

Arizona State Trapshooting Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters

SUBJECT

- Schedule Shoot Dates for 2012 Target Year

In Attendance:

ASTA Directors:

Zone A - Larry Mane, John Scanlon, Betty Sackett, **Zone B** – Scott McClelland, Doug Sims, Michael Braegelmann,
Zone C – Tim Robb, Steve Long – Absent – George Miller

ATA Delegate: Richard Luckett

Club Representatives:

Ben Avery: Dan Twitchell, Paul Doetsch - **Casa Grande:** Don & Tiger Volz, Laurie Lyons - **Double Adobe:** None -
Garden Canyon: None - **Lake Havasu City:** Dennis Neff, Gary Palese - **Mohave Sportsman's Club:** John Fornadel
Pleasant Valley: Dates received via e-mail - **Tucson:** Doug Sims

ASTA Members: Three members present.

President Mane called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. President Mane indicated the Autumn and Spring Grand dates had been established and because of the conflict Tucson had with the World Club scheduled there March 23-April 1, the general consensus of the Board was to award the state shoot to the Ben Avery CTC the week of March 19-25. The following week of March 26-April 1 was also open, but the facility would be hosting their EXPO the later part of the week. Even though the EXPO is held on the rifle/archery side and the CTC indicated it would not be a problem if the ASTA wanted to hold the state shoot that week also. The board felt it was best to move to the week of March 19-25 to avoid any potential problems. (This same week had also been offered to Tucson)

At this time, Ms. Laurie Lyons asked the Board why Casa Grande hadn't been considered to host the 2012 State Shoot. (At the beginning of the meeting, Laurie handed President Mane a letter dated May 7, requesting consideration for the State Shoot – no year specified.) Laurie addressed the Board for several minutes on the issue stating they have requested the state shoot for two years in a row. It was pointed out to her that the board had received a request from them at last year's scheduling meeting asking to be placed in the rotation and specifically, to be considered for the 2013 State Shoot. Based on this, the board was not aware they wished to be considered earlier than 2013. Laurie continued to question why Casa Grande was not considered for 2012 after Tucson had declined it and Ben Avery had declined it. Director Sims said Tucson did not decline the state shoot, that they had asked for the state shoot to be moved up two weeks and Tucson still wants and would prefer to hold the State Shoot the week of March 12-18. Director Sims requested a formal vote by the Board to move the dates up two weeks. More discussion by Laurie Lyons on Casa Grande's role in hosting a State Shoot. President Mane mentioned some of the problems that currently existed with Casa Grande, primarily, the fact they faced east and would not be able to start earlier than 10:00 AM. With only 12 traps, they would not be able to get 300 people a day through in a timely manner. Dialogue on this subject continued and President Mane tabled this discussion until the end of the meeting in order to get on with the rest of the scheduling.

Director Braegelmann asked to go on record saying that "we sat in this room last year and listened to how the rotation was sacred, we had to rotate the state shoot, the Bylaws required it and some of us felt Ben Avery wasn't ready, so we had that whole discussion. But everything hinged around on how sacrosanct the rotation was. So, Tucson's position is, you're willing to move the state shoot forward one week to accommodate Ben Avery, we would still like to be considered to have the State Shoot held in Tucson and move it forward two weeks. That's been our request, that's been our position. I just want that on the record so you folks know that's been our position, we've not given up that date or relinquished that date, we've asked for consideration. So, that's Tucson's position, that's where we're at."

President Mane again reiterated that the week of March 26-April 1 was available at Ben Avery but because the earlier week was also available, and the State Shoot is our most important shoot, to avoid any potential conflicts with the EXPO, the earlier week was considered preferable by a majority of the Board. It was a Board decision to move to the earlier week. The same week that had been offered to Tucson earlier for consideration.

President Mane asked if the board wanted to vote at this time on holding the shoot at Tucson the week of March 12-18. More discussion and questions centered around moving the shoot two weeks earlier. The majority of the board had concerns with moving the shoot two weeks earlier for several reasons; just two weeks after the Spring Grand, potential loss of revenue to clubs holding shoots after the State Shoot and the fact, the World Cup Event may possibly need some days of that earlier week for set up. At this time, it was unclear to Tucson management exactly what the World Cup requirements for the facility were.

President Mane called for a vote to award the State Shoot to the Tucson Trap & Skeet Club the week of March 12-18. By a show of hands the vote was:

For: Braegelmann, McClelland, Sims
Against: Long, Mane, Robb, Sackett, Scanlon

The Ben Avery CTC was awarded the 2012 State Shoot to be held the week of March 19-25.

At this point, Director McClelland asked Delegate Luckett if during the spring meeting in San Antonio, the ATA/EC had voted to mandate or award a 3-day prelim for all of the Satellite Grand's. Richard had no knowledge of that ruling nor did most of the other board members.

President Mane spoke about requests received by board members from a few winter visitors to consider a two-week rotation between the clubs. This was explored and was not feasible for several reasons, the clubs schedules, and the "fixed dates" already on the calendar, such as the Spring Grand and other historical dates that clubs have always had.

Delegate Luckett also shared responses from a survey he conducted relative to having to two-week shoots. The sampling was very small, (under 10), some of the shooters were in favor, but Tucson and Ben Avery could not accommodate that type of schedule.

Don Volz of Casa Grande asked if they could hold two-week shoots for the same reasons as cited above and the board's position was that if the other clubs agreed, it would not be a problem.

A suggested winter chain schedule was distributed to the clubs which changed the flow slightly with the intent to make it easier on the people with RV's to go from one shoot to the next and still allow traditionally requested dates.

The subject of clubs throwing marathon targets was brought before the Board. The Board asked what policy the clubs wished to have? Paul Doetsch preferred a policy where Monday's were a designated travel day with no shooting allowed. After discussion between the clubs and the board, it was resolved:

A club will be allowed to offer marathon targets any day of the week after submission of a green sheet and approval from the ASTA.

If the above policy becomes a problem for any club at any time, a club can bring to the attention of any Director for board review.

President Mane then asked the clubs for the shoot dates they would like starting with Casa Grande in September.

The 2011-2012 schedule was established and approved.

President Mane returned to the subject of Casa Grande hosting a State Shoot. The Board gave some basic information to Casa Grande on what they would need to be considered a viable location to host a state shoot. Don Volz talked about the improvements they have made and continue to make. Much dialogue continued relative to what the board would expect from Casa Grande for them to be given consideration to host the state shoot with the primary factor being the club's orientation of facing east. Again, the most important question was asked; what time can you start in the morning? The board reiterated, that one of the biggest stumbling blocks was being able to get the shooters through with a 10:00 AM start time without adding more traps. The board will put together a list of minimum requirements that Casa Grande will need in order to be placed in the rotation and to host the 2013 State Shoot.

Steve Long made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Robb. Meeting adjourned at 12:45PM

Respectfully submitted
Betty A. Sackett
Secretary/Treasurer