

CONNECTICUT STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Giaquinto at 7:00 p.m. Roll call and seating of delegates by Secretary Pittera.

Andover	Delegates Arnie Cohen and Joe Stajduhar
Bristol	Delegates Tim Nicoletti and Rich Lindboe
Fairfield County	Delegates Joe Cimino and Alex Shook
Fin Fur Feather	Delegates Bob Hruskocy and Dan Gutt
Guilford	Delegates Greg Mastriano and Marc Mastriano
Hartford	Delegates Frank Blish and Malcolm Ross
Pahquioque	Delegates Ted Richards and Rich DeSerio
Wolcott	Delegate Ron Kulmann

Wolcott Delegate Bill Boudreau was present but had to leave due to an emergency.

President Giaquinto welcomed Frank Blish as the new delegate for Hartford. A motion was made by Delegate Ross to waive the reading of the minutes and a second given by Delegate Cimino.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Farber stated that dues were paid for the 3S program by all but Bristol, Andover and Wolcott. Wolcott and Bristol have their own programs and the Andover Delegates would let Treasurer Farber know if they would continue. Treasurer Farber stated some interesting statistics on the entry fees paid for this year's State Shoot of 592 shooters @ \$3.00 vs. last years 592 shooters @ \$4.00. Same number of shooters in both years. For the current fiscal year other than the state shoot, 1091 shooters paid the \$3.00 entrance fee without the Bryne shoot. With the Bryne shoot - which was rescheduled to October - estimating a 100 shooters, the number would be 1191. Last year with the Bryne shoot, the numbers were 1112 shooters concluding that shoots are slightly up. Entrance fees are up. The profit is around the same as last year for the State Shoot. Fundraising is down perhaps due to not having the shell raffle. Expenses were up in trophies and awards and the price of targets. All things considered we had a very nice year. The daily fees were down, but that was due to the decrease in the fee. The program book made \$708.00 this year vs. \$886.00 last year.

Fairfield County received money for National Trapshooting Day. Delegate Shook inquired if that would take place this year. Treasurer Farber stated that it goes by a yearly vote of the Delegates. There was discussion as to the success of the presquad program. All were in agreement that it was very worthwhile.

There was discussion concerning the daily fees pertaining to possible rebates of \$1.00 dollar and reducing to \$2.00. It was determined at this time to keep the current fees as is. Motion to accept the treasurers report by Delegate Richards and second by Delegate Ross.

President's Report

President Giaquinto stated that he would not be seeking re-election. He suggested that all the delegates obtain a copy of the By-Laws from Secretary Pittera, read them and become familiar with them. He also wished to thank all the present and former board members, delegates,

registered clubs and membership for their support during the time he served as President. He thanked Ed Hale for his dedication and hard work on behalf of the Hall of Fame and Mario Fasano who was with him from the beginning who gave him a lot support when things were difficult. Thanks to all and good luck.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Minervini asked if any delegates had any questions concerning the 3S program and stated that there was a version 8 available from Delegate DeSerio. He also thanked Delegate DeSerio for his hard work on the updates.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Pittera asked for shoot registration forms recipient box to be filled in correctly and returned to her.

ATA Delegate's Report

Delegate Latouf stated that shoot attendance is up across the States and the Grand American was up by 27%. The donated money by the Martins most likely played a role in that. The Grand American dates for next year will be August 8 – 18th. The Zone will be held in New York on July 26 – 29th. The zone will not go to Thurmont as yet. The traps are not complete. Perhaps in two years. The ATA fees have increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 dollars.

Old Business

Vice President Minervini inquired of cards for forming a database. Delegate Hruskocy stated that he only received cards for a database from one club. More work in this area is needed due to the importance of creating a mail base for the website.

Election of Officers

Nominating chairman Ed Hale presented the slate of nominees as follows:

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

As there were no nominations from the floor, Secretary Pittera cast one vote for each. Newly elected President Minervini thanked all and stated that he had big shoes to fill. He congratulated Ben Giaquinto on a job very well done.

New Business

President Minervini inquired about the program book and Delegate Hruskocy agreed to due the same as last year. President Minervini stated that he had done a marvelous job and pressed upon the Delegates to give assistance by giving him the information he needs in a timely fashion. Newly elected Vice President Ross discussed the importance of pushing ads and doing boosters at \$2.00. The fees will be \$150 full, \$75 half, \$25 for business card. Delegate at Large Bicknell suggested offering ads to other Associations. The goal would be exposure, not revenue.

President Minervini asked for a volunteer to be presquad chairman for next years State Shoot.

Selection of Shoot Dates for 2012:

Guilford	April 29, June 10
Fin Fur Feather	May 12
Pahquioque	June 3, August 5, October 7
Wolcott	April 22, May 27, July 8
Andover	May 20, September 23
Bristol	April 7, July 21
Fairfield County	July 15, August 19, September 16 <i>National Trapshooting Day</i>
Hartford Gun Club	April 15, May 6, June 17, August 26

Connecticut State Shoot
June 22, 23, 24

Treasurer Farber made a motion to give \$500 dollars to Fairfield County for National Trapshooting Day. Delegate Nicoletti gave the second. Motion carried.

Hall of Fame

Ed Hale announced that this years inductees will be Rody Bertolini, Ben Giaquinto and Phil Sylvestro. Also honored will be Robert Cinq-Mars and Fabio Gaetano. Please get the word out if you know people who know these honorees and the date will be in late March. Invitation will be sent out. Looking for 120 to 150 attendees.

Delegate at Large Bicknell made a motion for he each club donate two flats of shells and raffle them at the State Shoot. Second by Treasurer Farber. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by Delegate Shook and second from Delegate Bicknell.

Respectfully submitted
Secretary Cheryl Pittera