

Connecticut Trap Association Meeting Minutes October 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

President Minervini Vice President Giaquinto Secretary Kula Treasurer Farber

Club	Delegates	
Andover	Darryl Larson	Ralph Fish Jr.
Bristol	Ron Kulmann	Tim Nicoletti
Fairfield	Joe Cimino	Alex Shook
Fin, Fur and Feather	Bob Hruskocy*	Dan Gutt*
Hamden	Gabe Lupo	Steve Coppola
Hartford	Malcolm Ross	Joe Wheeler
Pahquioque	Rich DeSerio	Chris Marvin
Wolcott	Jim Docherty*	Bill Morgan
At Large	Noelle Feucht*	John Russo Jr.
ATA	Rich Latouf	
ATA Alternate	Cheryll Pittera*	

* Not present

Opening Remarks:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Farber distributed printed copies of the Statement of Operations for review.
- President Minervini noted the reduction in state shoot income, which Treasurer Farber indicated was largely due to lower fund raising than in the previous year
- Lower trophy cost was attributed to ordering early
- 1,134 shooters paid daily fees this year, down slightly from last year
- One account receivable (Michael Blaisdale, NH) for \$50 was not paid, despite sending bills monthly; members indicated Michael's his wife was ill, so President Minervini suggested waiving the bill; Treasurer Farber indicated he would cease sending additional bills
- Number of shooters at state shoot was down slightly, from 1,791 shooters last year to 1,767 in 2018.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Delegate Marvin was seconded by multiple delegates.

Reading of the Minutes:

Delegate Larson made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by multiple delegates.

Report of Officers:

Vice President:

Vice President Giaquinto welcomed Steve Coppola as new delegate from Hamden

Treasurer:

Treasurer Farber reported that we are in excellent financial condition

Secretary: No report

President:

President Minervini indicated that he will not be running again for the position of President, and said it was a pleasure working with the group during his years as President and Vice President. He thanked the officers and delegates for their support.

ATA Delegate:

- Delegate Latouf made note of rule change for Handicap eliminating the 18 yardage group;
 - Any shooter previously shooting 18 or 18.5 yards will now shoot 19 yards;
 - the change took effect this target year, and applied to any shoot that ended this target year (i.e., on or after September 1, 2018) .
- Other rule changes include the following:
 - Money punches eliminated from the earned yardage rules
 - Change Section VI, D., 5. Page 22 as follows:
Any score 97, 98, and 99 in a single handicap event will automatically earn 1 yard, and a score of 100 in a single handicap event will automatically earn 1-1/2 yards provided these scores do not earn at least that much under the earned yardage table.
 - There may now be two yards on adjacent posts and three yards on the squad if there's a post in between shooters for **ALL yardages**.
 - Change Section IV, H., 2. Page 13 by REMOVING:
"If 18, 19, or 20-yard shooters are in squad, it is strongly suggested that there be no more than one (1) yard difference between adjacent shooters in the squad, however, there shall be no more than a total difference of two (2) yards in these squads."
- ATA score reports will be distributed shortly; were delayed last year because of a death in the staff responsible.

Correspondence:

1. Letter of resignation from Fin Fur and Feather (see below for discussion)
2. Letter of resignation from John Bellmore. Replacement is Steve Coppola, as previously noted.

- President Minervini read the letter of resignation from Fin Fur and Feather, which indicated that the club had not drawn sufficient shooters to its ATA shoots to justify its continuing to host ATA shoots, and some members of the club opposed ATA shoots at the club
- Delegate Hruskocy offered to continue to maintain the program book for the CTA, despite the resignation of Fin Fur and Feather. He will also continue to maintain the CTA website.
- Treasurer Farber suggested that if someone else wants to step up to manage the Program Book, they might work in parallel with Mr. Hruskocy for a period of time.
- President Minervini indicated he would call Mr. Hruskocy and thank him for his service.
- Delegate Russo suggested that we should have a backup for Mr. Hruskocy, and President Minervini agreed.
- VP Giaquinto indicated that he had worked with FFF on their shoots, but the location of the club has been a disadvantage in getting shooters to the club for ATA events.
- Delegate DeSerio suggested that we encourage Mr. Hruskocy by keeping him involved, and perhaps suggest that FFF try running a Big 50 event.
- The letter of resignation quoted a by-law indicating that the club would be suspended if they held no ATA events
 - When former President Minervini speaks with Mr. Hruskocy, he will see if waiving that requirement would keep them in the CTA
- Andover delegates also indicated that they have membership that opposes ATA shoots, and noted that they are the only member club east of the CT river

New Business:

Election of Officers:

- Delegate DeSerio offered the following slate of officer nominees for election:
 - Ben Giaquinto - President
 - Vice President: Gabe Lupo
 - Treasurer: Fred Farber
 - Secretary: Karen Kula
- The nominated slate was unanimously accepted
- Newly-elected President Giaquinto thanked President Minervini for his years of service to the CTA

Old Business:

Items Tabled from Previous Meeting:

National Trapshooting Day:

- Delegate Shook requested updates on National Trapshooting Day, and whether distribution among member clubs would begin in 2019 with Andover.
- Delegates from Andover will address during discussion of shoot dates. (See below under shoot dates.)

2019 CTA Shoot Dates:

- Dates derived from the 2018 season were distributed prior to the meeting via email

- Those dates were accepted by delegates with one change, the addition of August 25 as another shoot for Andover
- Updated 2019 ATA Shoot Dates will be included in the distribution of these meeting minutes
- President Giaquinto questioned whether Andover is ready to host National Trapshooting Day next year on the date of their choice.
 - The CTA provides a \$500 stipend for purchasing Shamrock trophies for the event.
 - Andover delegates indicated they needed additional time to assess whether they can host next year.
- If Andover is not ready to accept for next year, the hosting duties will go to next club on list – Bristol.
 - Bristol delegates indicated they would accept the event for 2019 if Andover is not prepared to do so.

By-Laws:

- Former President Minervini asked how many people had reviewed the updated By-Laws distributed via email prior to the meeting
 - Few had completed the review.
- Delegate DeSerio, who served on the committee that updated the By-Laws, indicated that the old by-laws did not require a vote of the membership, so technically we do not need a vote to put the revisions into effect
 - The Committee added 13th article that indicated we need 10 days' notice and acceptance by 2/3rds of the voting members present to adopt the new by-laws.
- Delegate DeSerio asked that members review the by-laws and raise any questions or suggested edits. Most changes are "housekeeping", i.e., cleaning up the by-laws.
- Delegate DeSerio suggested tabling vote to January meeting.
- No motion required. The vote on the By-Laws is tabled until the January meeting.

President Giaquinto called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Delegate Marvin so moved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.