

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
NEBRASKA STATE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
d/b/a the
NEBRASKA TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION**

**January 19, 2008
Holiday Inn – Kearney, NE**

President Jim Bradford, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Directors Bob Metzler, Ray Zeilinger, Doug Brown, Brad Lech, Chris Toedtli, Toney Krajewski, Dave Kennedy and President Bradford were present. Director Will Bennett arrived at 8:05 a.m. Secretary/Treasurer Marilyn J. Behrens and Chief Financial Officer Bill Curtis were also present.

Motion by Toedtli, seconded by Lech, to allow Bill Curtis to attend the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes of the January 27, June 24 and August 4 meeting of the Directors were mailed to Directors prior to the meeting. Motion by Krajewski, seconded by Kennedy to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

The target price of \$7.09 has been locked in for white flyer targets from Sunset for seven semi loads to be delivered on specific dates. This is an increase of 50 cents per case from last year.

Bill Curtis reviewed the financial reports for the past shooting year. He presented helpful information regarding the year's operation and compared figures from the year before. The change in net assets of \$65,000 plus reflected operations, donations and Game & Park grant for the improvements. Breakage was again discussed as to how it is calculated for shoots. Motion by Metzler, seconded by Bradford, to thank Curtis for the detailed report of helpful information. Motion carried unanimously.

Current financials were presented by Behrens as follows: NTA Checking-\$6,402.02, Money Market-\$5,116.71, Jack's checking-\$4,493.13, and Game & Parks-\$16,667.00 for a total cash on hand of \$32,678.86. NTA also has a bank loan of \$150,000 at the Bank of Doniphan with \$6,500 plus interest due. Lead is currently scraped and piled for processing when the weather breaks, to be done hopefully before May 1st. We will receive 40 percent of the lead less freight charges to take it to market. Our share could be approximately \$80,000, but it is hard to tell when it is in the field. We do have a grant from Game & Parks of \$2,600 for reseeding the grounds with NTA furnishing 25 percent of the cost. The Randall and Green CD's are still in place with interest being used to purchase annual trophies. Behrens is to contact junior shooters who were winners of the scholastic check-off awards as there has been no request for funds from these shooters.

Plans are to recognize donors to the grounds improvement project with plaques by the traps (\$6,000) / shelters (\$3,000). Also plans are to recognize any donations of \$500 or more on a permanent plaque inside the building. Bradford will present a recognition proposal to the Board for their review.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Zeilinger, to renew the \$150,000 note that is due, pay the interest due, and apply for an additional \$50,000 operating note for this shooting year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Krajewski, seconded by Toedtli to approve up to \$500 for the delegate to attend meetings held during the Grand American. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no hay harvested by Hongersmeier Brothers during 2007 and will not be any in 2008. Hongersmeiers still want to keep the hay agreement and will help with the reseeding of the property after the lead mining is done.

Lech and Toedtli agreed to serve as co-chairs of the safety committee.

The 2008 All-State Team, based on the 2006-7 shooting year, was presented for review. It has been sent to Trap & Field for publication. The registered shoot dates for the current shooting year were discussed. Zone shoots were approved as follows: June 7-8, Eastern Zone at Ashland and the Western Zone at Alliance. June 14-15, the Central Zone at CNGC in Doniphan. Holdrege will need to move their June 15th date. Ogallala also needs to change its June 22 and September 21 dates as they overlap Alliance who sent in their choices at an earlier date. The Secretary was instructed to contact Holdrege and Ogallala to make the changes. The Honor Shoot/ATA Central Zone shoot will be August 1, 2, and 3, 2008.

The Zone Shoot Rules need to be changed regarding fees charged at the zone shoots. Under fees it should read: "The target price for Championship Events shall *not be more than* that charged at the previous State Shoot. This price should not include the ground's improvement and maintenance fees or the shooters' service fee, or any other fee imposed by the NTA for the State Shoot." Motion by Bennett seconded by Krajewski to approve the change. Motion carried unanimously. The NTA \$1.00 per shooter per day fee should be collected for Debt Reduction Purposes until the current debt is retired, along with ATA's \$2.00 daily fee per shooter.

Bennett will manage the MNTA league shoots. It was suggested the hourly rate for loaders and/or scorers should be held at \$6.50 per hour in line with the rates charged for groups at other NTA shoots. No personnel manager was named for the CNGC or Honor Shoots. Bradford will fill that capacity at the Cornhusker and State Shoots. Bennett was asked to contact the GISH Show Choir to see if they would handle the practice traps at the Cornhusker for a fee of \$600.

Discussion followed concerning the NTA Website. Zeilinger agreed to work with Bennett to get the site updated in a timely manner. Information to be posted should be forwarded to them upon approval of the President or his designee. Pages one and two of the financial report will be put on the web site.

Target prices were set as follows:

MNTA – 14.5 cents for program targets, plus 08 cents for the difference in program targets and the number of times the trap goes around and targets that are broken in house before being thrown. Motion by Krajewski, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the prices for MNTA. Motion carried with Bennett abstaining from the vote.

Jack's League & Saturday Shoots – current price per case plus 1 cent (now \$7.10), plus sales tax, plus 6 cents per target off the arm. Motion by Toedtli, second by Bennett, to approve the price. Motion carried unanimously.

Jack's Kids practice shoots – current price per case plus 1 cent (now \$7.10), plus sales tax, plus 3 cents per target off the arm. Motion by Krajewski, seconded by Zeilinger, to approve the price. Motion carried unanimously.

CNGC – 16.5 cents for program targets plus 8 cents for the difference in program targets and the number of times the trap goes around, and targets that are broken before being thrown. Motion by Krajewski, seconded by Toedtli to approve the price. Motion carried with Bradford, Lech and Bennett abstaining from the vote.

GISH Kids practice shoots –current price per case plus 1 cent (now \$7.10), plus 3 cents per target off the arm. They are tax exempt thru the high school. Motion by Kennedy seconded by Metzler to approve the price. Motion carried with Bennett abstaining from the vote.

The Board broke for lunch as a group in the Venue Restaurant.

The Cornhusker Nationwide High School Shoot will be May 1, 2, and 3 on the state grounds in Doniphan, Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kennedy to raise the cost per target to 16 cents based on the program targets. Motion carried unanimously. Bradford will manage the line personnel and has the Geneva girls under contract. Bennett will visit with his group to see if they are willing to handle the practice trap duties for the shoot at a price of \$600. Motion was made by Metzler, seconded by Krajewski, to hire a trap mechanic as we did last year ---\$200 per day plus a motel room for three nights. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Morgan will handle the vendors and Behrens the campers. Practice target prices will be: \$2.00 for a 10 target round or \$15 for a card of 10-10 target rounds.

The Nebraska State Shoot is scheduled for June 25-29, 2008. Motion was made by Metzler, seconded by Kennedy to hire Stockdale or his representative as trap mechanic again this year at \$200 a day plus a motel room for the required nights. Motion carried unanimously.

Bennett declined to operate the computer for the shoot. Two alternatives were suggested --- approaching Clyde Thompson with his program, or hiring someone to operate Bennett's program. If we go with the 2nd solution, we have a bid of one cent per target from an operator, plus we would have to rent sufficient equipment which could be quite costly. Bennett did agree to set up the projection site and work with Thompson if we use his system. Bradford will follow up and report to the Board.

Presquadding will be handled by Behrens same as last year. Motion by Bennett, seconded by Toedtli to raise the price of practice tickets to \$4.00 per 25 targets. Motion carried unanimously.

Added money will again be supplied for the Director's Handicap by Bradford Land Co. and for the Cornhusker Handicap by Weaver Farms. It will not be included as an addition to the Lewis Purse, but as Added Money paid out as requested by the Donors.

Bradford will head up the line personnel and has contracted with Young Life to supply the scorers and loaders for 22 program traps and the practice traps. Several program changes were made including money payouts. The changes will be reviewed with the CFO prior to the program going to print.

The cost of targets for the state shoot was discussed. The \$1.00 per hundred voice pull fee was removed. The daily \$1.00 fee per shooter for debt reduction will be added. The fee per 100 targets will be raised to \$27 (which includes the Grounds Maintenance and Improvement fees, the Shooters' service fee, and applicable sales tax).

Committee assignments for the state shoot, etc. were made as follows:

Administration – Lacquement/Zeilinger
Awards – Jon Weaver
Building & Grounds – Miles Fiscus
Campers – Behrens
Flag Raising – Kennedy
Fund Raising – Bradford
Grounds Manager – Jack Ross
Handicap – John Burke
Line Referees – Directors
Practice trap – Metzler/Toedtli
Publicity – Zeilinger
Shoot offs – Krajewski inside – Curtis outside
Shoot photographer – Ray will contact (also for Cornhusker)
Silent auction – Marty Childs/Marvin Bilka
Stats/Marketing – John Hafer, PHD
Trap line – Bradford
Trap setting – Lech and Toedtli
Vendor – Mike Morgan

The Honor Shoot/ATA Central Zone Site shoot is scheduled for August 1, 2, and 3, 2008. Details for this shoot will be completed at the Cornhusker. A suggestion for an Memorial Shoot was Chuck Kerby even though we had a shoot in his honor in 2007. Changes to the ByLaws of the association will also be reviewed at the Cornhusker.

Camper fees will remain the same as last year. ATA Delegate John Burke reported on ATA's change in their membership year. The NTA membership year will change to reflect ATA's change for the 2008 shooting year (September 1 through October 31).

Motion by Krajewski, seconded by Lech, to approve the expenses for the annual meeting of the Board. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Krajewski, seconded by Bennett, to approve the same salaries for the secretary and grounds manager for 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Bradford thanked the members for their attendance and input and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

**Marilyn J. Behrens
Secretary/Treasurer**

