

**UTAH STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES**

January 25, 2020

Meeting began at 4:00 p.m. at Spanish Fork Gun Club

**Attendees**

USTA: Justin Sloan, Ed Wehking, Byron Nielsen, Vicki Skelton

CLUBS: Gene Wilson (Helper), Kiersten Dumas (Spanish Fork), Stacey Hawley (Vernal)

GUESTS: Aubrey Fogerty, Stella Wilson

**Old Business**

Justin summarized details of the last meeting, which included voting in new officers and clubs picking their dates for the 2019-2020 target year.

A motion was made by Kiersten Dumas to seat new officers. The motion was seconded by Stacey Hawley.

Justin began a lengthy discussion about selection of State Teams. Last year it was voted on (but it's not in writing) to go a modified average system. However, he found with this modified average system that not enough shooters qualified as they were lacking in-state targets. Justin proposed abolishing the modified average and using ATA averages. Ed made a motion to use the modified average system for this year (6 clubs plus 14 best scores). Gene Wilson seconded the motion.

Justin brought up there were two applicants for Rookie of the Year, but the race is too close to call. The Board members present weren't comfortable making that choice, so it was agreed Justin will email Board members with the shooters' qualifications and ask for a vote, again with a respond-by date.

Trent Van Dam has been ejected by the ATA for 2 years for a fight that he purportedly instigated at an ATA shoot in Pocatello. Trent, however, has filed an appeal. Ed stated the old ATA rule was that while you were attending an ATA shoot, you were held accountable for your actions for the duration of the shoot. A new ATA rule has been implemented that you will be held accountable until the last shot is fired (be it a regular event or shoot-off) each day. The hosting club and USTA will be responsible to police actions during other times.

Byron read the financial report for target year 2018-2019. To summarize, the USTA had \$1,000 less in the account at the end of the target year than it did at the beginning. The USTA will receive \$3,274 in rebate from the ATA. Ed made a motion to approve the financial report. Kiersten seconded it.

In looking at the Department of Commerce website, Ed noticed the USTA's 501c3 application has finally been handled. He questioned what USTA documents the Department of Commerce has (articles of incorporation? bylaws? policies and procedures?). That brought up the question if the bylaws are registered. Aubrey indicated he and the attorney are looking into it. They will also look into the need to register as a charitable organization if the USTA asks for donations.

Ed indicated the new bylaws have had the policies and procedures removed from them. Ed will work on writing up a new set of policies and procedures.

While Byron read sections of the bylaws, a question arose regarding the term “trustees.” Also, it was noticed there was no mention that the USTA is a member-based organization. A question also arose if any changes to the bylaws would require refiling. It was decided the bylaws are a “boilerplate” to get the 501c3 status; the policies and procedures are what actually govern the actions of the USTA.

### **New Business**

Ed motioned a vote be put out to the Board by email proposing next year that we go back to straight ATA averages, providing club, target, and championship (State shoot) requirements are met. Justin will send out email with a respond-by date. Stacey seconded the motion.

Stacey informed us the dates for the Western Grand have been finalized as June 1-7.

Kiersten asked that the date of May 25 be added to the shoot calendar on the website for Spanish Fork’s Memorial Day shoot.

Ed has submitted all of the shoot dates for the 2019-2020 target year. If a new date is requested, the club should contact Ed (or Vicki) to submit a new shoot application.

It was agreed to use the same amount (\$16,000) for trophies and keep the added money the same (which is calculated using funds from presquadding and ATA rebate).

Justin and Vicki will work together to bring the website up to date, eliminating the contradictory items that are currently confusing shooters and keeping it up to date with shoot programs and results.

Ed brought us up to date with ATA news: Lauren Mueller is the new Executive Director of the shooting facility. Getting rid of the flinch in the failure to fire law was rejected and the failure to fire will remain the same. Safety was an issue in walking from post 5 to post 1. Instead of making it a law to walk in back of other shooters, shooters will be “highly recommended” to do so. The ATA will now suspend a shooter for writing a bad check to a vendor at an ATA event. The ATA is increasing the top end of target speed for singles. The current min. is 42 and max. is 43. The max will be raised to 44. The ATA would like to cut down on the number of target adjustments that take place during the course of an event. If a legal target is thrown, shooters should be “encouraged” to shoot the targets as is.

Byron motioned the officers should be bonded. It is not clear if a bond is in place or what the amount of the bond is. A \$100,000 bond was recommended. Aubrey will look into getting a bond and report back. Ed seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be held the end of March or the beginning of April.

At 5:42 p.m., Ed motioned the meeting be adjourned. Kiersten seconded the motion.