

Connecticut Trap Association Meeting Minutes October 14, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call:

President Giaquinto

Vice President Lupo

Secretary Kula

Treasurer Farber*

Club	Delegates	
Andover	Darryl Larson	Peter Kasacek
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	Cheryll Pittera	
ATA Alternate	Joe Wheeler	
Committee	Bob Hruskocy	

* Not present

President's Remarks:

President Giaquinto noted that we need to follow Robert's Rules of Order. Only the one person should be speaking at any time, and those wishing to speak should wait to be recognized. Discussion should be brief and specific to the agenda topic.

President Giaquinto asked Delegate Russo to serve as Sargent at arms and he accepted.

Reading of the Minutes:

Delegate Noelle Feucht made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Delegate Shook and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Farber was not present, but reported that we made a small profit this year, though expenses were up and revenue was down.

Correspondence:

- President Giaquinto noted that letters had been sent to two individuals at NSSF thanking them for the support of the CTA; Secretary Kula to send copies to Alex Shook.
- A letter was also sent to Ziggy Tomic re-instating him in the CTA.

- The CTA received a letter from Bristol Fish & Game indicating that Thomas Nicoletti had been elected to represent the club, effective October 1, 2019.

Report of Officers:

Vice President:

Vice President Lupo had no report.

Secretary:

- Secretary Kula had nothing to report.

Hall of Fame Report:

- Delegate Russo was asked to act as the Chair for the Hall of Fame, and began by reviewing criteria for nominees for the Hall of Fame. While the criteria is somewhat subjective, it requires being “of the highest moral character”.
- Chairperson Russo indicated that he was approached by several members who wanted a higher degree of transparency in the selection process. To that end, he noted that there are two candidates under consideration for the award, and gave a brief summary of the credentials for each.
- Chairperson Russo invited commentary on the candidates from the delegates based on their own knowledge of and experience with them.
- Delegates discussed the nominees at length and made their recommendations to Delegate Russo.
- Chairperson Russo will make a formal recommendation on the basis of the discussion within a week or so.

ATA Delegate Report:

- ATA Delegate Pittera reported the state team and high averages:
 - 2019 Connecticut State Team
 - Singles
 - .9499— Dave Bicknell
 - .9338— Tony Lobo
 - .9227— Mike Hamlin
 - .9215— Robert Cooper
 - .9211— Robert Witter
 - .9160— Brian Scussel
 - .9158— Joseph Wheeler
 - .9142— John Russo
 - .9142— Hani Hafez
 - .8775— George Ware
 - High All-Around
 - .9499— Dave Bicknell
 - .8591— Noelle Feucht
 - 2019 High Averages
 - Singles

- Men— Dave Bicknell, .9835
- Lady I— Noelle Feucht, .9462
- Lady II— Cheryll Pittera, .9256
- Sub Junior— Noah McCoy, .9130
- Junior— No Qualifier
- Junior Gold— Mike Hamlin, .9700
- Sub Veteran— Brian Scussel, .9730
- Veteran— Joe Wheeler, .9734
- Sr. Veteran— Robert Cooper, .9735
- Handicap
 - Men—Dave Bicknell, .9192
 - Lady I—Noelle Feucht, .8379
 - Lady II—Anne Freestone, .8483
 - Sub Junior— Noah McCoy, .8531
 - Junior—No Qualifier
 - Junior Gold— Mike Hamlin, .8782
 - Sub Veteran— Brian Scussel, .8900
 - Veteran—Hani Hafez, .8874
 - Sr. Veteran—Frank Morton, .8867
- Doubles
 - Men—Dave Bicknell, .9469
 - Lady I—Noelle Feucht, .7932
 - Lady II— Cheryll Pittera, .7580
 - Sub Junior—Noah McCoy, .8376
 - Junior—No Qualifier
 - Junior Gold— Mike Hamlin, .9200
 - Sub Veteran—Robert Witter, .9217
 - Veteran—Hani Hafez, .8895
 - Sr. Veteran— Robert Cooper, .9083
- Pins will be awarded at the next meeting.
- ATA Delegate Pittera also reported on the Grand American, and cited the following Connecticut Shooters for awards won and announced during the event:
 - Dawson Doubles - Event 14
 - Tony Lobo - Class AA 99
 - Hani Hafez - Veteran Runner up 98
 - Winchester Class Singles - Event 15
 - Brian Scussel Class AA Runner up 200 straight
 - Cheryll Pittera - Lady II Third place 197
 - Wenig Doubles Class Championship - Event 17
 - Brian Scussel - Class B Runner up 97
 - Challenger Ammunition Handicap - Event 19
 - Brian Scussel - 23 -24.5 Yard Runner up 97

- Champion of Champions
 - Bill Morton - Senior Veteran Champion 100
- Caesar Guerini Preliminary Handicap - Event 23
 - Mike Hamlin - 27 Yard Champion 96
- Kubota Doubles - Event 20
 - Tony Lobo Class AA Runner-up 100
 - Hani Hafez Veteran Champion 99
- Connecticut Shooters on the 2020 All-America Teams
 - Noelle Feucht – Lady I 2nd Team
 - Noah McCoy – Sub Junior 2nd Team
 - Robert Cooper – Senior Vet 1st Team
- Some rule changes were also announced at the event, but minutes from the meeting have not been posted yet. When they are, Secretary Kula will distribute them to members.

Old Business:

- No old business other than items already discussed

Elections of Officers:

- President Giaquinto noted that in Delegate Deserio’s absence, Delegate Ross would act as Nominating Chair.
- Delegate Ross nominated all incumbents for re-election:
 - President - Ben Giaquinto
 - Vice President - Greg Lupo
 - Treasurer - Fred Farber
 - Secretary - Karen Kula
- Delegate Russo motioned to accept the entire slate of incumbents:
 - Delegate Shook seconded
 - By acclamation, all officers were re-elected.

Selection of Shoot Dates:

- An updated list of shoot dates was distributed over the weekend and served as the baseline for confirming 2020 ATA shoot dates.

Gun Club Name	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Andover Sportsman		5/17	6/21		8/23		
Bristol Fish & Game			6/14	7/12			
Fairfield County Fish & Game						9/13	
Hamden Fish & Game	4/26				8/9		
Hartford Gun Club		5/3		7/26	8/16		
Pahquioque Rod & Gun			6/7		8/2		10/4
Wolcott Land Owners		5/24		7/5		9/20	

- Clubs were polled for acceptance of the proposed dates
 - Andover dates – OK
 - Bristol dates – OK
 - Fairfield - OK
 - Hamden – OK
 - Hamden is next in line for national trapshooting day, which will be on August 9
 - Hartford -OK
 - Pahquioque – OK
 - Wolcott – OK
- Delegate Feucht noted that the dates included for RI, MA among other major shoots were incorrect; the corrected dates are included in the table below:

Other Larger Shoot Dates							
Keystone Open		5/15-17					
New York Empire Grand		5/6-10					
Rhode Island State Shoot			6/5-7				
Massachusetts State Shoot			6/11-14				
Colonial Classic			6/13-14				
Pennsylvania State Shoot			6/14-21				
Vermont State Shoot			6/19-21				
Connecticut State Shoot			6/26-28				
Pennsylvania Grand				7/3-5			
New York State Shoot				7/7-12			
Maine State Shoot				7/16-19			
Eastern Zone Shoot (NY)				7/22-26			
Grand American					8/5-8/15		
Cardinal Classic					8/13-18		
Westy Hogans						9/11-13	
Northeast Grand (NY)						9/15-20	

New Business:

- Program Book – Delegate DeSerio and President Giaquinto will meet with Bob Hruskocy to discuss Pre-Squad for the State Shoot, specifically with regard to the limitation of squads and

other issues, and the program book. The next CTA meeting will be in March – too late to discuss program book.

- Next Meeting Date changed to March 30th rather than the 23rd.
- Delegate Feucht asked if we could include a quarter page ad in the CTA Shoot Book on how to place an ad; some potential advertisers could not find contact information.
 - Need to also publish fees – full - \$150; half - \$75; quarter - \$30;
 - Delegate Ross asked for delegates to push for ads, as they are a great source of revenue for the CTA
- Shooters at state shoot (E.g., James Trainor) have been leaving the shoot without their trophies. New rules will be set, and if shooters do not pick them up, they will be charged shipping; new rules will be listed in the program.
- Fran McDonald noted that she does not always get the trophy list until late, and she is unable to confirm winners; final lists cannot be distributed until shoot-offs are complete.
- Andover asked for information on large tents like the one used in Hartford. Delegate Pittera indicated they require a permit.

Adjournment:

President Giaquinto called for a motion to adjourn. Delegate Feucht so moved, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.