

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2015

**President Minervini called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. The Roll call and seating of Delegates was as follows:**

Fin Fur Feather	Bob Hruskocy	Dan Gutt
Pahquioque	Rich DeSerio	Chris Marvin
Bristol	Tim Nicoletti	Ron Kulmann
Hartford	Joe Wheeler	Malcolm Ross *
Wolcott	Bill Boudreau *	Frank Morton *
Andover	Arnie Cohen	Kevin Cloutier
Fairfield County	Joe Cimino	Alex Shook
Hamden	Gabe Lupo *	John Bellmore *
Delegates at Large	John Russo Jr. *	Noelle Feucht

**\*not present**

**Reading of the Minutes**

**Secretary Pittera informed the delegates of the following additions and corrections to the October 2014 minutes:**

**Under the ATA Delegates Report the title of “Big 50 Event” was added concerning discussions held at the Eastern Zone and Grand American Delegates meeting. Under elections the word nominating was added to the designation of Chairman in reference to Mr. Hale. The dates for the Connecticut State Shoot were amended from June 19 – 21 to June 26 – 28. Registered club shoot date changes were noted with Andover taking June 21, Hamden dropping July 26 and Hartford dropping April 12. The motion to accept the minutes was given by Delegate DeSerio and second by Delegate Shook.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

The CTA is solvent. We are able to meet our payments and have a reserve to meet any payments that come up. There was one ¼ page ad that was written off due to the owner going out of business. Two more ads are still outstanding. Two ads are already collected for this year's book and there are 6 or 7 that could be billed now. If an ad is sold, please contact Delegate Hruskocy or Treasurer Farber by email so an invoice can go out and money can be collected. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Delegate DeSerio and second by Delegate Marvin.

### **President's Report**

President Minervini informed the Delegates of the passing of John Laye. Former past CTA president and long standing Board Member. President Minervini encouraged when possible to attend events such as this being representatives of the CTA. The Trapshooting community in Connecticut is small and it would be nice when possible to attend thereby giving recognition to members of the Association whether a past President or a shooting member of this organization.

Work on the program book has begun and ads need to be sold. Be sure to compile all information (size of the ad with name, email, address and phone number) with your name as the seller. Shooting season will be around the corner and State Shoot plans are to begin. There was discussion as to the menu for the dinner on Saturday evening. It was decided to keep it the same with the thought of doing something more for the 2016 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary shoot.

**Vice President's Report None**

**Secretary's Report None**

## **ATA Delegate's Report**

Delegate Latouf read the list of shooters who qualified for the 2014 State Team and the 2014 High Average winners. He thanked Delegate Hruskocy for posting the information to the website.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Treasurer Farber inquired of ATA Delegate Latouf as to why there are not more Delegate letters from Connecticut in Trap and Field. There was discussion as to content and the suggestion was made by Delegate DeSerio to revisit featuring a club each month when content was scarce. Delegate Latouf will go by Alphabetical order doing each club in turn.

## **State Shoot Program Book**

Delegate Hruskocy stated in addition to what was mentioned prior that it is important for him to know as soon as possible which ads from last year's book will be renewed. Delegate Hruskocy stated that there needs to be a correction for Garrett Palmer in the winners list and President Minervini would contact Sara Palmer to find out what was the issue. In discussion it was decided that there will be a reciprocal ad with Hamden and the CTA for Hamden's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and reciprocal ads are planned for surrounding Associations. Secretary Pittera and Delegate Latouf will make the necessary contacts. This year's Rebate of \$2337.00 will be printed in the book. President Minervini stated any club running the 3s Program should be able to see if a shooter has not paid their dues for the current target year and the club should locate that shooter and inquire that day as to proof of payment or obtain payment in order for them to participate. The unpaid dues come out the rebate. This would be far easier than tracking them down after the fact. Delegate Hruskocy will put contact information and form for ads on the Website. Delegate Shook inquired if the NSSF will be a contributor to the shoot again this year and President Minervini confirmed that they are. Other inquiries by Delegate Hruskocy not yet decided were the Program Book cover art and determination of a State Honoree.

President Minervini discussed registered leagues and Big 50 shoots. The ATA gives information on how to run these events on their website. There is a slight conflict between ATA rules and CTA rules which needs to be clarified. President Minervini has attempted to get in touch with Past ATA President and Central Handicap Committee Chairman Ray Greb to speak with him about Big 50's as many clubs in his State had run them last year. They have not yet connected by phone at the time of the meeting. The matter will be tabled for now until more clarifications are obtained.

President Minervini addressed the delegates concerning the CTA obtaining a Facebook account. The pros and cons were earnestly debated. It is the opinion of the officers that while such an outreach could have benefits, given the negative perceptions currently held in the State of Connecticut as a result of the tragic event in 2012, it may not be in the best interest of the CTA to have a social media outlet with Facebook at this time. While other states have utilized this venue, they are not dealing with the same set of circumstances and are much larger with more supportive populations. There is the possibility of political backlash and the By Laws prohibit the CTA from political involvement. Vice President Giaquinto spoke of broadening the current website as an alternative. No action would be taken at this time and President Minervini will consult with the officers of the Board in consideration of the proposal in the future.

Delegate's signed up for duty at the State Shoot to assist in shoot offs.

Friday – Fin Fur Feather and Fairfield County

Saturday – Pahquioque and Fairfield County

Sunday – Hartford and Bristol

Each club should have representation (two people) aside from their delegates to be present for shoot offs. Sunday is the most important and in need of extra support.

Delegate DeSerio suggested that announcement be made for all those signed up to help check in and wait in a specific area to be assigned to their posts. Other

suggestions were that experienced help is preferred. A Delegate is also preferred to stand as a referee if possible. Delegate Cohen suggested that the volunteers who live the furthest away could be released from duty first. Vice President Giaquinto suggested that each club put up two volunteers to help.

In conclusion, each club will notify Secretary Pittera of their two volunteers in addition to the Delegates. The goal of the individuals chosen having sufficient back ground with scoring and the rules.

President Minervini inquired to the interest of revitalizing the Club Team competition at the State Shoot. Interest was favorable and Delegate Kulmann and Delegate Wheeler volunteered to facilitate the event. The discussion of a revolving trophy came about and will be considered to promote interest.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Treasurer Farber will be ordering the State Pins for 2015.

President Minervini inquired as to what the target fees for the CTA member clubs would be for the 2015 season. He expressed that the fees charged at the club level are an individual club decision. It is informational for opening the discussion as to the fees to be charged at the State Shoot. Discussed was how the CTA compares to the surrounding States. Delegate Cohen suggested that until negotiations were final with Hartford Gun Club it might be best to hold off. He stated that the cost of shooting is prohibitive to youth shooting and the overall goal is to attract shooters and max out the events. President Minervini stated that the point of waiting until negotiations are final is well taken and tabled the decision until the meeting with Hartford.

President Minervini thanked Fran MacDonald for attending the meeting and for doing an excellent job with the trophies last year. Delegate Cimino and Ms. MacDonald will work together again this year in organizing the CTA trophies. The CTA will purchase thumb drives to register the data of the trophy winners for storage so in the event of any questions or confusion on the distribution of the trophies it will be readily available. The question of shipping trophies

not collected was brought up by Delegate Cimino. Delegate Cohen had done this before and it was well received. He volunteered to do it again and it was decided to go with mailing out trophies to nonresidents that were not picked up after the shoot.

Delegate DeSerio will be in charge of PreSquadding again. There will be information in the program book and the website stating that there will be squads available at the desk at the shoot if PreSquad sells out. The pickup procedure for tickets and forfeit of tickets remains the same as last year. Delegate DeSerio will come up with the wording to be printed pertaining to PreSquad selling out.

ATA Delegate Latouf, Chairman Hale and Vice President Giaquinto will handle classification for each day.

President Minervini inquired as to what prices clubs were getting for their targets. Delegate Cimino stated Fairfield had paid \$8.75 per box on their last order. There was discussion as to other dealers. President Minervini will investigate the matter further.

President Minervini entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Delegate DeSerio made the motion and Treasurer Farber seconded.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryll Pittera

CTA Secretary