in the junior programs resulted in the following:

Motion: Sachau Second: Kirby  
 To provide our pat traps and phono-calls at no charge to the SCTP for their shoot on June 20<sup>th</sup> and to donate all CGSTA junior program funds leftover after our state shoot to the AIM program.  
 Passed: by voice vote

Secretary brought to the floor the matter of the 5-Club State Team rule and Sacramento shoots at Coon Creek only counting as 1 club. The board set a policy in September 2007 that Sacramento shoots at Coon Creek were basically the same as a Coon Creek shoot at Coon Creek and that shooters would only get credit for shooting at 1 club. Unfortunately, some members of the Sacramento Gun Club did not understand this policy, leading some shooters to think they had shot at 5 California clubs when they had only gotten credit for shooting at 4. No motion was made to change that policy.

### **Old Business:**

Due to concerns expressed by directors prior to the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, and directors during the meeting, President Ver Halen asked Secretary Brassler and Delegate Williamson to look into the matter of target setting at Redlands Shooting Park. Their review was conducted on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Due to additional concerns expressed by directors prior to the December meeting, regarding marathon targets shot at Redlands on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, Secretary Brassler decided to look into that matter as well. His review was conducted on December 22<sup>nd</sup> through December 26<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary Brassler read a report that addressed these concerns and the subsequent reviews. On the first matter, Secretary Brassler and Delegate Williamson found the target setting to be 100% in compliance with ATA rules. On the second matter Secretary Brassler found all records to be in order and found no evidence of any wrongdoing. The record also shows that Neil Winston from the ATA conducted his own independent review of these same concerns during his visit to Redlands on December 27<sup>th</sup>, with the same conclusions. During discussion, a director expressed his disappointment in the advance notice given and thought there were some problems with the reviews. There being no questions or further discussion from the floor, President Ver Halen found this matter to be resolved and closed.

A director brought to the floor the matter of the selection criteria for our State Teams. He presented a proposal as an option to the proposal submitted in December. Under the new proposal, the only things that would change would be 1) at least 100 targets in each discipline would have to be shot in more than one zone, and 2) shooting the state shoot would not count towards a shooter's 5<sup>th</sup> club or 2<sup>nd</sup> zone. Brief discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: Yamaguchi Second: Martin  
 To accept the new proposal for changing our state team selection criteria.

Before this motion was voted on, discussion from the floor resulted in the new proposal being modified to let the state shoot count as a shooter's 5<sup>th</sup> club. All this resulted in the following:

Motion: Yamaguchi Second: Martin  
 To accept the modified new proposal for changing our state team selection criteria.  
 Passed: by voice vote

This new selection criteria will take effect on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Our 2009 state teams (determined by scores shot in the current shoot year) will not be subject to this new criteria.

President Ver Halen brought to the floor the matter of a Gun Purse Stop Loss clause as questioned by a director in the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Secretary Brassler had researched this matter and reported the following: 1) From 1976 through 1992, there were gun purses in most, if not all, handicap events, and in each yardage group. Many times there were not enough entries to recoup the cost of the guns given away. 2) In 1993 language was added to the shoot program that said if there weren't enough entries to pay for the gun, the winner could pay the difference and get the gun, or just take the cash in the purse. 3) From 1994 through 1996 there were no gun purses at all. 4) In 1997 the current format of 2 gun purses was put in the program, with language that gave any overage to the winner with the gun. 5) In 1998 the current language was added that said any gun purse shortfalls would be absorbed by the CGSTA and any gun purse overages would be retained.

Discussion from the floor resulted in no motion being made.

Delegate Williamson brought to the floor the matter of the bid from Redlands Shooting Park for the Western Zone shoot in July. She clarified that the \$3,000 added money in that bid included the \$1,000 contribution from the CGSTA. Brief discussion resulted in no action.

**For the Good of the Association:**

Director Martinusen announced a benefit shoot for Vince Compolongo at the Kingsburg Gun Club on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

President Ver Halen reminded everyone that it is our responsibility as directors to make sure the targets being thrown at shoots we attend are legal targets. We can't inspect the traphouses but we can bring any questions or concerns regarding the target setting to the attention of shoot management.

Secretary Brassler reported on the California Shooter Statistics from the 2008 Shoot Year (cut-off at 8/31/08 for comparative purposes). Highlights noted included:

1. 1,777 active shooters in 2008 vs 1,858 the year before, a 4% drop,
2. Junior membership has not declined,
3. Targets shot by juniors is up very slightly,
4. Total targets thrown in California was 3,460,675, a 4% drop from 2007,
5. Nationwide, California is 4<sup>th</sup> in total targets thrown behind Florida, Ohio, and Pennsylvania,
6. Nationwide, California is 3<sup>rd</sup> in active members, behind Ohio and Pennsylvania.

With no further business being brought to the floor:

Motion: Kirby Second: Bombalicki  
To adjourn the meeting at 12:24pm.  
Passed: by voice vote

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON MARCH 21, 2009**

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

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