

A meeting of the PSSA Executive Committee was held on 10/17/22 at 7:00 pm virtually.

Those in attendance:

Ken Darroch, President

Don Neilson JR, Vice President

Bert Schoonover, Treasurer

Brian James, ATA Delegate

Steve Ross, Tournament Director and 2nd Alternate ATA Delegate

Marcy Plunkett

Scott Holdren

Jeff Graup

Zach Eshbach, Secretary

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

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes with minor corrections by Bert and seconded by Brian. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

- Phil Wright called Ken about the Eastern Zone Championship programs. The cost for the programs is covered by the ad revenue from the programs. Any remaining shortfall is covered by the Eastern Zone and the host club. Typically ad revenue covers the cost of printing the programs but does not cover the postage to mail them out. Phil wanted to know if we would agree to this again. At this point the contract to host the Zone shoot contains several items that are of concern. Ken will discuss this and get back to the EC.
- Target prices have gone up \$1.30 a case again recently. This will impact target pricing for events going forward. Ohio is now likely going to \$42/100 this year. Steve Ross wants to punch some numbers and figure out fixed costs based on a full year of thorough Quickbooks records before we set pricing this year. At this point we want to wait until the last possible moment to set target prices to get all increases priced in. Also, this year we will put a disclaimer in the program that we reserve the price to adjust event pricing due to market conditions throughout the year regardless of posted pricing in the program.
- This year we do not have a surplus of funds to pre-buy targets as in years past.
- Jay McClatchy from Midway USA called and discussed the funds that we have available to spend at Midway USA. 12/15 is the last day to make a distribution. If we make a donation to Midway USA for the trap teams Midway will match this money.

Camping Committee

- Extra use fee invoices went out last week. Only one person has objected to their invoice at this point. These fees are included in all new leases.
- The winter storage letter wording was brought up and how it seemed to be a bit combative in tone. Steve Ross will get a copy and look it over.

Tournament Director

- The financial reports through September are almost completed. We look to be in a position to make it through the winter expenses. In the next 6 weeks we should be able to have a complete picture of fixed versus variable costs going into the next year.
- Winter closing has been completed by the Maintenance Team.
- The Bathhouse updates are almost completed but we will need to procure partitions to finish. A list of what we need will be sent to Zach to see if we can get some at a reduced cost.

- The water to the Upper campground has been turned off and by looking at the sewer meter it does not appear that we have any water intrusion into the sewer system in the upper campground. Next year both water and sewer inflows will be metered to accurately measure the volume of each.
- Andy went through and got metal cut for the side openings in all the upper trap houses and he is going through and installing them and repairing the houses. At some point we will need to replace the houses on the upper line. He also went through and patched and painted the lifting points on the lower houses.
- Ralpho Township is requiring a permit to install the new storage trailers that Don Nielson procured for us. Big thank you to Don for his help on this item.
- This year to expedite the trophy ordering process we are going to name the events and order the trophies. Event sponsors will be listed in the program only. This will help us get all trophies faster than we have been able in the past.
- The Colonial Classic trophies still have not been made by the vendor. At this point Steve is thinking about doing gift cards, target vouchers, something along these lines in lieu of trophies. He will figure out if we paid for trophies from the vendor and get bag to the EC so we can make a decision on what to do about this.
- This year Sam will not be able to be a line supervisor. He will still be able to help with the golf carts. This might be a good time to go to bank supervisors in lieu of the line supervisor system. This has been an evolving idea over the last few years and with only two line supervisors available this year it might be a good time to “beta” test this new system selectively. Steve will be fine tuning this idea over the winter.
- Neither Jeff Graup nor Ian Fleming has the time to devote to updating the PSSA website. Steve Ross is looking for suggestions of people to help with this part of the PSSA communications and any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.
- Steve Ross had a conversation with Steve Huber about the trap maintenance for this year. The new springs are going on traps on November 8th. At this point the doubles adjustment “fingers” are too costly to put on all the traps. We are going to buy two of the extender plates for the traps and see how they work. Andy and Rick will be shooting elevations on the traps in the Spring and will be advising on a date for all those that want to assist.

Old Business

- At this time Steve is leaning toward a scaled back program for this year that is only sent to shooters at the PSSA last year. There are currently 1900 active shooters in PA. This year it looks like we will be changing vendors for the program printing and the suggestion was made to have the program “mobile friendly” so people can access it from their mobile devices.
- The question was asked if the gun raffle tickets are printed and ready to be sent out for people to sell. This will be looked into.
- The dates for the High School Clay Target Championship need to be set. At this point they are leaning toward the day after the Claybuster shoot in June.

New Business

- Ralpho Township has sent us an agreement to sign for leave dumping on the grounds. They want to dump leaves out in the fields along route 487. This has been done for years but we need a formal agreement signed by both parties for insurance purposes. One item that was noted is the name on the agreement needs to be amended to the Pennsylvania State Shotgunning Association. There are also some discrepancies regarding durations on the agreement. We do

have a 90 day termination clause but the terms should be amended so that a 5 year term is referenced in all parts of the agreement. Written notice should be required for renewal.

- Jeff Graup is trying to get the PSSA State Shoot added to the Winchester Ammunition official shoot calendar.
- The next meeting will be held on 12/5/22 virtually at 7:00

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:15 by Brian and seconded by Ken.