

Louisiana Trapshooting Association

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LTA Board Meeting – August 20th, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President, Danny Batten, at 11:30 am.

Those in attendance were:

Danny Batten

Donny Sanders

Jim Jenkins

Doyle Brooks

Amie Skipper

Gene Saizon

1. The financials were reviewed. The 2021 - 2022 year will end with a deficit of (\$350). This included the expenses of cashiering help at \$1100; the Saturday night meal at \$3520, split 50% with TBMGC; and no extraordinary one-time costs. Various other positive and negative impacts to the budget were discussed. Two major financial impacts for the upcoming shoot year were discussed. One is the request by TBMGC for an increase in their fees of \$3/100 targets for the increase in target costs. This was approved by the Board with the cost passed along in the state shoot charges. The second is the loss of the donor for Championship Doubles. With this loss, using 60,000 targets as the basis for the budget and an anonymous donor of \$1000, the budget is still showing a deficit of (\$1100). Options were discussed such as finding a replacement donor, increasing the target costs by \$2/100 or cutting services with an increase in price being the most likely to help. A \$2 increase plus TBMGC increase of \$ 3 would take us to \$38 /100, which is believed to reflect what most other adjacent states are charging. Amie Skipper indicated that she may have a potential replacement donor; Danny Batten was tasked to follow up with the potential donor. The final decision on the target charges was deferred until the potential donor result can be firmed up.

2. The shoot management software to be used for this years shoot was discussed. The long term used software by 3S has been updated and moved to a cloud-based program for which 3S wishes to charge \$3/shooter/day. This would be result in an additional cost to a shooter participating in all events of \$12. The general Board feeling was to not use 3S due to the higher costs. The alternative software available is SOS Clays and Scores R. These are all cloud based, which requires internet connections. The bandwidth of the internet connection available at TBMGC, which is only a hotspot, may not be sufficient to run the programs on all the necessary computers. Jim Jenkins will investigate the internet connections at TBMGC to determine if the hotspot needs to be upgraded in some form or another. The pluses and minuses as well as costs of each were discussed. Jim will do a trial run on SOS Clays at a TBMGC registered shoot in September. It appears that SOS Clays is a little more polished than the one from Score R. Scores R also requires that one use their pre-squad website rather than the one from Presquad.com which was felt to be a negative. Scores R charges \$150 /year. SOS Clays charges 1% of options played. Jim Jenkins and Doyle Brooks will continue to investigate the software and make a recommendation to the Board later. There is a potential 3rd program being developed by Mike Herman, who developed the app Shoot Station that tracks an individual target average. It is several months from being rolled out but would not be cloud based. The change, regardless, will require new training on the software.
3. The number of targets thrown for 2021 - 2022 was reviewed against those thrown in 2021. This year's numbers were lower, around a 29,000 decrease. The decrease was felt to primarily be related to reduced number of shoots due to weather.
4. During the last two years, Championship Singles have not finished during daylight. It was proposed that the event on Saturday start at 7:30 in lieu of 8:30 to gain time as a trial. AIM shooters will take the first early first flight.
5. The dates for the 2022 State Shoot were approved to be 5/4 through 5/7/23. The AIM State Shoot will be held on May 20, 2022, at TBMGC.
6. Trophy Committee – Danny Batten will handle the ordering of the trophies.
7. The Rain Delay Committee was approved to be Danny Batten, Doyle Brooks and Donny Sanders.
8. The Grievance Committee was approved to be Danny Batten and Doyle Brooks.
9. The Handicap Committee was approved as Doyle Brooks, Chairman, Danny Batten, and Jim Jenkins.
10. The target setting committee by TBMGC will be Danny Batten. Mike Lawler has agreed to assist Danny.

11. It was approved to hire cashiering assistance.
12. It was agreed to continue to refund fees paid if a shooter withdraws prior to an event starting.
13. It was agreed to only print about 125 copies of the state shoot program to hand out to the participants on-site.
14. The tee shirts sold at the State Shoot by Andy Waldo were discussed. It was agreed to allow Andy to provide the shirts at this year's State Shoot. Reuse of one of the previous designs was discussed as a possibility. It was noted that some of the AIM shooter mothers asked to not provide a white tee shirt. After discussion, it was noted to have Andy investigate providing multi-color options.
15. Doyle Brooks has decided to not pursue the Delegate position for next year. After discussion the Board decided to recommend to the membership that Jim Jenkins be the Delegate. The proposed slate of incumbent Board members to be nominated for next year was approved to be presented at the State Shoot Membership Meeting.
16. The HOF committee did not have a candidate for this year.
17. The next fall Board meeting will be held Saturday, August 19, 2023, face to face at the traditional library meeting place in Ball, LA.
18. Other Business
 - a. Amie provided an update on the AIM attendees at the Grand American shoot. Numerous trophies were won continuing the tradition of previous years.
 - b. A discussion on setting minimum target requirements for the AIM State Shoot was held. Amie pointed out there is nothing to prevent an experienced older shooter who has not participated in shoots all year long deciding to attend the AIM State Shoot and winning several events over active AIM participants who have been working hard all year to attend multiple shoots and improve their skills. It was discussed that a minimum target requirement is the decision of the AIM Director and not under the purvey of the LTA Board. Amie decided to put minimum target requirements of 400 singles, 300 handicap and 200 double targets obtained by 4/30/23 in order for an AIM shooter to be able to participate in the AIM State Shoot. The LTA Board suggested to Amie that she heavily and routinely advertise this requirement to the AIM shooters and parents to reduce any surprise and consternation by someone showing up and not being allowed to shoot who doesn't meet the minimum requirements.
 - c. Jim Jenkins asked Amie to pass along to the AIM parents to response to the gun club attendance email requests for a club's monthly shoots so the clubs have a better idea of how many attendees there will be so they may better prepare for the shooters.

- d. Access to RCSSC was discussed in general terms and whether this was reducing the number of shooters participating at the club. It was noted that there are two options – one a yearly access card or being placed on the AEL list. Access is not in the Board's authority to control other than publicizing how a shooter can gain access.

19. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm.

Submitted by:

Jim Jenkins

LTA Secretary/Treasurer

Attachment:

Board Meeting Agenda

LTA Board Meeting

Agenda

August 20, 2022

11:30 pm

Robertson Branch of the Rapides Parish Library in Ball, LA

1. Review of Financials – Jim Jenkins.
 - a. For the year there was a decrease in general fund balance of (\$350) vs a budgeted amount of \$2715. Primary reasons for decrease are the loss of the Championship Doubles donor. Additional target revenue and pre-squad revenue offset the loss some.
 - b. HOF account increased by \$160.
 - c. Cashiering Help - \$1100
 - d. Saturday night meal - \$3520, split 50/50 with TBMGC. Last year's was \$3402.
 - e. Extraordinary one-time costs: None
 - f. The forecasted very conservative budget for 2023 based upon 60,000 targets is (\$1100). 60,000 is 10,000 more targets than used for the budget in the past
 - g. Available options to close the deficit are:
 - i. Find a replacement donor for a Championship Event. Currently, we only have one at a cost of \$2000.
 - ii. Increase target costs. A \$1/ 100 increase yields \$600 for the LTA.
 - iii. Decrease services – The only real service we have available to adjust is the Saturday night meal which is very popular with our shooters or reduce the quality of the trophies.
2. Toby Bancroft Hosting Situation
 - a. TBMGC has asked for a \$3/100 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 is going away as we know it.
 - b. Options are:
 - i. Use the new 3S ShootPro Cloud which is internet based. The upside is familiar to us and easier to use than the current 3S. The downside is they charge \$3 / shooter / day. This would have to be added to the charges as an additional daily fee, which is equivalent to \$12 for the whole state shoot.
 - ii. SOS Clays is an option. Its fee is 1% of options. Evaluation has started and it will work fine but that means LTA personnel that use it must be trained, which will take some time. Also, a good internet

connection will have to be verified at TBMGC. This app uses Pre-squad.

- iii. ScoresR – some states are using this but they themselves state it is not for a state shoot. Alabama used it. They have their own pre-squad

4. Review of Targets Thrown

CLUB	Shoots Held	Single Target	Handicap Targets	Double Targets	Total Targets Thrown	Last Year Targets Thrown
Arcadia Gun Club	8	17900	7350	3100	28,350	38,350
Cottonland Skeet & Trap Club						0
Bridgeview Gun Club						0
Louisiana AIM Shoot	1	4,000	3,400	2,300	9,700	9,100
Louisiana Trapshooting Association	1	37,800	24,500	22,500	84,800	77,250
Lafayette Trap Club	2	1500	1000	2750	5,250	9,200
Mill Creek Gun Club	3	3800	1300	800	5,900	15,600
Toby Bancroft Memorial Gun Club	9	16950	12375	7500	38,825	43,375
Red Chute Shotgun Sports Club	11	7650	6050	3800	17,500	24,500
TOTALS					188,325	217,375

- 5. Number of posts for Championship Singles – the shoot has not completed the singles event during true daylight hours for the last two years. The AIM shooters have agreed to start at 7:30 in lieu of 8:30 and to be on the first and third flights. 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 4 to May 7, 2023.
- 7. Confirm AIM State Shoot date as May 21, 2023.
- 8. Selection of Trophy Committee – Proposed Danny Batten.
 - a. Trophy cost \$8184, \$814 for state team awards and \$296 for attendance pins for information for a total of \$9294. Last year was \$8821. The additional trophy costs are budgeted for 2023.
- 9. Selection of Rain Delay Committee – Proposed Danny Batten, Doyle Brooks, Donny Sanders.
- 10. Selection of Grievance Committee – Proposed Danny Batten / Doyle Brooks / Donny Sanders.
- 11. Selection of Handicap Committee – Proposed Doyle Brooks, Chair; Danny Batten, Jim Jenkins
- 12. Selection of Target Setting Committee (TBMGC) – Danny Batten

13. Approve hiring assistance to help with cashiering, scoring input, collecting score sheets, etc.
14. Determination of Target Cost to Shooters
 - a. In 2022, it was \$33/100.
 - 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 increased \$2/100 to cover LTA costs plus another \$3/100 for the additional TBMGC target costs for a total of \$38/100.
15. 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 \$600.
16. Approve to keep the refunding of entry fees if the event has not started.
17. Confirm to continue with Andy Waldo providing the tee shirts for the shoot.
18. 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 – Al Sikes
 - h. Northeast Director – Doyle Brooks
 - i. Delegate – open
 - j. 1st Alt. Delegate – Robert LaBorde
 - k. 2nd Alt. Delegate – Jim Jenkins
19. HOF Candidate Proposal
 - a. Lifetime target attainment
 - b. LA. State Shoot Trophy attainment
 - c. Contributions to the sport
20. Other Business.
21. Schedule for next Board meeting, suggested 8/19/23, which is the weekend after the Grand ends.