

Louisiana Trapshooting Association

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LTA Board Meeting – August 19th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, Danny Batten, at 10:53 am.

Those in attendance were:

Danny Batten

Donny Sanders

Jim Jenkins (held proxies for Gene Saizon and Bo Shaw)

Doyle Brooks

Amie Skipper

1. The financials were reviewed. The 2022 - 2023 year will end with a gain of \$4230. This included the expenses of cashiering help at \$1300; the Saturday night meal at \$3600, split 50% with TBMGC; and no extraordinary one-time costs. Using 60,000 targets as the basis for the budget, an allowed increase in budgeted trophy costs of \$1000 and the increase in target fees requested by TBMGC below, the budget is forecasted to have a deficit of (\$1108). It was agreed to maintain the state shoot's \$37/100 costs for targets taking into consideration the excess from last year and the historical potential to throw more targets than budgeted.
2. Toby Bancroft has agreed to host the state shoot again this coming year with a \$2/100 target cost increase due to the increased prices for the targets. This was accepted and approved by the Board. AIM parents will again furnish the scorers for the shoot in an agreement with TBMGC.
3. The ScoresR shoot management program performed well this year and worked fine with the internet hot spot available. It was approved to be used again this year.
4. The number of targets thrown for 2022 - 2023 was reviewed against those thrown in 2022. This year's numbers were lower, around a 36,600 decrease. The decrease was primarily related to reduced number of shoots due to weather and LTC and AGC reducing their number of

shoots held. There will be even a greater reduction this coming year since LTC and AGC will not host any shoots. The shutdown of AGC was updated to the Board by Amie Skipper. MCGC may perhaps increase their number of shoots by one or two.

5. Championship Singles finished during daylight hours this year. It was agreed that the event on Saturday will start at 7:30 again. AIM shooters will take the first early first flight. Shooters will be asked to take 2 boxes of shells to the line again.
6. The dates for the 2024 State Shoot were approved to be 5/2 through 5/5/24. The AIM State Shoot will be held on May 18, 2024, at TBMGC.
7. Trophy Committee – Danny Batten will handle the ordering of the trophies.
8. The Rain Delay Committee was approved to be Danny Batten, Doyle Brooks, and Donny Sanders.
9. The Grievance Committee was approved to be Danny Batten, Jim Jenkins, and Donny Sanders.
10. The Handicap Committee was approved as Jim Jenkins, Chairman, Danny Batten, and Doyle Brooks.
11. The target setting committee by TBMGC will be Danny Batten
12. It was approved to hire cashiering assistance.
13. This year will be the 100th anniversary of the LTA State Shoot. It is proposed that 6 Henry rifles will be purchased for the three Championship Event's Resident and Non-Residents Winners. Danny has found donors to reimburse the LTA for the cost of the rifles so there should be no cost impact to the budget. Jim Jenkins will purchase a paper banner to hang indicating it is the 100th anniversary. The rifles and anniversary notification will be added to the shoot program.
14. It was agreed to only print about 100 to 125 copies of the state shoot program to hand out to the participants on-site.
15. It was agreed to continue to refund fees paid if a shooter withdraws prior to an event starting.
16. The \$20 fee to re-squad will be eliminated since no one was being charged the fee and the ability to re-squad has gotten easier.
17. The tee shirts sold at the State Shoot by Andy Waldo were approved to be provided again. The tee shirts furnished by Andy will also reflect the anniversary.
18. To address that Saturday night dinner ran out of food, the food vendor will be asked to provide a server to help control individual servings. The use of containers for the food will be investigated cost wise.
19. Alan Sikes will be replaced by Keith Crissman as a nominee for the Board; the proposed slate of nominees in the minutes were approved.

20. The HOF committee did not have a candidate for this year.
21. The next fall Board meeting will be held Saturday, August 17, 2024, at the traditional library meeting place in Ball, LA.
22. Other Business
- a. Amie provided an update on the AIM attendees at the Grand American shoot. There were 16 AIM shooters who attended. Numerous trophies were won continuing the tradition of previous years.
 - b. The ATA has raised their daily fees to \$4/day at their Board of Directors meeting. The LTA Board agreed to keep the state daily fees at \$3/day. This amount is so stated in the Bylaws.
 - c. The ATA will refund some of the daily fees collected back to the Zone for assistance.
 - d. The ATA is considering allowing the State Associations to select their own trophies for the ones furnished by the ATA for the championship events.
23. The Board voted and agreed unanimously to all the above listed items.
24. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Jim Jenkins
LTA Secretary/Treasurer

Attachment:

Board Meeting Agenda

LTA Board Meeting

Agenda

August 19, 2023

11:00 am

Robertson Branch of the Rapides Parish Library in Ball, LA

1. Review of Financials – Jim Jenkins.
 - a. For the year there was a increase in general fund balance of \$4230 vs a budgeted amount of \$562. Primary reasons for increase are reduction in trophy cost, additional target revenue and pre-squad revenue.
 - b. HOF account increased by \$80.
 - c. Cashiering Help - \$1300
 - d. Saturday night meal - \$3600, split 50/50 with TBMGC. Last year's was \$3570.
 - e. Extraordinary one-time costs: None
 - f. The forecasted very conservative budget for 2024 based upon 60,000 targets is \$(1100), including the target price increase of this year.
2. Toby Bancroft Hosting Situation
 - a. TBMGC has agreed to host the shoot again this year.
 - b. TBMGC has asked for a \$2/100 target price increase due to the increase in the cost of the targets themselves.
3. Shoot Management Software – Jim Jenkins
 - a. The current 3S shoot management program used for 2023 was ScoresR. It worked fine and is recommended to be used for 2024. Its cost is \$150/year.
4. Review of Targets Thrown.

CLUB	Shoots Held	Single Target	Handicap Targets	Double Targets	Total Targets Thrown	Last Year Targets Thrown
Arcadia Gun Club	7	8,500	3,900	2,300	14,700	28,350
Cottonland Skeet & Trap Club						0
Bridgeview Gun Club						0
Louisiana AIM Shoot	1	2,800	2,600	2,100	7,500	9,700
Louisiana Trapshooting Association	1	35,200	22,700	21,300	79,200	84,800
Lafayette Trap Club	2	650	650	2,400	3,700	5,250
Mill Creek Gun Club	4	4,425	2,900	1,600	8,925	5,900
Toby Bancroft Memorial Gun Club	9	13,000	7,950	5,600	26,550	38,825
Red Chute Shotgun Sports Club	9	5,200	5,200	3,900	14,300	17,500
TOTALS					153,675	188,325

5. Confirm number of posts for Championship Singles – the shoot completed the singles event, not with a lot of excess time, during true daylight hours. The AIM shooters have agreed to start at 7:30 in lieu of 8:30 and to be on the first and third flights. It is recommended that it be a requirement to bring two boxes of shells to the line. As an aside, AIM parents are going to supply all scorers and paid by TBMGC to do so.
6. Confirm that the State Shoot will be May 2 to May 5, 2024.
7. Confirm AIM State Shoot date as May 20, 2024.
8. Selection of Trophy Committee – Proposed Danny Batten.

- a. Trophy cost \$6000, \$600 for state team awards and \$300 for attendance pins for information for a total of \$6900, not including the 100th anniversary rifles. Last year was \$5709. The additional trophy costs are budgeted for 2024.
 - b. As a matter of note, the ATA is changing how they handle the furnishing of trophies; details are yet to be fully established but they are offering more money to the zones and may recommend each state order their own trophies from ATA approved vendors.
9. Selection of Rain Delay Committee – Proposed Danny Batten, Doyle Brooks, Donny Sanders.
10. Selection of Grievance Committee – Proposed Danny Batten / Jim Jenkins / Donny Sanders.
11. Selection of Handicap Committee – Proposed Jim Jenkins, Chair; Danny Batten, Doyle Brooks
12. Selection of Target Setting Committee (TBMGC) – Danny Batten
13. Approve hiring assistance to help with cashiering, scoring input, collecting score sheets, etc.
14. 2024 is the 100th anniversary of the state shoot. Danny has had the LTA purchase 6 Henry rifles to be given out to the Resident / Non-Resident Winners of the Championship Events. Donors have been found to pay for the rifles so there is no cost to the LTA.
15. Determination of Target Cost to Shooters
 - a. In 2023, it was \$37/100.
 - b. Budget wise every \$1/100 provides \$600 to the bottom line based upon the budgeted basis of 60,000 targets.
 - c. It is proposed that target costs be maintained to cover LTA costs, but this results in an unbalanced budget anticipating additional targets thrown to balance the budget.
16. Printed Program –It is proposed that we continue to offer on-line versions and print about 125 to hand out at the shoot. This costs about \$565.
17. Approve to keep the refunding of entry fees if the event has not started.
18. Approve to eliminate the \$20 re-squadding fee. We have had that for several years and never charged it.
19. Confirm to continue with Andy Waldo providing the tee shirts for the shoot.
20. Proposed Slate of Board of Directors
 - a. President – Danny Batten
 - b. Vice-President - Donny Sanders
 - c. Secretary-Treasurer- Jim Jenkins
 - d. Director at Large – Bo Shaw
 - e. Northwest Director – Amie Skipper
 - f. Southwest Director – Gene Saizon
 - g. Southeast Director – Keith Crissman
 - h. Northeast Director – Doyle Brooks
 - i. Delegate – Jim Jenkins
 - j. 1st Alt. Delegate – Robert LaBorde
 - k. 2nd Alt. Delegate – None
21. HOF Candidate Proposal
 - a. Lifetime target attainment
 - b. LA. State Shoot Trophy attainment
 - c. Contributions to the sport
22. Other Business.
23. Schedule for next Board meeting, suggested 8/17/24, which is the weekend after the Grand ends.