

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
of the
NEBRASKA STATE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION
d/b/a
The Nebraska Trapshooting Association**

June 25, 2006

The annual meeting of the members of the Nebraska Trapshooting Association was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by President Peter Lahti at the home grounds in Doniphan, Nebraska.

A motion was made by Mike Morgan, seconded by Marvin Bilka, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 26, 2005, meeting. Motion carried. Copies of the **minutes** and **financial reports** are available to all members. Contact your zone director.

The President introduced CFO Bill Curtis and the following directors:

Western Zone: Chris Toedtli, Toney Krajewski (re-elected) and Miles Fiscus (elected to fill the vacancy created with the resignation of Melinda Sweet).

Central Zone: Jack Ross, Brad Lech, Dirk Johnson (outgoing director) and Will Bennett elected to fill his position.

Eastern Zone: Mike Mertz, Dennis Lacquement (outgoing director) to be replaced by Bob Metzler, and Peter Lahti.

President Lahti **thanked** all persons who worked to make the 2006 state shoot a success. He also thanked persons involved with the construction project: Toney Krajewski, Jack Ross, Mike and Jean Mertz, contractors who donated in kind services and price discounts, the NTA Board for their backing on the project, Nebraska Machinery who has been a good neighbor to the association and anyone else involved with the project. We now have a first class shooting facility built to last many years in the future. The approximate cost is \$300,000 including cost overruns. \$150,000 has been from a bank loan for the renovation project and the other \$150,000 is for the purchase of the new automatic traps.

The President offered the following solutions on how the project would be paid.

- We have approximately \$90,000 of lead in the ground and hope it can be mined this year.
- We are selling naming rights to the traps, buildings & grounds for \$6,000 each trap.
- Cash flow from activities including the state shoot, Cornhusker HS/JHS shoot, the Honor Shoot, summer leagues, CNGC shoots, Saturday open practice and use by the Doniphan Trap Team and Mid Nebraska HS Shooting Conference. Plans include possibly adding Registered HS competition and Registered College competition.
- We have received a Game & Parks Grant and possibly others to be announced later.
- Individual donations are now tax free through an agreement with the Game & Parks Commission.

Future projects include: Air conditioning the main building, upgrading the sewer system, paving roads and other infrastructure.

President Lahti introduced the current **ATA Delegate**-John Burke, 1st Alternate-Frank Hoppe and 2nd Alternate-Tom Buxman. He asked for nominations for these positions for the coming year.

John Burke was nominated for **ATA Delegate** by Bob Metzler, seconded by Chuck Kerby. Motion by Tom Buxman, seconded by Will Bennett, to close the nominations. Motion Carried. Burke was re-elected as ATA Delegate.

Mike Mertz was nominated for 1st Alternate ATA Delegate by Jim Bradford. Second by Frank Hoppe. Dave Kennedy made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Richard Marshall. Motion carried.

Tom Buxman was nominated for 2nd Alternate by Brad Lech, seconded by Will Bennett. Motion by Dave Kennedy, seconded by Lee White Hamilton to close the nominations. Motion carried.

John Burke, Mike Mertz and Tom Buxman will represent our association as ATA Delegate and alternates. Delegate Burke **thanked Frank Hoppe** for his years of service as 1st ATA Delegate.

The **High Average Awards** were presented as follows:

Singles – Frank Hoppe, 99.52
Handicap – Brad Lech, 93.68
Doubles – Gordon Carley, 97.33

All State Team Awards were presented to the following. First time All State Team Members were presented with belt buckles, courtesy of Mike Mertz.

Top Ten Shooters:

Richard Marshall, Jr.	Lincoln	97.6400
Frank Hoppe	Columbus	96.6733
Brad Lech	Burwell	96.4167
Randy Bartling	Alliance	96.3200
Richard W. Schoch	Benedict	96.2933
Dustin R. Klein	Fremont	96.0333
Tom Buxman	Haigler	94.4333
John H. Burke	Alliance	94.3833
Norman E. Bruner	Brainard	93.9967
B. E. Morrissey	Blair	93.8033

Top Lady Shooters:

Ashley Nau	Gering	90.3533
Traci Hoppe	Columbus	87.4167
Janet Naber	Waco	85.7700

Top Veteran Shooters:

Bob L. Metzler	Omaha	93.8000
Don Carlson	Bellevue	93.0233
Marvin J. Bilka	Ord	92.7733
Marvin Cox	Mullen	92.6833
Ralph Clark	Hardy	92.0433

Top Senior Veteran Shooters:

George Welton	Wahoo	90.9500
Jack Worley	Omaha	90.1133
Wayne Walkenhorst	Lincoln	89.9967
R. M. Scheer	Papillion	88.6933
W. R. Grubbs	Fremont	88.3400

Top Junior Shooters:

Brandon D. Nau	Gering	93.9000
Ryan Stapaules	Fairbury	93.7067
Jason Marsh	Hastings	93.2600
Nicholas L. Georgi	Hebron	92.7433
Brian F. Bean	Omaha	92.6167

Top Sub-Junior Shooters:

Doug W. Beebe	Morrill	89.5367
Caleb Stapaules	Fairbury	89.2100
Matt P. Pickett	Omaha	85.8700
Louis J. Kaelin	Doniphan	85.5333
Chris Schropfer	Geneva	85.2567

The following individuals were recognized by Delegate Burke for attaining shooter milestones:

R. M. "Dick" Scheer	100,000 singles
Doug Kucera	25,000 doubles
Dave Kennedy	25,000 doubles

John Burke was also recognized for his 75,000 singles target shot at this state shoot.

Old Business: Surveys are available for your completion. The results of those received who attended and completed the form at the Cornhusker showed the affect the shooters and their families had on the Hastings/Grand Island area. The results will help in the solicitation of funds for projects on the grounds and added money for NTA shoots.

If you have not paid your camper fees or for the special event, please pay a cashier at the end of this meeting.

New Business: Discussion was held regarding the requirements for the 2007 All State Team. A motion was made by Tom Buxman, seconded by George Welton to change the requirements for the 2007 team back to the way it has been done. Discussion included a shooter not being able to qualify under the new rules set by the board in January due to not being able to attend one of the three shoots because of an emergency. Another comment was that the purpose has been to honor better shooters from Nebraska. It does not require more Nebraska shooters to shoot in state, but brings more out-of-state shooters to the state shoot in Nebraska. A question was asked what all state team requirements were in other states. President Lahti asked for a hand vote on the motion. The motion was passed with a majority voting to go back to the way the All State Team was picked in the past.

Motion by Cliff Reed, seconded by Bill Curtis to review the requirements for the NTA All State Team again at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors in January. Motion carried.

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New gates will be put up on the entrances to the facility. Before next year's shoot, an attempt will be made to upgrade scorers. A video is available from ATA. More training is also needed on site. It was also requested the program for the shoots and the minutes of the meetings be put out on the web-site.

The gun raffled off was won by Chuck Kerby. Thanks to Guns Unlimited and Jim Bradford for obtaining the gun to be raffled. Thanks too to the trap setting committee, to the grounds manager Jack Ross, to the office personnel, to Mike Morgan for helping with the vendors and in the office and to others who helped make the shoot a success.

Parting advice from the President included ---

If you identify a problem, please be prepared to help fix it.
The NTA board is not the enemy. Please feel free to communicate with your zone director.
Thanks to those of you who have stepped up and helped with chores at the shoot ---
including, but not limited to, Bruce Costar with opening & closing ceremonies.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn J. Behrens
Secretary/Treasurer NTA