

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 15, 2024

ATTENDEES:

DIRECTORS: Gene Wilson (Helper), Jenny McGowan (Spanish Fork), Dale Erickson (Tooele), Avery Fitzgerald (Nephi), Zach Foster (AIM), Jeremie Summers (Ogden)

ABSENT BUT VOTED BY EMAIL: Joel Laborde (Purgatory), Sean Hawley (Vernal)

ABSENT: Golden Spike, Lee Kay

OFFICERS: Justin Sloan (President), Austin Kinder (Vice President), Jeff Manning (Treasurer), Vicki Skelton (Secretary)

Roll call was taken at 1:02 p.m.; the meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

Financials provided in a spreadsheet by Britt Dalton (not present) were read by Justin. Profit year to date is \$187,250, loss is \$193,500, for a net loss of \$6,250 which was done on purpose trying to show non-profit. We started the 2024 target year with \$58,061 in the bank; at the time of calculation there was \$51,811. The difference is \$6,250 which corresponds to the net loss above.

Dale Erickson made a motion to accept the financials as read, Avery Fitzgerald seconded. The financials were unanimously approved.

Minutes from the 2024 state shoot were recapped which included: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, 2025 shoot dates were approved, change in officers was announced, Ed Wehking and Joe Sudbury secured the Hall of Fame trailer, Ed Wehking gave a statement about the state of the ATA, Britt announced a change in added money from \$4,500 to \$7,100.

Dale made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Gene seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

A petition was submitted for a shooter exemption to make the state team. Bob Green did not meet the requirements, but wants an exception made as he had covid and wasn't able to get his 6th club. It was brought up that he had 4 chances to get the final club – he went to Michigan over Golden Spike, he didn't shoot either of Purgatory's two shoots, and he didn't shoot Tooele. If granted, his exemption would kick someone off the team who met the requirements.

Avery made a motion to deny the petition, Jenny seconded. Bob Green's exemption was unanimously denied.

Taxes from past years have been cleaned up. Justin and Vicki have completed the task of paying the remaining taxes and interest to the IRS and Utah State. For 2018 we paid \$520.79, 2019 was clear, and 2020 we paid \$1,166. The penalty and interest for the years 2021 and 2022 is pending. We paid \$55 to the state for 2019 penalties and interest. This should put us in good standing as far as taxes are concerned to date.

Along the same lines, Justin and Vicki spoke with Justin's accountant to do the books in the future and the taxes at the end of the year so these issues don't happen again. The accountant will charge the USTA \$500/month and \$500 to do the taxes at the end of the year. With numerous changes in

officers that the USTA experiences, the use of an accountant will help stop dropping the ball and costing the USTA money in interest and penalties that we shouldn't have had to pay. Vicki reminded the directors at the BOD meeting in Vernal (2023), all the directors agreed that we needed an accountant; however, a vote was not done as Chris volunteered to get a quote from his accountant. Chris never followed up on getting a quote and the vote for an accountant was tabled until now. Jenny questioned if the cost of the accountant would make sure our 501c3 status is always in check. Justin pointed out our tax-exempt status has already been lost. To get the 501c3 back, we would have to change the name of the organization. The cost of the accountant does not cover the 501c3 application and associated fees. In the meeting with Justin and Vicki, the accountant questioned why we need the tax-exempt status since for the past several years we have either broken even or had taken a loss. It would only benefit the USTA if we were to receive a big donation, which the days of big donations are pretty much over.

Dale made the motion to hire the accountant, Avery seconded. Hiring Brandol & Associates was unanimously approved

Only one person asked for the \$300 reimbursement for the Champion of Champions at the Grand American. The deadline has passed, so any submissions will be denied.

Changing the state shoot dates to only have one event on the last day (Sunday) was brought up. If we add Tuesday as a preliminary day, it would change the shoot to 1,400 targets instead of 1,300, but it would make the HOA 1,100 targets instead of 1,300. The HAA wouldn't change (400). Championship doubles would be shot Friday, Saturday would still be the singles championship, and handicap championship would be shot Sunday. Avery expressed that he was opposed to adding Tuesday as it included taking another day off work and an extra lodging day. Justin pointed out Tuesday was only for people who were going to be there and wanted to shoot. The HOA wouldn't start until Wednesday, which was the start day of the state shoot in the past. With that explanation, Avery was okay with adding Tuesday.

Jenny made the motion to add Tuesday, Avery seconded. Adding Tuesday to the state shoot was approved by a 10/1 vote.

The issue of having a first and second open team has elicited some confusion. Some people are looking at it as two separate teams. The open team has 10 shooters, with the first shooter named captain. Should we change the open team to 1-10 with the buckles reflecting the position instead of first and second team. A short discussion followed explaining the decision further.

Dale made the motion to change the open team, Gene seconded. Changing the open team was approved by a 10/1 vote.

The officers are proposing to "rent" gun clubs that have no longer or have never held an ATA shoot. It would be run like the state shoot, where the host club charges the USTA for targets. The host club is responsible for targets and machines and the USTA would do everything else. This would require volunteer help from the shooters but would add more clubs. This recommendation was tabled until the next meeting.

One application has been submitted for Rookie of the Year. Since the deadline is January 1, approving the ROY was tabled until the next meeting to allow more applications.

Stacy purchased a computer as USTA treasurer in 2021. Stacy was asked to give it back, but now wants to buy it because she has been using it personally and for Vernal Rod & Gun Club. Should we sell it to her and charge her the original purchase price since she has exclusive use of it is the issue.

Avery made the motion to sell the computer to Stacy at the original purchase price, Dale seconded. Selling the computer to Stacy at cost was unanimously approved.

Paying Ed his \$1,000 as a delegate was brought up for approval.

Jenny made a motion to pay Ed, Dale seconded. Paying the delegate fee was unanimously approved.

Paying Vicki \$1,000 for secretary expenses was brought up for approval.

Dale made a motion to pay Vicki, Avery seconded. Paying secretary fees was unanimously approved

The directors were asked if they had anything to add. Jenny questioned the ATA website listing Spanish Fork as the host site for the 2025 state shoot. Vicki has been working with the ATA to correct the site location and it now reflects Vernal. No other director had anything to add.

Justin informed the directors that all the state shoot minutes are now on the website under the Info tab. If anybody has questions about what went on in the BOD meetings or annual member meetings, they should be directed to the website. Minutes will continually be added once they have been approved.

There is a discrepancy of about \$1,500 in what Mountain America Credit Union says we have in the bank and what our ledger says. Vicki is looking into it and she suspects the way payments from Square were entered vs. collected. The possibility was also brought up it could be a deficit that goes back farther than the current year and it won't be found by looking through the 2024 ledger.

About \$25,000 was spent on trophies last year, which is close to \$10,000 above what was approved. To bring that back down, we'd like to go with nicer trophies rather than quantity. Do we need to be giving runner up trophies to every event? We should go back to open categories Tuesday-Thursday, Friday-Sunday will be in-state and out-of-state categories. Trophies were tabled until the next meeting.

Justin announced our ATA rebate increased this year by \$837. We will be receiving \$3,958 from the ATA. The rebate, along with 100% of PreSquad fees, will be used as added money or to buy down target prices, which is preferred.

The next meeting will be held in late January or early February.

Justin was asked when the state team would be announced. Now that we have a vote on Bob Green we can complete our calculations. March 1 is the deadline, but we won't wait that long. Vicki has calculated the team, but before it is official it needs to be double checked. The biggest holdup was needing a vote on Bob Green which would have affected the Senior Vet team.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gene, seconded by Austin. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Everyone was thanked for their participation. The next meeting will be announced by email.

ADDENDUM: An email was sent out to Lee Kay, Vernal, Purgatory, and Golden Spike giving them the opportunity to participate in voting for topics discussed. Vernal and Purgatory responded. There was no reply from Lee Kay or Golden Spike. Vernal and Purgatory's votes are reflected in the minutes.