

# Connecticut Trap Association Meeting Minutes January 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Roll Call:

President Giaquinto

Vice President Lupo

Secretary Kula

Treasurer Farber

Club	Delegates	
Andover	Darryl Larson*	Ralph Fish Jr.*
Bristol	Ron Kulmann	Tim Nicoletti
Fairfield	Joe Cimino*	Alex Shook*
Hamden	Dave Strollo	Steve Coppola
Hartford	Malcolm Ross	Joe Wheeler
Pahquioque	Rich DeSerio	Chris Marvin
Wolcott	Jim Docherty*	Bill Morton*
At Large	Noelle Feucht	John Russo Jr.
ATA	Rich Latouf	
ATA Alternate	Cheryll Pittera	
Committee	Bob Hruskocy	

\* Not present

## Opening Remarks:

President Giaquinto asked for a moment of silence for Carmine Guadagno, who is recently deceased.

President Giaquinto prepared an agenda prior to the meeting for distribution via email, and moved directly to that agenda.

## Treasurer's Report:

- About \$63,000 in cash; most of cash is in CD's
- Being very conservative with investments;
- Two signatures, Treasurer and President, are required for any disbursement of \$500 or more

Motion to accept: John Russo; second: Noelle Feucht

- Remarks from President Giaquinto: club is typically about \$30K in the red before the first target is thrown at the state shoot
- President Giaquinto suggested that we should have novice awards for those who win categories where we have no specified award at club shoots; is willing to have CTA provide them; awards are leather and available from Shamrock; cost is about \$20

### **Reading of the Minutes:**

Delegate Feucht made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Chris Marvin seconded and the motion was passed.

### **Report of Officers:**

#### **Vice President:**

Vice President Lupo:

- Dave Stollo will be assuming delegate responsibilities for Hamden, along with Steve Coppollo, who replaced John Bellmore in October 2018
- Vice President Lupo provided a letter confirming Delegate Stollo's appointment and included contact information
- Need to also establish ground rules for disciplinary actions

#### **ATA Delegate:**

- ATA Delegate Latouf read the names of State Team members
  - **2018 Connecticut State Team**

.9515— Dave Bicknell  
.9421— Tony Lobo  
.9307— Joseph Wheeler  
.9263— John Russo Jr.  
.9224— Robert Cooper  
.9217— Hani Hafez  
.9186— Robert Witter  
.8874— Brian Scussel  
.8857— Jerry Cloutier  
.8849— George Ware

- **High All-Around**

.9515— Dave Bicknell  
.8684— Noelle Feucht

- **2018 High Averages**

#### **Singles**

Men— Dave Bicknell, .9864  
Lady I— Noelle Feucht, .9456  
Lady II— Cheryll Pittera, .9204  
Sub Junior— Noah McCoy, .9108  
Junior— No Qualifier  
Junior Gold— Sarah Benson, .7694  
Sub Veteran— John Russo Jr., .9700  
Veteran— Joe Wheeler, .9791  
Sr. Veteran— Robert Cooper, .9713

### **Handicap**

Men—Dave Bicknell, .9148  
Lady I—Noelle Feucht, .8370  
Lady II—Anne Freestone, .8215  
Sub Junior— Noah McCoy, .8807  
Junior—No Qualifier  
Junior Gold—Sarah Benson, .7362  
Sub Veteran—Martin Palmer, .8947  
Veteran—Joe Wheeler, .8996  
Sr. Veteran—Ben Giaquinto, .8850

### **Doubles**

Men—Dave Bicknell, .9532  
Lady I—Noelle Feucht, .8227  
Lady II—Cheryll Pittera, .7862  
Sub Junior—Noah McCoy, .8053  
Junior—No Qualifier  
Junior Gold—Sarah Benson, .7014  
Sub Veteran—John Russo Jr, .9271  
Veteran—Joe Wheeler, .9133  
Sr. Veteran— Robert Cooper, .9114

**Correspondence: Nothing to report**

### **New Business:**

- President Giaquinto proposed two new programs for the delegates' consideration, with the objective of increasing participation in handicap events at our registered shoots:
  - Proposal A: combined high singles and handicap – similar to a cup shoot
    - Money comes from CTA
      - All CT shooters will automatically be entered
    - Advantage is to low yardage shooters who will tend to have higher handicap scores
    - Costs nothing to participate
    - 2 people will collect - \$175 for first place and \$50 for 2nd
  - Proposal B: Reference write-up from President on CTA Handicap Lewis
    - Delegate Feucht asked who would keep track of the Lewis handicap
    - Club will pay it or money will come in check from CTA
    - Clubs will report to club secretary the number of CTA Lewis option shooters
    - Run just like a regular Lewis
    - Clubs will process the awards the way they do today;
    - Fee is \$2.00 to the shooter, the CTA will pay the balance
    - Would potentially result in 3 Lewis's for a handicap event
- Payouts for the CTA would be almost identical for the two options

- Fred indicated he did not like the fact that the shooters would have to pay \$2 for the second option
- 1 vote for Option A
- B received more votes, so we will try for a year

#### Program Book:

- Bob Hruskocy has made all preparations, but needs information
  - Need to send rebate information to Fred
  - Hartford will charge \$33 for targets this year for ATA
  - Pahquioque will move from \$29 to \$30 or 31
  - Most other clubs will average \$31
  - Bob needs information on rates and rebates for this year
    - Also needs state honoree information for this year
      - Nominee: Joe Cimino Jr. (Nominated by John Russo)
      - The State Honoree award will be given out during the CTA meeting at the State Shoot
    - Needs notices to go out by end of February
    - Reciprocal ads: very little participation last year; Vermont, RI, MA, NY are potential takers, but VT did not participate
  - Need to know who sponsors will be this year for the preliminary events
  - Delegate Ross suggested we should not automatically send bills to those who advertised last year; those who sold the ads last year should reach out to the advertisers
    - The bill sent to previous year's advertisers currently asks that they notify us by a specified date whether they plan to advertise again
  - Delegate Ross will call to determine sponsors for preliminary events
- Secretary Kula to send photo to Bob for website
- Bob Hruskocy strongly requested that we talk with the cashier about speeding up the processing of scores and updating the website
- Treasurer Farber: Last year, ads were sent to repeaters on January 18 to determine what size ad they would be placing, and asked that they notify Bob by March 1 whether they were advertising and what size ad

#### State Shoot:

- Trap machines:
  - 1 from Bristol
  - 1 from Wolcott
  - 1 from Pahquioque – needs the trap back on Monday for Tuesday
    - Need to use as last practice trap
  - Callers – full set from those who provide trap machines
  - Trap machines need to be at Hartford Gun Club Sunday or Monday, May 16, 17
- Shoot-off support:
  - Friday: Bob Hruskocy, Wolcott
  - Saturday: Fairfield and Pahquioque
  - Sunday:
    - Hartford
    - Delegate Russo

- Bristol
- Andover
- Secretary Kula to provide list of names for shoot-off support to President Giaquinto at state shoot
- Attendance pins - already ordered and available by March 1
- National Trapshooting Day – check has already been issued to Bristol
  - Talking with Delegate Shook about when we need to order the Shamrock Bags
- State Team pins for this year have been received and those for this year will be ordered next week
- Noelle will buy boxes for state team pins
- Delegate Pittera indicated that we need people reviewing lists of shooters and scores in addition to referees for shoot-offs
  - What can we do to eliminate the delays?
  - Vice President Lupo and John Russo will be available to assist
  - President Giaquinto suggested we create a committee to evaluate options for processing the results
    - Delegate Pittera
    - Delegate DeSerio
    - Delegate Ross
    - Delegate Latouf
    - Secretary Kula
  - Need to set date to meet and evaluate
- Noelle indicated that we had issues with cashiering on Friday and Saturday as well;
  - Suggested that we have a third cashiering line set up to speed up the process so shooters would not be delayed
- Trap Mechanic: Marshall Lussen, Adam or both

### **Old Business:**

#### Items Tabled from Previous Meeting:

- 3S software: Bristol has their own license; other clubs pay an annual fee to use the software;
  - For clubs who want to move to the next version of the software, the software will need to be loaded by the provider
    - Also have an agreement that when their newest version comes out for general use, we will negotiate a license for all of CTA for that version;
      - Price for that version will be higher
    - Fred usually bills clubs for the licensing

### **By-Laws:**

- President Giaquinto call for a vote on revisions to by-laws
  - Motion to accept was approved by vote

### **Committee:**

Delegate Russo appointed to chair the Hall of Fame Committee; enlisted Delegate Ross and Mark Davis to assist in establishing criteria;

- Must have character beyond reproach; shooting performance will also be considered, but character is the most important criteria
  - Skeet association has a different award for those who contribute significantly to the equivalent of the CTA and ATA
    - Will establish a separate award for such individuals
- Pool of distinguished shooters is beginning to run out
  - Delegate Russo is accepting nominees for this award
  - Delegate Feucht will order plaques
  - Award will be given at state meeting

President Giaquinto called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Delegate Feucht so moved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.