

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN STATE TRAPSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 27, 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	Jessica Anderson
Esther Puckett	Don Bunch	Ray Brasser
David Ver Halen	Steve Cloyd	Jim Hammond
Jim Wyllie	Kevin Erwin	Walt Hastings
	Ed Hammond	Bob Slough
	Dan Hoffman	
	Kym Hughes	
	Myles Johnson	
	Gil Martinusen	
	Fred Piazza	

Also in attendance: John Malcolm

Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Secretary said there were 3 meeting minutes to approve - June 23rd; the June 28th and 29th Annual meeting; and the June 29th election meeting. These minutes can be approved all combined or individually. With no discussion or corrections being brought to the floor:

Motion: Martinusen Second: Wyllie
To approve all prior minutes as presented.
Passed: by voice vote

Correspondence:

1. Rec'd August 28 - Letter from Eilert Insurance Agency offering to renew our liability insurance for another year at the same rate. Payment was sent and our liability insurance has been renewed.
2. Rec'd July 22 - Letter from past director Ron Taylor returning an unclaimed 1987 Championship Terry Berry ring, card imprinter, and some old shoot pins.
3. Rec'd August 1 - Letter from our CPA Jeff Born notifying us that he has started his own business and that he's moved to a new location in Sacramento.
4. Rec'd August 1 thru September 25 - Letters from A&A Shooters, San Diego Shotgun Sports, and Team Angels thanking the CGSTA for their contributions to their SCTP teams in 2008.
5. Rec'd September 15 - Copies of invoices from the ATA to various California gun clubs for late shoot report fines. Invoices not paid by the clubs will be deducted from our ATA State Shoot Rebate, and rebilled to the clubs.
6. Rec'd September 15 - Copies of questionnaires from the ATA to various California gun clubs asking for missing shoot reports. Many of the dates in question were never requested. These errors are being cleared by the clubs and by the secretary.
7. Rec'd August thru September - Notes and e-mails from out-of-state shooters asking the status of trophies that weren't available at the state shoot. All trophies have been ordered and will be shipped soon.
8. Rec'd September 18 - Letter from Martinez Gun Club requesting a change to our Winter Chain Shoot Criteria. Matter will be taken up under New Business.

9. Rec'd September 16 - Certified Letter from the ATA regarding Complaint #08-03 filed by Fred Berson. Matter will be taken up under New Business.
10. Rec'd September 22 - Copy of Certified Letter from the ATA to Redlands Shooting Park regarding the same complaint

Delegate's Report:

ATA 2nd Alternate Delegate James Hammond reported on the following:

1. The current ATA target year will end October 31, 2008. The 2009 target year will run from November 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009. Any ATA dues paid now will be good for the 2009 target year.
2. The ATA has reinstated the 18-yard line. New shooters will still start on the 19 or 20, but reductions will be available to the 18. Squading rules will change to stipulate that squads with 18 & 19 yard shooters may not have more than 1 yard difference between adjacent shooters, and not more than 2 yards difference per squad.
3. When a shooter's handicap score is disqualified, but the score would have earned yardage under the earned yardage table, the shooter's card must be punched to the new yardage. Those targets that are disqualified will not become part of the shooter's target history. This rule has always been in effect but it will now be printed in the rule book.
4. The maximum yardage reduction a shooter can receive in any one shoot year has been increased from 2 yards to 3.
5. Grand American penalty classification for shooters not having at least 1,000 singles or doubles targets in the current shoot year will be at least 1 class higher than indicated by their average. This used to be at least 2 classes.
6. The NSSF will divest itself of the SCTP in January 2009. The new organization will be the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (3SF). The ATA has strongly encouraged the 3SF to require the registering of targets.
7. The ATA has hired Jim Thompson as the new ATA Executive Director.
8. ATA annual dues are similar to last year but daily fees are down about 12%.
9. Attendance at the Grand American was down 7.5-17% per event from last year.
10. The ATA has suspended California shooter Michael Cooper for 3 months due to infractions at this year's Grand American.
11. Dates for the Western Zone are July 16-19, 2009. Bids from California gun clubs are currently being solicited.
12. Dates for the 2009 Grand American are August 5-15, 2009.

New/Replacement Directors:

Southern Zone brought to the floor:

Motion: Brasser Second: Anderson
To nominate John Malcolm as Southern Zone director.
Passed: by voice vote

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 a Preliminary Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2008; a Preliminary Profit and Loss statement through June 30, 2008, with comparisons to the prior year; and a recap/comparison of state shoot income and expense from 2008 and 2007. The Preliminary Balance Sheet shows Total Assets of \$370,115 with \$207,591 cash on hand. The preliminary P&L shows Total Income of \$293,971, Total Expense of \$279,832, and a Net Income

of \$14,139. The state shoot income and expense summaries show 2008 net income of \$243,698 and net expenses of \$233,920.

It was noted that our 2008 annual dues were down 7.8% from 2007, and our 2008 daily fees were down 10.7%. Several questions from the floor were answered. Brief additional discussion resulted in the following:

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

Treasurer Hastings presented the board with a proposed 2008-2009 Operating Budget. Extensive discussions resulted in the following:

1. \$1,000 was added to the Maintenance & Repair budget to provide for repairs to the Outer's Voice Release equipment.
2. CGSTA Zone Trophies budget was kept at \$7,000.
3. \$1,000 was added back in the budget for Western Zone Added Money, with the following stipulations:
 - a) If the state had 2 WZ sites, the \$1,000 could be split 50/50,
 - b) If the state had only 1 site, the board could award all the money to that single site,
 - c) The money must be used by the host club(s) for added money to the shooters or added trophies. The money was not intended to cover normal expenses incurred by the host club(s),
 - d) The shoot program(s) will give credit to the CGSTA for the added money.
4. \$250 was added to State Shoot Bingo Prizes to bring that budget line to \$1,750.

During budget discussions, Secretary Brassler brought to the floor a discussion of our current handicap yardage groups. We currently have 4 groups: 19-21, 22-23, 24-26, and 27, with the 24-26 group being the most crowded. A more uniform distribution would be to use 5 groups like they do at the Grand American; i.e. 19-20, 21-22, 23-24, 25-26, and 27. This would involve 2 more trophies per handicap event and impact our trophy budget, but would offer more trophies to the shooters. Brief discussion resulted in:

Motion: Erwin Second: Slough
To change our state shoot yardage groups from 4 groups to 5.
Passed: by voice vote

Additional budget discussions resulted in:

1. The State Shoot Trophy budget was kept at \$33,000.
2. The State Shoot Clerical/Office/Cashiering budget was increased by \$500.
3. The State Shoot Programs and Entry Sheets budget was reduced to \$8,000.

After an hour of discussion, the bottom line was a 2008-2009 Operating Budget that was \$885 less than the prior year.

Motion: Slough Second: Martinusen
To accept the 2008-2009 Operating Budget as presented.
Passed: by voice vote

Committee Proposals:

President Ver Halen presented his proposed committees for the 2008-2009 year. Brief discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: Slough Second: Hughes
To approve committees as presented.
Passed: by voice vote

2007 State Shoot Review:

Brief discussion on the State Shoot attendance being down 41 shooters (5.7%) but only 20 total entries (0.5%). In light of the economy and the price of gas and shells, we did pretty good. Some discussion on what can be done to bring more vendors to our state shoot. With the cost of gas it's getting harder to get vendors to drive all the way out to California. Some discussion on opening the cashier windows a few hours earlier on Monday.

New Business:

Secretary Brassler presented to the board a laptop computer demonstration of a new leader board software program written specifically to run on our Shoot Compute system, similar to the leader board program used at the Grand. Secretary Brassler had been working with David VanElgort over the last few weeks on a stand-alone custom program that reads directly from the Shoot Compute data files, and displays a real-time listing of the current event's leaders, by class and by category, or by yardage group and by category. The programming work done by David VanElgort has been excellent. The laptop demonstration was running from our real 2008 State Shoot data files. The stand-alone computer to run this leader board program would be networked to our current Shoot Compute computers and requires no interaction to run. As new shooters are added to the event, and scores coming in are recorded, the system automatically updates the listings. There would be one display in the office, one display on the backside of the big scoreboard outside the squading window, and a third display in the lunch area by the clubhouse. Not only would the leader board be very informative to the shooters, but it would help the shoot-off committee get a head-start on the shoot-off sheets and get the shoot-offs started earlier. Brief discussion resulted in:

Motion: Slough Second: Piazza
To approve a \$4,000 capital budget for implementing this leader board system for our 2009 state shoot.
Passed: by voice vote

Director Bombalicki volunteered to investigate getting a grant to help offset the costs of the new leader board system.

Vice President Wyllie gave the board an update on the State EPA review of the Livermore Gun Club and issues related to water run-off from their club. After months of review from the EPA, and over \$38,000 in consulting and legal fees, Livermore has satisfied the concerns of the EPA investigators and has received the necessary permits to continue shooting on their property. Other clubs in California should anticipate a similar review of their operations and be prepared to have a program in place to address the concerns being investigated by the state EPA. Club officers looking for more details can contact Vice President Wyllie in the north or Director Anderson in the south.

Secretary Brassler passed out 2009 CGSTA Annual Dues stickers to everyone in attendance. The board agreed that any stickers sold from this date forward should be the green ones. New members who pay their dues in October will not have to pay again in November.

Secretary Brassler brought to the floor the matter raised by the Martinez Gun Club, and read their letter to the board. The Martinez gun club would like to host a Winter Chain Shoot in 2009 but hasn't been able to schedule the required 4 ATA shoots to qualify for a W/C Shoot. The club is asking the board to revise the Winter Chain Criteria to allow a club to throw a Winter Chain shoot with as little as 2 ATA shoots.

Lots of discussion from the northern zone directors, but none of it in favor of changing our criteria. This resulted in the following:

Motion: McCullough Second: Bunch
To deny Martinez's request to change our Winter Chain Criteria.
Passed: by voice vote

Secretary Brassler brought to the floor the matter of a letter complaint filed with the ATA by Fred Berson regarding a classification error that occurred at the Western Zone Shoot at Redlands in July. President Ver Halen had received a letter from the ATA critical of our classification personnel and directing the CGSTA to take certain actions to rectify the situation. Subsequently, we received a copy of a second letter, from the ATA to Redlands Shooting Park, that retracted the first letter and shifted the required actions to Redlands. Both of these letters were read to the board. Lots of discussion but no action necessary at this time by the CGSTA. President Ver Halen considers this matter unresolved until we get more information from the ATA.

Old Business:

None.

With no further business being brought to the floor:

Motion: Erwin Second: Hughes
To adjourn meeting at 1:21pm.
Passed: by voice vote

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD

Approved as presented: _____

Approved as corrected: _____