PSSA Executive Committee Meeting
August 14, 2025
7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the PSSA Executive and Advisory Committees was held on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. on the grounds of the PSSA.

Those in attendance included:

Don Neilson, President
Jim Hoffman, Vice President
Zach Eshbach, Treasurer
Cathy Parson, Secretary
Brian James, ATA Delegate
Caitline Bonser
Scott Holdren
Debbie Ohye-Neilson
Carlette Proukou
Andy and Carolyn Sukel
Brett Wells

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Don Neilson.

A motion was made by Zach and seconded by Brian to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

VGCC/PSSA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting with the VGCC and the PSSA was the first order of business. Mike Kerstetter, Robert Lapinsky, and Andy Panko from the VGCC were in attendance.

The VGCC and PSSA stated that they have no items to discuss. The VGCC stated that they appreciate having a good board to work with.

Meeting with VGCC ended at 7:05 p.m.

President's Report - Don

PA State Skeet Championship: No report.

US Clay Target League: No report.

Eastern Zone 2026: After a lengthy discussion held at the Grand, the Eastern Zone 2026 will be held in New York on July 16-19, 2026.

Tournament Director Report

Financials: Zach reported that we are ahead of where we were last year by $75,000, but we still have taxes and insurance premiums coming due that will cost approximately $40,000. Also, a target bill that will need to be paid. The difference this year was hosting the Zone shoot which helps with income. Zach also reported that expenses are slightly down for the year.

2024 Taxes: Zach and Steve are planning to get together to discuss taxes with the intent of having an online meeting with the delegates. Don suggested that we should try to have the taxes done before the state meeting so a vote can be taken with the delegates present. We will be trying to look for a local CPA for future business.

Westy Hogan Help: Volunteer help is going well. The $1,000 shoot-off for volunteers is going well and there is another donor who is giving $1,000 so the breakdown will be $1,000 for first place, $600 for second place, and $400 for third place.

Trophy Report - Debbie

No report. Discussion on having a silver shoot in 2026.

Camping Committee – Jim, Zach, Carlette, Andy S.

Thanks to Carlette for getting the camping information that we requested. We will hold a virtual meeting after the Westy Hogans to discuss camping issues.

Delegates Report – Brian James

The new ATA President is Joe Sissanno. The Veteran/Sr. Veteran category age change was voted down due to target requirements remaining the same.

Website – Carolyn and Steve

No report.

Fundraising

We made approximately $12,000 on the money raffle. Tickets and an option will be available at the Westy Hogans.

Discussion on applying for grants.

AIM/SCTP/Midway Foundation

Don was unable to contact Sherry and Roger. A separate meeting will be held when contact is made.

Working on proposals for their grants. Discussion on getting the field ready for AIM/SCTP sporting clays.

Property R&M

- Discussion on the sewer infiltration issue. Andy is working on it. Sewer lines need to be properly inserted into the sewer pipe. The sewer pipe must not be cut off at ground level. A fine may be charged if sewer pipe is cut off.
- We were contacted by a rooftop solar company about putting solar on top of the state building. Online meeting set up on Tuesday, August 19 at 10 a.m.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Discussion on lead reclamation inquiry.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. at PSSA.

Brian moved and Jim seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,
Cathy Parson, PSSA secretary

PSSA Executive Committee Special Meeting re: AIM/SCTP
August 15, 2025
7:00 p.m.

A special meeting was called to talk about AIM/SCTP since Roger Beardsley or Sherry Anderson could not attend the regular meeting.

Those in attendance included:

Don Neilson, President
Jim Hoffman, Vice President
Zach Eshbach, Treasurer
Cathy Parson, Secretary
Steve Ross, Tournament Director
Brian James, ATA Delegate
Sherry Anderson (via Zoom)
Roger Beardsley (via Zoom)

Discussion points:

- Need 3 detailed quotes for temporary course by August 31 to apply for the NRA Grant.
- Preparing field for sporting clays temporary course, i.e. temporary bridges, mulch
- Future course plans
- Quotes for grant should include materials and labor to build 17 stands. Possibly use prefab gazebos
- 46-50 traps needed for sporting clays and 5-stand
- NRA Grant will be awarded in March.
- Discussion on PYSA (PA Youth Shooting Association) taking over the Midway USA Foundation Endowment account of PSSA. Upon Midway's approval, this account would be earmarked to benefit Shotgun Sports in PA. PYSA will work with the youth shotgun leaders and the PSSA board to assist with hosting the PA youth Sporting Clays and Skeet Championships at Elysburg when the youth Trap Championships are held. Our hope is that this model will increase participation in all shotgun events. If this happens, a contract will be written up. Jim moved and Zach seconded to move the PSSA Midway money to PYSA. Motion carried.
- Practice times on Thursday before competition on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Rick Ott will be the tournament director for the event. His crew will oversee everything.
- Camping availability. Start a list of people interested in campsites. Same rate charged to AIM/SCTP as our renters are paying.
- Vendors should contact Steve Ross. Establish a weekend deal for vendors with half of the money going to AIM/SCTP and half going to PSSA.
- Merchandise sales

Respectively submitted,

Cathy Parson, PSSA Secretary