

Louisiana Trapshooting Association

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LTA Board Meeting – August 16th, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Donny Sanders, at 9:58 am.

Those in attendance were:

Donny Sanders with proxy from Danny Batten

Gene Saizon

Keith Crissman

Jim Jenkins with proxy from Bo Shaw

Thomas Smith IV

Amie Skipper

1. The financials were reviewed. The 2024 - 2025 year will end with a forecasted gain of \$481. This included the expenses of cashiering help at \$1600; the Saturday night meal at \$3506, split 50% with TBMGC; and extraordinary costs of All American Awards at \$790. Using 70,000 targets as the basis for the budget, and the increase in target fees requested by TBMGC below, the budget is forecasted to have a deficit of (\$1633). It was agreed to keep the state shoot's \$39/100 costs for targets by using some of the balance in the LTA's funds to keep costs lower for the shooters.
2. It was noted that our number of program donors continue to decline.
3. Toby Bancroft has agreed to host the state shoot again this coming year with a \$1/100 target cost increase due to the increased prices for the targets. This was accepted and approved by the Board. AIM parents will furnish the scorers for the shoot in an agreement with TBMGC.
4. The ScoresR shoot management program was approved to be used again this year.
5. The current website host was approved to continue to be used even though the cost increased since it was competitive with other host sites. No one saw the need for major changes to the web page.

6. Liability insurance was discussed about a potential change to our carrier. Currently, we are insured through December 2025. Our current carrier needs to find a new underwriter to be able to continue to offer coverage. A potential new carrier charges for additional insured on the policy which makes his cost higher than the current one. The LTA must name the property owner's and TBMGC as additional insured.
7. The forecasted number of targets thrown for 2024 - 2025 was reviewed against those thrown in 2024. This year's numbers were lower, around a 32,000 decrease. The decrease was primarily related to the reduced number of shoots due to weather and TBMGC, MCGC and AIM not throwing as many targets. MCGC's forecasted number will increase a little from what is shown since an additional shoot will be added on 8/30.
8. Championship Singles finished during daylight hours this year. It was agreed that the event on Saturday will start at 7:30 again. Shooters will be asked to take 2 boxes of shells to the line again. AIM shooters will reserve two squads on the first flight, two on the second and 2 on the third to make it a little easier to schedule parents as scorers and still allow them to see their shooters participate.
9. The dates for the 2026 State Shoot were approved to be 4/30 through 5/3/26. The AIM State Shoot will be held on May 9, 2026, at TBMGC.
10. Trophy Committee – Danny Batten will handle the ordering of the trophies. Keith Crissman will discuss with Danny alternatives to belt buckles for the state team such as adding multiple year indications instead of a new buckle. It is intended to continue to offer buckles as recognition. Thomas Smith will discuss with Danny offering silver bars or coins as trophies. Thomas had won some of these at other shoots and he really liked them.
11. The Rain Delay Committee was approved to be Danny Batten, Keith Crissman, and Donny Sanders.
12. The Grievance Committee was approved to be Danny Batten, Jim Jenkins, Keith Crissman, Gene Saizon, and Donny Sanders.
13. The Handicap Committee was approved as Jim Jenkins, Chairman, Keith Crissman, Keith Crissman, and Thomas Smith.
14. The target setting committee by TBMGC will be Danny Batten and Thomas Smith.
15. It was approved to hire cashiering assistance. Ms Terry Barnett will help as well as Jean Hollinger.
16. Amie Skipper will confirm the Saturday night caterer as Ben Christmas. Everyone was in agreement the food was good.
17. A church service will be provided from 7:30 to 8:00 on Sunday morning under the tent for those wishing to participate. This came about as a result of requests. Al Sikes will be approached about leading the service.

18. It was agreed to only print about 100 to 125 copies of the state shoot program to hand out to the participants on-site. Programs are not mailed due to high costs.
19. The tee shirts sold at the State Shoot by Andy Waldo were approved to be provided again. The excess tee shirts will be marketed at other shoots to help Andy offset his costs. There was a lot of interest from others waiting tee shirts at both other state shoots and the Grand.
20. The proposed slate of nominees in the minutes were approved as noted as follows:
 - a. Thomas Smith will change to Northwest Director and Amie Skipper will become Northeast Director.
21. No Hall of Fame candidates were submitted. Robson Cupples may submit a request for his grandfather next year.
22. The proposed rule change for making the Senior Vet category start at 75 years of age in lieu of 70 did not pass at the Board of Directors meeting by a significant amount. Keeping the removal of penalties at 70 hurt its chances. The SW Zone elected Steve Ricketts as zone VP. The ATA has significant reserves which they are keeping in case the Grand ever has to move.
23. The next fall Board meeting will be held Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the traditional library meeting place in Ball, LA.
24. Other Business
 - a. Keith Crissman and Tom Nash will approach Bridgeview about getting registered shoots and a trap field set up for doubles. The Board approved offering the owner a PAT trap furnished by the LTA. Keith and Tom would run any registered shoots.
 - b. The Cardinal center is using Promatic traps. It was discussed there is no ATA rule about using a certain type of trap.
25. The Board voted and agreed unanimously to all the above items.
26. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Submitted by:

Jim Jenkins
LTA Secretary/Treasurer

Attachment:

Board Meeting Agenda

LTA Board Meeting

Agenda

August 17, 2024

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 an increase in general fund balance of \$1976 vs a budgeted amount of \$(1135). If there had not been numerous donations due to Friday's Handicap and Singles being reduced to 50 targets each the balance increase would only have been \$574.
 - b. HOF account increased by \$150.
 - c. Cashiering Help - \$1300
 - d. Saturday night meal - \$4380, split 50/50 with TBMGC. Last year's was \$3600.
 - e. Extraordinary one-time costs: None
 - f. The forecasted very conservative budget for 2025 based upon 60,000 targets is \$(1096), including the target price increase of this year. For 70,000 the budget would be \$(696).
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. Currently the Bylaws stipulates the LTA daily fee at \$3/day. The bylaws need to be revised to reflect that the LTA Board will set the daily fee. This would have to be approved by the Membership during the state shoot. The change is being proposed to allow flexibility in the future. No increase is proposed at this time.
4. Review of Targets Thrown.

CLUB	Shoots Held	Single Target	Handicap Targets	Double Targets	Total Targets Thrown	Last Year Targets Thrown
Arcadia Gun Club	0				0	14,700
Bridgeview Gun Club	0				0	0
Louisiana AIM Shoot	1	2,400	2,300	1,900	6,600	7,500
Louisiana Trapshooting Association	1	32,650	19,450	22,400	74,500	78,750
Lafayette Trap Club	0				0	3,700
Mill Creek Gun Club	6	8475	2350	6800	17,625*	11,325
Toby Bancroft Memorial Gun Club	13	21800	14775	10300	46,875	33,750
Red Chute Shotgun Sports Club	8	3650	2600	2200	8,450	14,300
TOTALS			*estimated		153,250*	164,025

5. Confirm Championship Singles – starting at 7:30 with 2 boxes to the line has allowed us to finish in daylight the last two years. Propose to continue this again. AIM parents will furnish scorers' again, paid by TBMGC.
6. Confirm that the State Shoot will be May 1 to May 4, 2025.
7. Confirm AIM State Shoot date as May 17, 2025.
8. Selection of Trophy Committee – Proposed Danny Batten.
 - a. Trophy cost was \$5445, \$765 for state team awards and \$306 for attendance pins for information for a total of \$6516 Last year's budget was \$6900.
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; Keith Crissman, 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. Caterer for Saturday Dinner – is there an alternate caterer?
15. Furnishing of Ice for shoot – what are our options?
16. Furnishing of portable toilet like they use at Mississippi State Shoot – Available and cost?
17. Determination of Target Cost to Shooters
 - a. In 2024, 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 increased \$2/100 to cover LTA costs and the increase in TBMGC cost, but this does generate a deficit budget. We do make more money than what the budget shows.
18. 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 \$500.
19. Approve to keep the refunding of entry fees if the event has not started.
20. Confirm to continue with Andy Waldo providing the tee shirts for the shoot.
21. 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 – Keith Crissman
 - k. 2nd Alt. Delegate – Robert LaBorde
22. HOF Candidate Proposal
 - a. Lifetime target attainment
 - b. LA. State Shoot Trophy attainment
 - c. Contributions to the sport
23. Schedule for next Board meeting, suggested 8/16/25, which is the weekend after the Grand ends.
24. Other Business.

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1. Review of Financials – Jim Jenkins.
 - a. For the year there was an increase in general fund balance of \$481 vs a budgeted amount of \$(696). An anonymous donation of \$1000 plus a couple of other event donations, donations from cancelled Event 6, and reduced trophy costs pushed us into positive territory.
 - b. The HOF account had a net decrease of \$150 reflecting the awarded trophy plus the addition from state shoot.
 - c. Cashiering Help - \$1600
 - d. Saturday night meal - \$3506, split 50/50 with TBMGC. Last year's was \$4380.
 - e. Extraordinary one-time costs: \$790 for Hall of Fame Trophies.
 - f. Website costs were paid for 3 years at an unbudgeted cost of \$806; this price doubled from the previous renewal but is in line with other available host costs.
 - g. Liability insurance renewal is in the air. Our normal carrier only insured us through December 2025. He needs a new underwriter to be able to carry further. There is other insurance available at a comparable cost but the one I investigated who TBMGC uses charges for additional insured at \$25/each.
 - h. The forecasted very conservative budget for 2026 based upon 70,000 targets is \$(1633), including the requested TBMGC target price increase but not any LTA target fee increase.
2. Toby Bancroft Hosting Situation
 - a. TBMGC has agreed to host the shoot again this year.
 - b. TBMGC has asked for a \$1/100 target price increase, which would bring them to \$36/100, due to the increase in the cost of the targets themselves.

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Lafayette Trap Club	0				0	0
Mill Creek Gun Club	5	6700	6000	3400	16,100*	22,075
Toby Bancroft Memorial Gun Club	11	13300	8175	7350	28,825	46,875
Red Chute Shotgun Sports Club	10	5500	3200	2100	10,800	8,450
TOTALS			*estimated		126,675*	158,500

4. Confirm Championship Singles – confirm starting at 7:30 with 2 boxes to the line. AIM parents will furnish scorers again, paid by TBMGC.
5. Confirm that the State Shoot will be April 30 to May 3, 2026.
6. Confirm AIM State Shoot date as May 9, 2026, which is the weekend after the state shoot ends.

7. Selection of Trophy Committee – Proposed Danny Batten.
 - a. The cost for trophies was \$3965, for state team awards \$889, and for attendance pins \$465 for a total of \$5319. Last year's budget was \$6072.
 - b. Danny continues to reduce the overall trophy costs.
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12. Approve hiring assistance to help with cashiering, scoring input, collecting score sheets, etc.
13. Several shooters asked Amie Skipper if the LTA held church services on Sunday morning.
Traditionally, these have not been held. Thoughts?
14. Caterer for Saturday Dinner – reconfirm as Christmas.
15. Determination of Target Cost to Shooters
 - a. In 2025, it was \$39/100.
 - b. Budget wise every \$1/100 provides \$700 to the bottom line based upon the budgeted basis of 70,000 targets.
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19. HOF Candidate Proposal
 - a. None submitted by HOF committee.
 - b. Criteria
 - i. Lifetime target attainment
 - ii. LA. State Shoot Trophy attainment
 - iii. Contributions to sport
 - c. Robson Cupples may be submitting his grandfather, Earl Robson Cupples, as a candidate next year. He discussed this with me at the Grand and was puzzled why his grandfather didn't get selected when he went in the HOF. I sent him the requirements for him to do his research.
20. Proposed date for the next year's Board meeting is 8/15/26, which is the weekend after the Grand ends.
21. Other Business.