

A meeting of the PSSA Executive Committee was held on 9/12/22 at 7:00 pm virtually.

Those in attendance:

Ken Darroch, President

Don Neilson JR, Vice President

Bert Schoonover, Treasurer

Brian James, ATA Delegate

Carl Deisher

Marcy Plunkett

Steve Ross, Tournament Director and 2nd Alternate ATA Delegate

Andrew Sukel, Maintenance Supervisor

Zach Eshbach, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Ken Darroch.

Don noted two changes to the meeting minutes that should be made. These were made.

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes with changes by Brian and seconded by Don. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

- Two clubs in the Western part of the State have been targeted by the EPA for lead specifically as it relates to water run-off. One of these clubs will spend about \$900,000.00 to address these issues to the EPA's satisfaction. Ken just wanted us to be aware that this is happening.
- The Colonial Classic trophies are still not it yet even through the vendor has supplied trophies to other large shoots. Ken asked Steve Ross to see about how we can get these trophies in the hands of the winners.
- All Shamrock Leather trophies have been mailed to their winners.
- Tomorrow Ken will be meeting with Bill Natcher of CAC to go over his recommendations for target setting.
- Zach stated that in his opinion shooting the trap fields with a transit is an absolute necessity.
- Ken mentioned getting springs for the traps in lieu of the rubber bands. Steve stated that he has heard that Bob Schultz at Target Shotguns has what are believed to be the best springs for Pat Traps out there. We are going to buy 4 of them and put them in bank 11 to see how they perform over the winter. Abe Glick has a source that will make the springs and allow us to test them out to compare to the Schultz springs.
- The topic of the Bob Malmstedt letter was brought up for discussion. Brian stated that at this point Paul Perlstein our legal counsel had said to him that he did not think we had to do anything further than what we had done at this point. If the situation materialized further than perhaps further action would be warranted. Ken stated that he would talk to Paul and get back to the EC with his recommendations.
- It was discussed that going forward all employees of the PSSA that will be interacting with minors will have to undergo ACT15 clearance checks. It was also asked if the ATA has a policy regarding these types of clearances. Brian stated he would check and get back to the group.
- The response to the complaint filed with the ATA by Tammy Van Blargen-Hensel has been drafted. Ken will be signing this and sending it out to her.

Camping Committee

- The lease agreement on the spot occupied by Robert Malmstedt will be terminated at the end of this season. As a courtesy this lease will be offered to Kate Schmidt.
- The storage letters have been made available to all campers. Carlette will have an updated count once she has all the forms and monies returned.
- Invoices have gone out to lease holders who we have caught letting others occupy their sites. No further update on this at this time.
- Discussion was had about displaying some type of document on the camper to indicate that the site has been paid for at a particular shoot.
- Also discussed was the possibility of coding shooters in classification to deny them classification for un paid PSSA fees.
- In the yearly lease forms going forward it will be noted that charging of Electric Vehicles is strictly prohibited.
- Also added will be verbiage that the lessee assumes the risk of minor damage to campers left on site between shoots. i.e., stone chips etc.
- Going forward we should also include verbiage that all campers left between shoots should have their slides retracted. This will allow for easier mowing by the grounds staff.

Tournament Director

- At this point the balance sheet is ok. All big expenses for the year have been paid and fiscally we are in decent shape. Electric fees went very high in June and July but this has been rectified.
- At this point we should have enough reserves to get us through the winter months.
- The following items have been discussed and decided on for maintenance items for the winter months.
 - Shower houses being done now.
 - Patching up and painting trap houses.
 - Trees trimmed in campground.
 - Clean up the wash out on bank 4.
 - Asphalt patches.
 - Wash outs in lower campground.
- Target storage options for the top line were discussed possible solutions would be shipping containers, or tractor trailers. Don may have access to some tractor trailers and will get back with what he can locate.
- Several options are being discussed as far as the program. One option is going to a magazine style program instead of the book we currently use.
- Advertising revenue this year was \$8,200.00 with \$5,000.00 of that coming from the Deishers. Steve is thinking of making some changes to this bit will discuss with the group once he has a more formulated plan.
- Debbie Ohye-Nielson is working on the trophy packages for next year and will have updates on this as we get things finalized.
- This year we had 166 employees with 75 scorers and 51 loaders. This is a marked reduction from years past.
- Jacob Bonser has a few ideas for getting workers and Steve will be putting together a comprehensive plan and bringing it before the EC.
- Target prices for next year will have to be set by the end of the year.
- One item that we may want to consider is raising the daily fee. It was discussed and as long as the ATA hasn't raised their daily fee we would be hard pressed to raise ours.

Old Business

- Bylaws. At this point the EC has reviewed the proposed changes. They will also be sent to members of the Advisory Committee for their comment before sending it to Paul Perlstein for his review. They will be sent to the Advisory Committee tomorrow and all comments are requested back by next Friday.

New Business

- We received a letter from the Richard King Mellon Foundation rejecting our grant application.
- The Westy Hogan still is a very hard shoot to staff. The question is going forward is this shoot even worth having? Steve stated that with his ideas about getting staff for next year he anticipates it being better. He will be reaching out to more schools in the area including private schools to get kids next year.
- Bert made the comment that the Superintendents of the local schools are the people to talk to and made several suggestions about going about this.
- The next meeting will be held virtually at a date to be determined.
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A motion to adjourn was made at 8:50 by Bert and seconded by Ken.