

# Arizona State Trapshooting Association

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, September 28, 2010**

### Teleconference

#### AGENDA

- **Vote on the following issues:**
  - **Autumn Grand – 5 years with right of first approval**
  - **Spring Grand – 7 years with right of first approval**
  - **Pre Spring Grand tied to Spring Grand – 7 years with right of first approval**

#### In Attendance:

##### **ASTA Directors:**

Larry Mane, Betty Sackett, John Scanlon, Tim Robb, George Miller, Doug Sims, Michael Braegelmann, Richard Luckett

**Absent:** Steve Long

**Other:** Western Zone Vice President: Allan Radway

President Mane called the meeting called to order at 5:04 PM

#### **President Mane recognized WZ VP Allan Radway.**

Vice President Radway briefed the board on the meeting held during the Grand with the Executive Committee and Mr. Bill Martin. In addition to discussing details on the \$100,000 Challenge and the addition of \$200,000 in 2011, Mr. Martin presented the expansion plans he had for the Tucson Trap & Skeet Club. At that time, Mr. Martin requested a commitment from the EC for a 5 year, right of first refusal on the Autumn Grand and a 7 year, right of first refusal on the Spring Grand. Subsequently, Mr. Martin contacted Mr. Gary Sherrod, ATA Ex-officio and Gary contacted Vice President Allan Radway. At this time, Mr. Martin wanted 5 years for the Autumn Grand, 7 years for the Spring Grand, plus he wanted a guarantee on the pre spring grand. VP Radway and President Larry Mane had a telephonic meeting with Bill and Larry indicated that the pre spring grand was probably not on the table, but the board would do what they could on giving Tucson the pre Spring Grand based on performance and other factors.

Allan summarized by saying that we have a guy, (Bill Martin) who wants to put another million dollars into Arizona trapshooting to build one of the premier clubs in the western US and Canada and, when somebody comes forward and wants to put that kind of money into our sport, we should at least listen to him and try and do what we can to see that it happens.

Larry then inserted that during the phone conversation with Bill and Allan, he explained that the other clubs need to survive and with Tucson having all of the big shoots it created a problem. With the pre Spring Grand, they may have to give up some of their other shoots, but, that would have to be worked out during the shoot date scheduling meeting. The pre Spring Grand is a good week. During that conversation an informal agreement was made for 5 years on the Autumn Grand and 7 years on the Spring Grand. Larry mentioned that according to the Ben Avery G&F people there was a question when they would have facilities in place to host a satellite grand.

**George:** It is my understanding that the granting of the Spring Grand and the Autumn Grand are solely the responsibility of the ATA and that the influence the ASTA has was on the timing of shoots.

**Allan:** The Grand itself, is decided by the Executive Committee.

**Tim:** Allan, does the ASTA have to give authority to hold a shoot, a satellite grand, the Spring Grand or whatever before it is allowed by the ATA?

**Allan:** The ASTA only has to approve the dates. So, yes and no.

**Richard:** So in other words, the ATA approves the event and the state associations provide the dates.

**Allan:** That is correct

**Allan:** The ATA has to approve the club to hold the Satellite Grand; the State Association will approve the dates.

**Betty:** And, that's been that way for quite some time, correct?

**Allan:** Yes, it has. It's always been that way.

**Tim:** Has the ATA given the Autumn Grand any long time commitments in the past, or is the first time?

**Allan:** The ATA gave the AG a five-year, right of first refusal when they first had it and that was 2004, so that probably expired last year.

**Tim:** And, the same way with the Spring Grand?

**Allan:** The Spring Grand they gave them a 5 year...and that expired quite awhile ago.

**Betty:** That was in 2003

**Allan:** There really isn't any other club to hold the Spring Grand and there may or may not be another club that could hold the Autumn Grand.

**Larry:** Right now, we are defending ourselves against Las Vegas

President Mane called on each Director for their vote:

**Approval of a 5-year right of first refusal for the Autumn Grand**

- In favor - unanimous

**Approval of 7-year right of first refusal for the Spring Grand**

- In favor - unanimous

**Approval of the pre Spring Grand week tied to the Spring Grand for 7 years with first right of refusal**

- NOT in favor
  - **Against:** Robb, Mane, Miller, Long (via Larry Mane), Scanlon, Sackett
  - **For:** Braegelmann, Sims, Lockett

**Doug Sims:** The pre Spring Grand qualified for AA points and moving it somewhere else, it may not qualify for AA points. Doug expressed concerns that "cutting it loose" and putting it into a rotation, it may never achieve All American status, and as a lead in into the Spring Grand, it will draw a lot of shooters. He felt it was good for trapshooting in AZ.

**Larry:** This was a vote for the EC and these concerns should be brought up during the shoot date meeting or at another meeting.

**Allan:** Again, if Tucson is willing to "bend" on a couple of other dates, if possible, your association can come to some sort of compromise and hold the pre spring grand at Tucson and have Tucson give up a date or two, here or there and make everything work. However, it is the board's discussion and nothing to do with me.

**Larry:** Right, we can discuss this with the other clubs and if the other clubs agree to it, then the board may agree, but the time and the place to do that is at the shoot date meeting.

**Allan:** You have already scheduled the pre Spring Grand for 2011 at Tucson so, after that shoot, you should have a good handle on what kind of attendance you are going to get.

**Betty:** Not exactly, because of the fact that Tucson does the two week deal on the camping. They are really forcing the people to be there. Because otherwise they lose their camping space for the Spring Grand, is the way I understand it. So it's really not a fair barometer when you look at it that way.

**Michael:** Actually, Betty, we're not forcing them to shoot.

**President Mane adjourned the teleconference at 5:15 PM**

**Betty Sackett**  
**ASTA Secretary**