

NOTE: These meeting minutes are tentative until approved by the body at the 2025 State Association Meeting.

PSSA Annual Meeting
June 14, 2024
8:00 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of the PSSA delegates was held on Friday, June 14, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Hall of Fame Room at the PSSA.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Don Neilson.

President's Remarks – Don Neilson

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of family and friends who are no longer with us in person but are in our hearts and minds.

Project '24: We are currently at 50% of our goal for Project '24. All traps have had springs installed and new BRB voice release systems are ordered and being installed as they are received. New gun racks have been designed and are being assembled to relocate away from the trash receptacles. These projects are funded through the generosity of donors to Project '24. Thank you to all who donated.

Website: Our website has been upgraded to a more user-friendly site. Thanks to Mike Winograd for spearheading the website project and to Carolyn Sukel for providing updates to the site as we move forward.

5-stand: 5-stand is off to a good start as the Colonial Classic saw a steady flow of shooters. We will also be trying Helice at the Pa. Grand and the Summer Championships.

20th anniversary of Krieghoff International: Today marks the 20th Anniversary of the Krieghoff Challenge. This event continues to be strong year after year and we want to thank Deiter and Betty Krieghoff for their continued support of the PSSA.

Super Clinic: The PSSA hosted its first Super Clinic on June 5 and 6 with Nora Martin Ross, Randy Ross and Mitchel Loveless. We had 20 students attend the 2-day class. Discussions are taking place to hold two 2-day clinics in 2025.

ATA Hall of Fame: Pennsylvania is fortunate to add another member to the ATA Hall of Fame this year. Ken Darroch will be that member that continues to represent the rich tradition of trapshooting accomplishments for Pennsylvania. Ken will be inducted at this year's Grand American. Congratulations Ken!

Future: With so many targets being thrown at the PSSA, I strongly encourage everyone to become involved in any way that you can to continue the progress that is being made, no matter how large or small. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this journey and to those who will help in the coming weeks, months and years. The future of the PSSA is in your hands. Thank you!!

Approval of 2023 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the 2023 minutes by Joe Mizikowski and seconded by Phil Boinske. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Hall of Fame: No Report

Trap setting: See tournament director's report

ATA Delegate Report: Brian James reported that there are 189 new adult PA members and 141 new AIM members. Brian recognized the accomplishments of several PA shooters at the 2023 Grand American. Great shooting!!

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Zach Eshbach thanked the board members, volunteers, Deiter and Betty Krieghoff, and the club delegates. He reported that we posted a profit of \$13,993 this year which included purchasing a new tractor. The new tractor was \$45,000. With a trade in value of \$30,000 for the old tractor, we paid \$15,000 for the new one.

Gross profit was up \$154,000 and total expenses were up \$48,000 due to added payroll expenses mostly for line personnel.

Our interest expense was up from \$18,700 to \$26,920 due to rising interest rates.

The 990 forms will once again be on Guidestar.org and available to view.

This year we had a CPA look at the books. He made suggestions that will be implemented, and Zach is doing a bank to book reconciliation once a month. We are looking for some volunteers from among the club delegates to put extra eyes on the books. If anyone wishes to volunteer, see Zach.

We are asking that club dues be raised from \$5 to \$25.

In closing, we are constantly keeping our eyes on expenses, but we also realize we need to grow the revenue for the organization because without growth it's going to stagnate.

Fund Raising: Steve Miller reported that no tickets were mailed out this year due to expenses of mailing. As of right now, we have \$20,000 which is enough to pay for the guns. Steve thanked the volunteers for selling tickets at the Keystone Open in his absence.

The Nickel Plate has agreed to give the PSSA 10% of every meal purchased during States. Flyers are available.

Discussion on gun tickets vs. money tickets. A show of hands indicated the delegates would rather have money tickets so this will be evaluated for 2025.

Trophies: Debbie Ohye-Neilson stated that this is her second year for overseeing the trophies. Changes include: pick-your-own trophies which the shooters seem to like the idea, silver day which is getting great reviews from the shooters. Debbie thanked Kay Lynn Hamilton for her help in getting the silver and for donating some silver for the shoots. She also thanked Steve Miller for donating 10 pictures. The ATA has given us credit for its trophy selection. That allowed us to purchase more appropriate trophies. We are working with many vendors, but we will welcome more vendors. Information for other vendors can be given to Debbie.

Debbie thanked Steve Ross and Elyse Bryson for all their help and invited anyone who would like to help to let her know.

Nick and Celeste Fantanarosa will help with 2 of the shoots.

Our budget has not changed over many years, but we have been able to establish a good working relationship with many vendors which has resulted in nicer trophies and staying under budget.

Tournament Director's Report: Steve Ross reported that the attendance from the beginning of the shoot until today, is up 290 shooters which is a 4.3% increase over last year.

Andy, Stu and the maintenance staff have the grounds looking fantastic.

Targets are set approximately an hour and 15 minutes before the first event. The target setting crew meets prior to setting the targets to evaluate wind, etc. The speed of targets for singles and handicap is set at 43.5 mph and for doubles at 40.5 mph. The target arms are being sanded each morning and before doubles. If shooters do not like the targets, a reset can be requested if it is within the guidelines.

Steve thanked Debbie for the fantastic trophy packages. He also thanked Elyse for all her help.

So far this year, we have had enough staffing to cover all the traps. For the most part, the scorers and loaders have done a good job. Remember to always be respectable to the line staff.

Steve thanked the sponsors of the PSSA, i.e. Elite Shot Guns, Krieghoff International, and Johnston Machine Works.

Questions/concerns: Orange stakes in front of the houses are T-bar stakes so the targets can be set at 8, 9 or 10 feet. Colonial Classic will start at 8:00 a.m. in 2025.
Parking spots taken up with AIM and SCTP tents. Be patient because of the influx of people.
Looking to have a separate weekend for AIM and SCTP in 2025 or 2026.
Please clean up after your pets.

Old Business

None

New Business

Shoot Dates: PA Zone	May 3 and 4, 2025	Bradford and Valley
Keystone Open	May 16-18, 2025	
Colonial Classic/PA State Shoot	June 7-15, 2025	
PA Grand	July 4-6, 2025	
Eastern Zone	July 17-20, 2025 (tentative)	
Westy Hogans	August 14-17, 2025	

Club Dues: A motion was made by Dave Fish to raise the club dues from \$5 to \$25. Seconded by John Worner. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee has nominated the following officers:

President – Don Neilson
Vice President – James Hoffman
Treasurer – Zach Eshbach
Secretary – Cathy Parson

No new nominations were given from the floor. Bert Schoonover moved that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the proposed slate of officers. Seconded by Joe Mizikowski. Motion carried unanimously.

The nominating committee has nominated the following ATA delegates:

Brian James
Don Neilson
Steve Ross

Bill Tarby moved to accept the nominations. John Worner seconded. No new nominations were given from the floor. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Dave Fish moved to adjourn at approximately 8:45 a.m. and seconded by Jim Lukens. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Parson
PSSA Secretary