

Arizona State Trap Association
Board of Directors – Regular Meeting
Tucson Trap & Skeet Club
November 9, 2023 – Martin Room
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order 4:12 PM by President Greg Holden

II. Roll Call

Greg Holden, Ron Ballou, Chris Cusumano, Doug Sims, Jesse Zamora, Cherel McCracken, Walter Allen, Kaitlin Quan, ATA Delegate – Don Williamson. Absent: Steve Bell

III. Financial Report

Secretary - Jesse Zamora presented a brief review of the October bank statement previously emailed to all Board members 11/4/23 by Treasurer - Steve Bell. Bank balance as of October 31, 2023 was \$99,250. This is down \$716 from September due to payment of pins acquired for the HOF and State shoot. Motion was made by Jesse Zamora to approve the financials, seconded by Ron Ballou and passed.

IV. ATA News

ATA Delegate - Don Williamson advised the Board we have 4 shooters who have not paid their ATA annual dues. Don requested assistance from Board members to follow up with their respective clubs to collect the fees and avoid being charged against our ASTA rebate check from the ATA. The sale of Sparta in Illinois appears to be in a holding pattern due to lack of interest of potential buyers. The ATA and IDNR are now discussing the possibility of extending the lease into 2026. The Western Zone has a new ATA Vice President – Ryan Costanti, owner of Shotgun’s West.

V. Unfinished Business

1. 2024 Hall of Fame Update

- i. The Program is at the printer. Steve expects a proof to review next week. Steve has an updated mailing list and will mail out 500 programs to clubs and shooters.
- ii. Steve has the pins and buckles. He will purchase the balance of silver needed for awards for the events. The plaque for inductee Tom Strunk will soon be finished. Greg will give the presentation during the HOF inductee dinner.
- iii. Jesse confirmed Abide Armory has the shotgun available for the drawing. Notice of the drawing is included in the Program and flyers will be posted on site during the HOF event.
- iv. Cherel confirmed Haulin’ Ash BBQ will provide dinner. Door prizes will be provided by the ASTA.

2. 2024 State Shoot Update

- i. Jesse issued the first draft of the contract between ASTA and 2 Lazy 2 for the State Shoot. Details of event fees and buy-down by the ASTA need to be discussed. Jesse will follow-up with Greg and Cherel to finalize the details.
- ii. Cherel is working on finalizing two food vendors for the State Shoot. She will be meeting with Ben Avery next week to discuss arrangements.
- iii. The Board will provide lunch tickets to shooters for Friday & Saturday in lieu of a dinner Saturday night.
- iv. Sub-Junior and Juniors will be offered discounted entry fees provided they do not play any options. Junior Gold shooters are not included.
- v. Tracey Petrisko has volunteered to create the Program. Jesse, Steve & Cherel will assist in the review. West Press will publish and mail the programs to clubs and shooters.
- vi. Walter will begin contacting advertisers next week for the program. Don Williamson requested to reserve ½ page space to promote a youth scholarship program for young trap shooters.
- vii. Jesse will follow-up with Liz Lloyd at the ATA to obtain the list of trophies and vendors selected for the 2024 State Shoot. Matching trophies will be provided to non-resident shooters for the Championship Events. State Team plaques and plates will be ordered again by Jesse from HJ Trophies.
- viii. Steve has possession of buckles for the HAA/HOA events. Buckles will be awarded to the new 2023 State Team members.
- ix. Awarding the Paul Wolf buckle or President's buckle is TBD.
- x. Greg will research hats with Steve Nolen.
- xi. Don offered Mariner Construction to sponsor our last open event in need of a sponsor.
- xii. Trophies for events 4 – 11 are in process of procurement by the Northern & Southern Zones. Central Zone is done.
- xiii. Sponsor thank-you letters were signed by Greg. Some will be mailed and some hand delivered.
- xiv. The Board reviewed all State Team applications received from shooters who qualified for the team. Final candidates were approved by the Board and will be posted on the ASTA website including Rookie of the Year.
- xv. After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons experienced from implementing the new application process for the 2023 State Teams, the Board voted to eliminate the application requirement going forward starting with this 2024 shoot season for the 2024 State Teams. All other requirements remain the same including age-based category classification and Arizona residence requirements.

- xvi. Three Directors are up for re-election next March:
 - a. Northern Zone – Steve Bell
 - b. Central Zone – Jesse Zamora
 - c. Southern Zone – Walter AllenJesse Zamora informed the Board he will not be seeking re-election for another term of office.
- xvii. Cherel informed the Board of ground improvements in process at Ben Avery and are expected to be completed before the Hall of Fame Event.
- xviii. Cherel will also arrange a meeting with management of Ben Avery and ASTA Board members to prepare for the Hall of Fame and State Shoot.

Meeting adjourned 5:36 PM.

Submitted by: Secretary – Jesse Zamora