

Connecticut Trapshooting Association
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Giaquinto at 7:30 p.m. President Giaquinto asked for a moment of silence to honor the late ATA President Bill Anzaldi. All officers were present. Secretary Pittera held the roll call and seating of Delegates. Attendance was as follows:

Andover - Delegate Stajduhar
Bristol - Delegates Lindboe and Nicoletti
Fairfield County – Delegate Cimino
Guilford - Delegates Mastriano and Mastriano
Pahquioque - Delegates DeSerio and Richards
Hartford – Delegates Ross and Peck
Wolcott – Delegate Boudreau
Fin Fur & Feather – Delegates Hruskocy and Gutt
Delegate at Large – Delegate Russo
ATA Delegate – Delegate Latouf

Reading of the October Meeting Minutes: Treasurer Farber motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes and Delegate DeSerio gave the second. Copies of the minutes were emailed for review prior to the February meeting.

Treasurers Report: As of January 31, 2011 we have \$26,575.00 in the bank a year ago we had \$22,748.00 so for the past year we have increase of \$3827.00. Giving details of income and expense is meaningless at this time of year as we have had one shoot in October at Pahquioque, the club memberships coming in and meeting expenses. The money is invested in CDs at the credit union coming due at the approximate times when we need the money. Namely, before the State shoot. We had two bad debts from the Program book one was from Infinity Farm and the other Sans. Both were \$35 dollar ads and we wrote off the \$75. There were repeated attempts at collecting. Let's not sell them ads this year. We have been notified that our ATA rebate is \$1917.00. **President Giaquinto asked for a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Delegate Cimino so moved and Delegate DeSerio gave the second.**

Officers Reports: President Giaquinto welcomed Delegate Ted Richards from Pahquioque. Delegate Richards is appointed by Pahquioque to replace newly elected Vice President Minervini.

ATA Delegate: The ATA has appointed Jeff Wagner as President of the ATA to replace Bill Anzaldi. He is going to be in office in 2011 and 2012. He will serve Anzaldi's term and then fulfill his term. The State Team members for the 2010 season are completed and are posted on the website.

Wayne Morris has been elected to Vice President of the Eastern Zone. He is in line to be President in about three years. Ray Greb will take his place on the Central Handicap Committee. All the campsites for the Grand have been taken over by the ATA. There will be no more ten year leases. Five year leases will be available. There will be a \$300,000 dollars in prize money for the Grand American. This donation by the Martin's will be broken up into \$100,000 for the Handicap and \$200,000 in lewis money. It is advisable to book early if you plan on attending.

Correspondence: Secretary Pittera received a letter notifying that the ATA gun raffle would no longer be offered. It was part of a promotion for the \$300,000 challenge at the Grand American. If a State included an ad in their program book, you were entered into the raffle to receive a gun to be raffled at your state shoot. In lieu of the gun, you will be listed as a supporter in the Grand American program book.

Old Business: Vice President Minervini inquired if any clubs were interested in meeting and going over the new cashiering program. Delegate DeSerio inquired if any one had yet installed the program and Mr. Hale stated that Wolcott had and it was going well. Vice President Minervini and Delegate DeSerio are available and are willing to help with installation and trouble shooting.

New Business: State Shoot - President Giaquinto stated that classification was set with ATA Delegate Latouf, Delegate Boudreau and Treasurer Farber. President Giaquinto welcomed Donna Raab who will be in charge of trophies and photography. Mrs. Raab will also take care of Friday for Hartford. President Giaquinto stated that the award pins will be given at the annual meeting under the tent at the State Shoot.

Schedule of Delegates for shoot offs - Delegates listed below are responsible for the following days:

Friday – Guilford\Greg Mastriano, Bristol\Rick Lindboe, Hartford\Nick Peck

Saturday - Fairfield County\Joe Cimino, Pahquioque\Rich DeSerio

**Sunday – Andover\Joe Stajduhar, Guilford\Greg Mastriano, Wolcott\Bill Boudreau
Delegate at Large John Russo and Delegate Joe Cimino volunteered to help on
Sunday.**

Special Event – President Giaquinto and Ed Hale will run the Event on Saturday. President Giaquinto asked for a volunteer to coordinate with the caterer Jim Calfore. Vice President Minervini accepted and will take care of this. There was discussion as to selling tickets at the shoot. This would not be possible as the food must be prepared before hand. It was decided to figure on food for 60 people. An expected turn out of 50 with 10 chickens as a buffer at \$5.00 a chicken.

Pre Squadding is all set. The CTA will purchase an Enhanced BT-99. This will be a lucky number drawing in the Championship Handicap on Sunday. One number will be drawn by President Giaquinto. This will be a \$5.00 option posted at the cashiering window. Treasurer Farber inquired if we would hold a shell raffle and Delegate Cimino stated he would like to see if he could get a gun donated for a raffle.

Delegate Russo wished to bring forward conversations over the last several months from shooters concerning the awards for prizes at shoots for class B, C, and D vs. AA and A. One of the suggestions talked about was to have additional trophy, i.e., two place trophy for B, C, and D in an effort to promote more participation as these classes account for the majority of our shooters. Knowing they can probably never achieve a champion trophy or drop back to an A or AA Trophy. President Giaquinto stated that he is a strong proponent of this due to 60% of those participants are indeed B, C, D shooters. Half of that percentage will never get to AA or Champion position. The CTA can't tell a club what to do and can only make a recommendation. He would like to see what exactly could be done concerning this issue including Sub Junior and Junior. President Giaquinto expressed that if a Junior or Sub Junior comes to a shoot, there should be something for them to win and can be done for a very reasonable cost. After lengthy discussion, it was concluded that on the State level, all would like to see this happen, but there was concern over creating more shoot offs in a already difficult time line. Therefore, the **motion was made by Delegate Russo and seconded by Delegate Cimino to give a 1st and 2nd place trophy to the in state Juniors and Sub Juniors at the State Shoot starting this year.**

ATA Delegate Latouf brought up for discussion for the reduction of target requirements for the State Team. It is now 2000 singles, 1500 handicap, and 1000 doubles. He suggested reducing this by half. There are 2100 singles targets thrown in Connecticut. It is difficult to obtain the requirements. **It was discussed and agreed that the target requirements for the Sub Junior and Junior category would be 1000 singles, 700 handicap and 300 doubles.** More discussion followed with respect to lowering the target requirement for all shooters.

A motion was made by Delegate Stajduhar and second given by Delegate Russo to reduce the target requirement for the State Team to 1500 singles, 1000 handicap and 700 doubles. Motion passed. Secretary Pittera inquired if the above stated target ruling for the Juniors and Sub Juniors would still be 1000 singles, 700 handicap and 300 doubles and the response was yes.

State Shoot Pins: Treasurer Farber will be ordering those in preparation for the State Shoot.

Program Book: Delegate Hruskocy would like to finalize the book in the next few weeks. Hartford, Pahquioque, Fairfield County, Fin Fur and Feather and Guilford ads are in. Delegate Boudreau will check with Delegate Kulmann if Wolcott will put an ad in. There was discussion for a final date for submission and when the book will be in the mail. May 1st is the targeted date for mailing.

Delegate DeSerio inquired about past discussion of sending out a post card with club dates. President Giaquinto stated that the responsibility for advertisement of club shoots is not the CTA's responsibility. The goal is to create an email base in an effort to make the website more interactive. Clubs should provide cards at classification or cashiering in an effort to create an email distribution list. Delegate Hruskocy will facilitate inputting the data.

Motion to adjourn by President Giaquinto and seconded by Delegate DeSerio at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Cheryll Pittera
CTA Secretary