

**CONNECTICUT TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 21, 2013**

President Minervini called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. He announced that Delegate Giaquinto resigned his elected position as Delegate at Large, but would remain as the Delegate from Guilford. President Minervini asked Ron Kulmann to fill in for the remaining term ending in June at the State shoot. He accepted.

**ROLL CALL AND SEATING OF DELEGATES**

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| Guilford          | Ben Giaquinto   | Mario Fasano                     |
| Fin Fur & Feather | Dan Gutt        | Bob Hruskocy                     |
| Pahquioque        | Ted Richards    | <i>Rich DeSerio not present</i>  |
| Wolcott           | Bill Beaudreau  | Frank Morton                     |
| Andover           | Arnie Cohen     | <i>Joe Stajduhar not present</i> |
| Bristol           | Richard Lindboe | Tim Nicoletti                    |
| Hartford          | Joe Wheeler     | <i>Frank Blish</i>               |
| Delegate At Large | Ron Kulmann     | <i>John Russo not present</i>    |

A motion was made by Vice President Ross to dispense with the reading of the minutes and a second was given by Delegate Shook.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Farber stated that the check for the 4S program has been sent and accepted. Copies of the financials were distributed and Treasurer Farber gave a summary. As of September 30, 2013 the CTA has in round numbers \$39,400.00. In checking \$3000.00, savings \$13,300.00 and three CD's holding between \$23,000.00 to \$24,000.00. Treasurer Farber suggested that the Delegates think about reducing the amount of money in the treasury by giving it back to the shooters. There is no accounts receivable. The exchange account on the balance sheet represents the money paid to George Cook for the program back in August/September. The check for billing was given in October; therefore, he got it with the dues so the \$240.00 is gone. In a comparison from the 2012 to the 2013 State Shoot, the entries were up, daily fees were about the same and pre-squadding was up. The t-shirts took in \$1170.00 and cost \$845.00. The Ammo raffle took in \$1150.00 and cost \$620.00. The CTA purchased ammo this year instead of straight donation. In the fiscal year September 30, 2012, we had 1435 shooters paying the daily fees with 20 shoots. That's roughly an average of 71 shooters paying the fee per shoot. This year we had 1127 shooters with 18 shoots averaging 62 per shoot. It looks like shooting is down in Connecticut and there were comments that it is happening in Pennsylvania and the Grand American.

Upon President Minervini's request, Delegate Cimino made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Delegate Shook gave the second.

**SECRETARY REPORT**

**NONE**

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Vice President Ross asked for an increased effort for the program book. Delegates need to be timely in submissions and he encouraged the Delegates to make an effort to sell more ads. President Minervini requested that the person who sells the ad put their name on it so there is a contact for reference in the event of questions or problems. Delegate Giaquinto suggested that the cost of an ad be deducted from the company where the targets are purchased from. President Minervini will negotiate that as he is in

contact on a regular basis. As a point of interest he stated that the current price of targets was \$9.72 per case which is about \$14,000.00 a trailer load. He will be calling to check on the price in an effort to purchase in the event of a high increase.

**ATA DELEGATES REPORT**

The yearend reports came in on Friday and will take a week or two to put together.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Minervini asked Hall of Fame and Nominating Committee Chairman Hale to read a rule from the ATA Rule Book as follows:

Violation of any ATA rule may result in disqualification for the event or subsequent events at the tournament director's discretion.

This rule will be included in our State Shoot Book this year. This is due to blatant unsportsmanlike conduct that has transpired at the State Shoot.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nominating Chairman Hale recommended the following in turn for election:

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| President      | Tony Minervini  |
| Vice President | Malcolm Ross    |
| Treasurer      | Fred Farber     |
| Secretary      | Cheryll Pittera |

For President, Vice President and Treasurer, Chairman Hale asked Secretary Pittera to cast one vote for each recommended nominee as there were no nominations from the floor for the individual positions. For Secretary there was a nomination by Delegate Nicoletti for Noelle Feucht and second from Delegate Morton. A vote by ballot was held and Cheryll Pittera was reelected to Secretary.

President Minervini introduced Frank Morton as the new Delegate representing Wolcott.

**SELECTION OF SHOOT DATES**

|                  |              |                           |           |                           |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| GUILFORD         | JUNE 8       | JUNE 29                   |           |                           |
| FIN FUR FREATHER | MAY18        |                           |           |                           |
| PAHQUIOQUE       | JUNE 1       | AUGUST 3                  | OCTOBER 5 |                           |
| WOLCOTT          | MAY 25       | JULY 6                    | AUGUST 31 |                           |
| ANDOVER          | JULY 13      | AUGUST 10                 |           |                           |
| BRISTOL          | APRIL 5      | JULY 19                   |           |                           |
| FAIRFIELD        | SEPTEMBER 14 | NATIONAL TRAPSHOOTING DAY |           |                           |
| HARTFORD         | APRIL 6      | MAY 4                     | JULY 20   | AUGUST 24    SEPTEMBER 21 |

**NEW BUSINESS**

Delegate Fasano discussed a new promotion from the ATA giving a free membership to new shooters. Delegate Moon inquired about the new software from the ATA and President Minervini said it's not ready yet, but hopes to be one of the first states to run it if possible. He said that it promises to be the best of Stuarts and 3S together.

Treasurer Farber inquired as to Joyce Morris's availability in two years when Wayne Morris becomes ATA President. It is not thought to be an issue but it would a good idea to inquire. Treasurer Farber will also obtain the pins for the State Shoot.

### **HALL OF FAME**

Chairman Hale announced Joe Wheeler as this year's Hall of Fame Inductee. There will be two recognition honors to Fred Farber and North Atlantic Sportsmen. The banquet will be held on March 15 at Bristol. Tickets will be \$25.00 for individuals and \$35.00 for members and their significant others. This year's State Shoot Honoree will be Jim Garafalo. Tickets may be purchased through Chairman Hale and Delegate Giaquinto.

### **STATE SHOOT**

There was discussion in consideration of the increased cost of targets, dumpsters, trophies, labor and other overhead for the State Shoot. It was suggested to give shooters added money in the Class Purse down to D including categories for all Connecticut shooters. Chairman Hale put forth the idea to place added money into Friday and include residents and non-residents. Another suggestion was to put it into the dinner. Delegate Cohen felt that the added money should be increased to \$5000.00 to be disbursed between Residents and Non Residents alike. Some Delegates urged caution as to the amount of money used as a couple of rainy years can deplete funds very quickly. President Minervini said that Treasurer Farber, Vice President Ross and Delegate DeSerio will meet to discuss the options.

Vice President Ross addressed the six trap expansion at the Hartford Gun Club. This cannot go forward as the area for use is considered wetlands. It was not recommended to give up the practice trap as well.

President Minervini requested to put all unclaimed squad tickets back by 9:30 a.m. if not picked up.

There was discussion as to purchasing a trap as a backup. It was decided that it was not cost effective and an extra set of callers would be more practical.

Vice President Ross announced that Hartford Gun Club is under New Management with Marshal Lussien.

Treasurer Farber inquired about the use of Lawry targets as they are new and improved. Delegates spoke to past experiences and perceptions and cost with the choice to stay with White Flyer.

Delegates signed up for shoot off duty at the State Shoot as follows:

Friday – Andover and the Fin  
Saturday – Pahquioque and Fairfield  
Sunday - Bristol and Hartford

President Minervini called for a Motion to Adjourn at 9:45 given by Delegate Shook and second by Delegate Cimino.

Respectfully Submitted  
Cheryll Pittera  
CTA Secretary