

A meeting of the PSSA Executive Committee was held on 6/13/22 at 7:00 pm in the upstairs meeting room at Valley Gun Club.

Those in attendance:

Ken Darroch, President

Larry Shade, Vice President

Bert Schoonover, Treasurer

Brian James, ATA Delegate

Don Nielson, ATA 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Delegate

Steve Ross, Tournament Director and 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate ATA Delegate

Marcy Plunkett, Advisory Committee

“Dr.” Steve Huber, “Trap setter extraordinaire.

Steve Miller, Fundraising.

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 by Bert and seconded by Larry. Motion passed unanimously.

#### President’s Report

- The grounds are in much better shape than they were at the Colonial Classic. Andy is doing a great job as is Stu Apple who is mowing the grounds. Spear is also helping out and the place looks much better.

#### Tournament Director

- Steve Ross reiterated Ken’s thoughts on the state of the grounds. Sam Lutz has also been helping out. He went over the practice traps with the card systems and these appear to be working well. This area of the facility is seeing some very nice forward progress.
- Line personnel is the big issue to address next. Banks 6 and 12 were covered by shooters and coaches this past weekend for the SCTP and AIM shooters. We had 16 no-shows for line personnel Saturday alone. We are in a weird spot with help this year due to the historic issues in the labor market. In the past we would just replace kids that did not show up or were not performing up to standards however this year we cannot due to the dearth of available kids to pull from. There are no replacements. It is the universal position of all EC members that next year we need to reach out to more districts including the local vo-tech schools to see if we can deepen the pool of applicants.
- Going forward into the year and specifically the other shoots we may have to cut back banks to make the best use of the trap personnel that shows up to work.
- Using maintenance kids to load traps this past weekend definitely helped alleviate some pressure due to being light on help and we are going to continue to do this for the remainder of the State Shoot to make sure things run smoother.
- Some general thoughts were offered up by members of the EC for other sources of help for loaders and scorers. This will be revisited at a further date.
- Most of those present realize that a change in management of the kids needs to occur. Whether than change is in personnel or rather the structure of how the chain of management works remains to be seen.

- Shoot attendance so far is down slightly (-55 Saturday), (-119 Sunday), (-30 Monday). So far it is down less than the 15% drop that we were previously estimating.
- Pat Geiser said that he will be good on shells for the Championship days coming up. He does not have any handicap but Line Mountain has a pallet of Nitro's and he will be holding them for Friday and sell 4 boxes at a time. Our two shell vendors are doing us a great service.
- Steve Huber mentioned that it is getting difficult to find volunteers to set traps in the mornings and at change overs. We need trap mechanics to help set targets which will alleviate some of the physical toll we are putting on our current volunteers. We need to widen the search area for volunteers to draw from a bigger pool. Currently the compensation for trap setters is one target voucher for every two days volunteered. Discussion ensued about how this system was somewhat cumbersome and clunky to monitor and is not helpful for people who can only volunteer for a day or so.
- Bert made a motion to change the compensation structure for trap setting volunteers to \$20 per day in lieu of the current target voucher structure. Motion was seconded by Ken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Elections

- Two elections for positions on the EC will be contested this year that we know of currently. President and Vice President. The ATA delegate election will also be contested. Mac as the chairman of the election committee does not want to run the election this year and John DiFabio will be doing it instead.
- For the delegate election the process will be as follows. Potential voters will have to show their ATA card at the window at classification to verify that they have met the target requirements to be eligible to vote. A ballot box will be on a table next to classification and each candidate will be offered the opportunity to have a representative present to observe the ballot box.
- Larry Shade is not running for the Vice President position this year and Don Nielson has already announced that he will be running for this position. All current EC members are eligible to vote in this years' election per the by-laws.
- Ballots will be pre-printed for the elections once nominations have been closed and we know who is running for what. As in past years 3 minutes of time will be allocated for every candidate in an election to address the body.
- The agenda for the meeting will be set later this week after a review of the meeting minutes from last year.
- Only the Club Delegates will be allowed to voice opinions and questions from the floor.
- At this point the meeting can be run until 9:45. At that point if it is still going on we will recess the meeting to commence with the handicap event and reconvene at a later time.
- The duration of voting for the delegate election will be set later this week once Steve Ross has the opportunity to get the two candidates together to discuss this. Technically per the ATA by-laws one must be present at the annual meeting to be eligible to vote for ATA delegate.

#### Fundraising

- We have had just over \$36,000.00 come in for the annual ticket fundraiser so far. Steve Miller would like to sell 400 more tickets to get us to \$45,000.00 Going forward he has some ideas for next year that might help sell more tickets. Some ideas would be sending 4 tickets to all ATA members or sending tickets to the Club Delegates to sell. He mentioned that his preference would be to get them directly to the ATA members in lieu of the delegates.
- Total postage costs for mailing out tickets was around \$900.00 which Steve Miller absorbed personally as a donation to the PSSA.
- Tim and Debbie Flanagan have
- been invaluable in helping sell tickets and organize the raffle this year.

- We will have guns and baskets to raffle off on Friday at the Krieghoff Challenge to raise additional monies.
- Questions have arisen about the proceeds of the raffle from last year and where these monies were allocated. Steve Miller asked for an accounting of this so he has the correct information to relay to people when asked.
- At this point we have raised \$830.00 toward the golf cart on tickets and \$2,825.00 on the option. At this point it seems to be going well.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 by Larry Shade seconded by Brian.