



Indiana Trapshooter's Association, Inc.



Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting October 3rd, 2020

1. Call to Order
President William Mager called the meeting of the Directors and Officers of the Indiana Trapshooter's Association to order at 10:11 am on October 3rd, 2020 in the offices of Wolfe & Swickard, 1344 S. Tibbs Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.
2. Roll Call
In attendance were:
President William Mager
Northern Zone Mike Powell Don Barker (Secretary)
Central Zone Mike Williams Dan Fesler
Southern Zone Dave Wade (Vice-Pres) Larry Schauss Jason Seitz
Ex-Officio & ATA Delegate Jason Barnett
Also in attendance was Desira Fesler, Camping Committee Chairperson.
Absent were Central Zone Director Sal DeSantis & Northern Zone Director Curtis Held and Indiana Gun Club Leasee and Manager Phillip Baker.
A quorum necessary to conduct business of the association was in attendance.
3. Minutes from June 25th, 2020 telephonic meeting, related to preparations for the 2020 Indiana State Shoot and preventive measures planned to address health concerns related to the COVID 19 pandemic were e_Mailed to board members and officers prior to the meeting to be reviewed. Dan Fesler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with Mike Powell seconding. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Treasurer Voliva had e_Mailed the balance sheet, profit and loss comparison statements (2019 vs. 2020) and profit and loss statements for the 2019 and 2020 Indiana State Shoots prior to the meeting to be reviewed. Possible error in comparison between 2019 and 2020 State Shoots related to camping fees and the actual calendar year in which they were received – JV to investigate. Discussion was held regarding ITA Club Dues amounts reported and the actual calendar year in which they were received. Total net income for January 1st, 2020 to date is (-2,576.83). Total bank balance as of September 27th, 2020 is \$184,567.18 with approximately \$107,000.00 earmarked for the proposed new shell house building when zoning and annexation to Fishers issues have been resolved. Phil Baker (IGC) has not yet been paid for golf cart rental, septic pumping, electrical usage and cleaning supplies, total costs estimated at \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. Mike Powell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented with Jason Seitz seconding. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Indiana State Shoot 2020:
 - a) Dan Fesler thought the shoot was quite successful given the challenges presented by the COVID 19 pandemic.
 - b) President Mager and Jason Barnett reported that they had received many compliments since the State Shoot and appreciation from many shooters that we were able to even hold the shoot, given the COVID 19 challenges.
 - c) Don Barker noted the poor condition of the flagpole and American flag. Will be corrected for 2021
 - d) It appeared that we had many more non-resident entries than in previous years, hoping they return in 2021.
 - e) Mike Williams indicated that he was pleased with how smooth things ran with no major glitches for 2020.
 - f) Jason Barnett reported that he was pleased with how little down-time we experienced between events and after last event of the shoot days and start of shoot-offs.
 - g) After discussion, it appeared that we had no significant issues with trap help, they all did a great job.
 - h) The continued use of 8 banks for ALL doubles events was discussed. To be determined immediately before 2021 shoot. Don Barker indicated that the success of using 8 banks will depend upon the ability and experience of trap help available.
 - i) The Board's appreciation was voiced for the assistance of the Leazier family members with loading trap houses on Monday before the shoot.

- j) Discussion was held regarding the annual Shooter Appreciation Chicken Dinner on Saturday night which could not logically be held given the restrictions due to COVID 19. Do we want to have it in 2021 ?? Loss to the ITA for 2019 was approximately \$2,370.00. Whether to have dinner in 2021 to be determined at a later date.
 - k) Mike Williams noted the difficulties running the shoot while hosting the Chicken Dinner and the effort required to enable the trap help to participate in the dinner.
 - l) Need to order hat in 2021 for Paul Fisher recognizing his contributions in assisting Annette with trap help.
 - m) Dan Fesler noted that more effort should have been put forth in making sure Sal DeSantis was available for the Annual Meeting on Friday evening.
 - n) Given the expected absence of Sal DeSantis (per Jason Barnett) to operate the lift while loading targets into trap houses next year, Dan Fesler asked if he should approach Tyler Fesler (son) about helping with running the lift while loading trap houses and unloading target trucks from White Flyer as a paid position. Consensus was that he should investigate the possibility. Other options discussed were George Harvey and/or Jason Seitz assisting. It was noted that it would be more convenient to have a set starting time rather than simply "when done" for the day. Ideally target trucks from White Flyer should be unloaded in the evening rather than mornings.
 - o) Need a lift operator plus ideally, 2 teams of three (3) persons each for loading trap houses in the evenings.
 - p) Mike Powell questioned what the plan was for providing water on the line in 2021 as "public" water coolers and paper cups were probably not an option in future years due to COVID 19 restrictions. Discussion was held about the possibility and cost of providing individual (8 oz. ??) bottled water to shooters in 2021. Mike Powell noted that approximately 9 large bags of ice were required each day for water coolers, costing the ITA approximately \$50.00 per day or \$300.00 for the week. Question of water to be determined at a later date (during spring 2021 State Shoot discussions/preparations).
 - q) Jason Barnett reported that in order to better control the distribution of trophies during and after the State Shoot, it will be necessary in 2021 to have a name recorded when shooters are picking up trophies for other shooters.
6. Discussion was held confirming advance responsibilities for 2021 State Shoot (see attachment "A" to minutes).
 7. President Mager reviewed the committee assignments and discussion was held and adjustments made to the committee list (see attachment "B" to minutes). Note President Mager's intention to create a new committee, Volunteer Coordination Committee to identify the areas that volunteers, wanting to assist with the state shoot, can help and assigning volunteers to those tasks. President Mager to discuss the possibilities with Keith Weller at first convenience.
 8. Indiana ATA Delegate Jason Barnett asked to let the minutes show that Devon Harris had done a great job with the induction ceremony for the 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees, Mike Evernham and Terry Hicks. Everybody was in agreement.
 9. Indiana Gun Club Manager's Report. In the absence of Phillip Baker, Don Barker noted the continued refurbishing of the skeet houses and how good they looked, progress continuing. No movement on replacing the portable skeet house to date. Per Don's last discussion with Phillip, it is Phillip's intention to remove the skeleton of the burned out trailer and the semi-trailers currently used for storage of components located adjacent to the ITA shipping containers. The ridge cap on the pavilion roof had been damaged on the roof and needs repair, ITA responsibility.
 10. Shell House Status. Mike Williams reported no movement on the proposed new shell house, progress pending success of application for 501©3 Non-Profit status and issues related to the possible annexation into the city of Fishers.
 11. Indiana Gun Club Lease Status. Don Barker reported that a short-term lease extension had been agreed to and signed with Phillip thru October 31, 2020. Negotiation of desired long-term lease agreement pending success of application for 501©3 Non-Profit status and potential subsequent application for Indiana Property Tax exemption and effect on property tax clauses in lease. Future extensions will be short-term rather than long-term.
 12. Not for Profit 501©3 Status. Jason Barnett reported that we are waiting on Krieg DeVault attorneys to review last submission Jason had made to them regarding qualifications of Board Members and Officers. COVID 19 restrictions within their offices are hindering their ability to proceed at full speed. Discussion was held regarding if any further bylaw changes are necessary, effect of ATA membership required to attend registered events (i.e. Indiana State Shoot), contact addresses for the association (President, Treasurer, Secretary, etc.) individuals or common (??) and the status of charges by and payments to Krieg DeVault. We believe we have been billed the maximum allowed per the original quote for their services.

- a) There are a couple of issues or procedures/policies that need to be developed and discussed with Krieg DeVault including but not limited to: Roll-call votes required when action of the Board is NOT by a unanimous vote.
 - b) Policies for the solicitation of donations or contributions to the association.
 - c) Nepotism within the membership of the Board and Officers.
 - d) Potential conflict of interest issues.
 - e) Shooting NOT limited to "members" as the actual "members" of the association are the gun clubs, not individual shooters.
13. Beeson Mechanical Services Bill Status. Discussion was held regarding the invoice from Beeson regarding the damage repair to the campground electrical supply due to the tent stake driven through the underground line by American Tent. Don Barker reported that after contact with Beeson by Mike Williams, the original bill had been corrected, no change in the amount (\$3,747.75) but the description of services had been modified. John Voliva reported that the bill had been submitted to the ITA insurance company and they were waiting for Phillip to provide a copy of the original tent lease agreement. It is hoped that the resolution of the charges is for ITA insurance to pay the bill less the deductible and that Phillip/IGC pay the deductible. Further discussion was held regarding possible ways to prevent this from happening in future years, including the locating of the line before Phil's tent is erected, the use of concrete deadfalls to anchor the tent rather than stakes and/or covering the lines or enclosing in conduit or providing some other such protection. Action tabled until next meeting after more is known about insurance company's position.
14. Utility Easement – Emerald Energy & Exploration. Jason Barnett and Don Barker recounted the history and communications between Emerald Energy and members of the ITA Board regarding Emerald's request to obtain an easement agreement for an underground power supply line along the east boundary of the gun club property adjacent to the access road owned by Duke Energy. Copies of overhead photographs and a proposed Easement Agreement were provided to the Board. Jason Barnett, Don Barker, Bill Mager, Sal DeSantis and Mike Perryman (representing IGC interests) had met and walked the property with Mr. James Penland, Right of Way Agent for Emerald Energy on September 15th, 2020. Mr. Penland inquired what would it take to make this happen ?? Discussion was held on the following issues related to the request for the easement:
- a) We simply cannot accept the Easement Agreement as provided by Emerald Energy, it gives far too much control to them for future and/or above ground construction.
 - b) We do not want any above-ground construction other than perhaps, terminal junction boxes as necessary. Any above-ground construction or improvements would restrict ITA (and/or Phillip) usage of easement.
 - c) During the walk-through/meeting on Sept 15th, Mr. Penland had indicated that we could modify ("red-line") the proposed agreement in any way that suited the ITA and he would carry back and present to their legal staff. Jason Barnett to modify the proposed agreement as a starting point.
 - d) Best possible outcome would be to grant NO easement on the gun club property.
 - e) Mike Williams voiced that we obviously would not want maintenance or construction to happen during the State Shoot.
 - f) In all due consideration of our Lessee, we would not want maintenance or construction to disrupt the sporting clays operation.
 - g) What would construction dates be ?? Project was originally scheduled for 1st quarter 2020 then when a change was made in contractors, the target became 4th quarter 2020.
 - h) Action: Jason Barnett to contact Emerald Energy & Exploration.
15. Consideration for Mike Perryman. Discussion was held regarding compensating Mike Perryman for obtaining asphalt millings, borrowing equipment and his labor for spreading and rolling the millings resulting in new "paved" areas in several camping pads along the incoming driveway, parking areas at the east of vendor row and the camping pads to the south, the area where the target tent is normally located and many parking and walk areas in the sporting clays course. Don Barker suggested \$2,000-\$2,500 cash payment as a thank you for Mr. Perryman. Jason Barnett suggested fine cigars and a bottle of Mike's favorite adult beverage at this late date and given Mr. Perryman's comments during the meeting with Emerald Energy. Sal DeSantis had already provided a bottle of Tio's vodka to Mr. Perryman during the State Shoot. After further discussion, Mike Williams also suggested the cigars & beverage consideration. Action: Jason Barnett to discuss with Phillip Baker and obtain for Mr. Perryman.
16. Mike Williams questioned whether Phillip Baker (IGC) had entered into any form of a formal sub-lease agreement with Mike Perryman related to the sporting clays operation. Action: Don Barker to discuss with Phillip during next lease extension activity.

17. Mike Williams made a motion to let the minutes show the appreciation the Board of Directors has for the most excellent job Diana Powell had done as Secretary of the Association prior to her resignation at the Annual Meeting with Dan Fesler seconding. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Tree Stumps in campground. Dan Fesler spoke on the need to remove the stumps remaining in the campground located west of the club house. President Mager and Don Barker also spoke on the need to remove these which could possibly provide more camping areas and certainly more convenient and safer access to the existing sites. Dan presented a quote from Mr. Todd Henderson of Dependable Tree Service, Inc (previously participated in downing these trees) to remove 15 short tree trunks and grind remaining stumps, back fill holes and remove ground material to leave at grade. 1 stump shares a root system with a living sycamore and is to only be flushed low, not to ground level. Acceptance of the quote will require a 10% deposit (\$360.00) to begin the work. Mike Williams made a motion to approve the quote as presented with Don Barker seconding. Motion carried unanimously. Action: Dan Fesler to contact Dependable Tree Service and schedule the work appropriately.
19. Ridge cap on pavilion roof. The previous gun club manager's report contained notice that the ridge cap on the pavilion roof had been damaged by the wind and needed to be repaired. Mike Powell made a motion that the ridge cap be repaired with Mike Williams seconding. Motion carried unanimously. Action: Dan Fesler to repair or contract for necessary repairs at his discretion.
20. Jason Barnett discussed the need for even more camping sites. Camping Committee Chairperson Desira Fesler reported that given renewals during and since the 2020 State Shoot, there were no spots available at this time and there was a waiting list of 10 or 11 names requesting sites for 2021. Desira has created an e-Mail address for camping inquiries – itacampgrounds@gmail.com.
21. Desira Fesler presented an aerial map of the Indiana Gun Club property and Dan Fesler presented a plan to possibly add 6 or 8 camping sites at the current location of the burned-out trailers. Electrical power would have to be made available but poles and a currently un-used power line are still installed remaining from the time when Jay/Anette Sperback's modular home was located in that area. Discussion was held related to the creation of additional sites. Financing options discussed were having those spots leased with payment up front in lieu of annual rent with rent being free for the initial several years. Additionally this could become a joint venture with Phil and Mike Perryman related to the sporting clays operation. There was interest among the Board members in further investigation. No vote taken at this time. Action: Mike Williams to investigate cost of providing electrical supply to this area. Dan Fesler to investigate cost of providing stone to the area.
22. Dan Fesler made a motion that the AIM Youth Director (Chrissy Byrd) and Hall of Fame Director (Devon Harris) be given their camping sites for free in lieu of their assistance to the Board. Seconded by Mike Williams. Motion passed unanimously. Action: Desira Fesler.
23. Dan Fesler made note that we have to determine a method to prevent parking in front of the garden shed and storage containers at the 2021 State Shoot. Board agreed. No action assigned.
24. Dan Fesler made note that asphalt millings were not added to all the camping pads on the incoming driveway and that millings or stone should be added to pads P1 & P2 & P3 before the 2021 State Shoot. Board agreed. No action assigned.
25. Dan Fesler reported that he had winterized the campground water supply and that some repairs will be necessary before the 2021 State Shoot. No action assigned.
26. President Mager and Don Barker reported that they had contacted Bob Reynolds, contact person at St. Joe Valley Conservation Club and the fact that we had not received any word on their desire (or not) to host the 2021 Northern Indiana Zone Championships. Bob had indicated that they were in the process of reorganizing their trap committee and yes, they do want to host the Zone shoot and it would probably be 3rd weekend of May, Friday May 14th thru Sunday May 16th.
27. Larry Schauss reported that he had been contacted by Vincennes Gun Club, asking if they could host the Southern Indiana Zone Championships on their weekend in June rather than May. Given bylaws and precedent, the Board rejected this. Action: Larry Schauss to report back to Vincennes with the Board's response.

28. Discussion was held regarding the Annual ITA Club Dues and the difficulty to regulate the billing and receipting for these dues. Some confusion existed within the clubs whether these dues were based on calendar year or target year and when they were to be paid. Some clubs pay at the beginning of the target year, others pay at the beginning of the calendar year and still others pay for the previous year at the State Shoot. Questions whether the \$10.00 per club is really a necessary income for the ITA. Action: tabled until Annual Meeting at 2021 State Shoot.
29. ATA Delegate's Report – ATA News and Current Events. ATA Delegate Jason Barnett reported on the apparent success of the Grand American held at the Missouri Homegrounds, Linn Creek Missouri. Given all the challenges of holding the Grand at a new location with a minimum of advance notice for planning and the restrictions due to health concerns related to the COVID 19 virus pandemic, things went well. Attendance was comparatively good and a general feeling of welcome was presented by the MTA and local/state officials. The Grand was attended by Missouri Governor Michael Parson who addressed the shooters during the opening ceremonies. Changes to the ATA rules, specifically related to failure to fire and target setting specifications were approved. Additionally, Jason will be distributing a draft of the State Teams to the Directors and Officers of the ITA and he asked that all Directors review the results, specifically the categories that shooters may or may not fall into. Jason has been assisted by and will continue to be assisted by Mr. Tim Richards in the manipulation of data available from the ATA and the calculations necessary to determine the State Team members.
30. Next meeting. Next ITA Board of Directors Meeting will be an in-person meeting scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday December 5th, 2020 in the offices of Wolfe & Swickard, 1344 S. Tibbs Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.
31. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mike Williams and seconded by Jason Seitz to adjourn at 1:55 pm. Motion passed unanimously.



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Responsibilities for Indiana State Shoot 2021
ATTACHMENT "A"**



Following are the tasks necessary for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot that need to be tentatively assigned in advance of the State Shoot so that reservations & planning steps can be done prior to the State Shoot.

Camping Reservations – Dan & Desira Fesler

- ✓ Camping Reservations & Collections
- ✓ Portable Toilets
- ✓ RV Septic Pumping
- ✓ Septic Tank Pumping after Shoot
- ✓ Dumpster(s)
- ✓ Desira has created e-Mail for camping inquiries – itacampgrounds@gmail.com
- ✓ EMT Duties (Desira Fesler)

Tents – Dan & Desira Fesler

- ✓ Sal DeSantis will probably NOT be available for 2021
- ✓ Keith Weller Assistance (??)

Golf Cart Rentals – David Wade & Jason Barnett

- ✓ Jason Barnett to work with P & P Golf Carts – Contract with P & P
- ✓ David Wade to handle Cart Requests & Distribution of Keys

Installing Traps - Mike Williams & Bill Mager

- ✓ Maintenance & Necessary Repair Prior to Installation – Tom Neal and Bobby Hubble (??)
- ✓ Labor Necessary to Install Traps from Annette Sperback when Locating Trap Help (??)
- ✓ Thursday July 1st Guaranteed 8 Hours at Overtime Rate (installing traps into trap houses)
- ✓ Friday July 2nd Guaranteed 4 Hours at Overtime Rate (if help necessary)
- ✓ Monday July 12th Guaranteed 8 Hours at Overtime Rate (removing traps from trap houses)
- ✓ Sal DeSantis will probably NOT be available for 2021

Lift Driver Unloading White Flyer Trucks & Loading Targets into Trap Houses – Bill Mager

- ✓ Sal DeSantis will probably NOT be available for 2021
- ✓ Dan Fesler to Investigate Tyler Fesler (son) for Lift Driver as Paid Position (??)
- ✓ Other Options – George Harvey and/or Jason Seitz (??)
- ✓ Labor Necessary to Load Trap Houses from Annette Sperback when Locating Trap Help (??)
- ✓ Time Worked at Overtime Rate
- ✓ Ideally 2 teams of three (3) persons each for loading traps

Line Supervisor(s) & Trap Help & Score Sheet Runner Positions – Don Barker

- ✓ Annette Sperback as Line Supervisor
- ✓ Paul Fisher as Assistant to Line Supervisor
- ✓ Jodene Phoencie as Score Sheet Runner
- ✓ Water Jugs & Ice (depending upon discussion for 2021)
- ✓ Trash Pick-up (Lee Van Duyne - ??)
- ✓ Rest Room & Clubhouse Custodial (Rhonda Collier via. Mike Williams - ??)



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Committees and Assignments

ATTACHMENT "B"



AIM YOUTH SHOOTING - Chrissy Byrd (chairperson)

- ✓ Jason Seitz
- ✓ Keith Weller

CAMPING - Desira Fesler (chairperson)

- ✓ Dan Fesler
- ✓ Jason Barnett
- ✓ Sal DeSantis
- ✓ Don Carlton (resource)

FACILITIES AND LEASE - Don Barker (chairperson)

- ✓ Mike Williams
- ✓ Sal DeSantis
- ✓ Dan Fesler
- ✓ David Wright

HALL OF FAME - Devon Harris (chairperson)

- ✓ Ex-Officio (Jason Barnett)
- ✓ President (William Mager)
- ✓ Vice President (David Wade)

ITA WEBSITE - John Voliva (chairperson)

- ✓ David Heeringa

NOT FOR PROFIT 501(C)3 - Jason Barnett (chairperson)

- ✓ Don Barker
- ✓ Sal DeSantis
- ✓ John Voliva
- ✓ Jason Seitz

PROGRAM AND PROMOTIONS - Jason Barnett (chairperson)

- ✓ Bill Mager
- ✓ Clarence Mason

TRAP MAINTENANCE & TARGET SETTING - Mike Williams (chairperson)

- ✓ Bill Mager
- ✓ Rick Dillon
- ✓ Tom Neal
- ✓ Bobby Hubble
- ✓ Don Barker (resource)
- ✓ Bill Kranenburg (resource)

TROPHIES

- ✓ David Cates (chairperson)
- ✓ Diana Simkins
- ✓ Larry Schauss

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

New Committee created by President Mager to identify the areas that volunteers, wanting to assist with the state shoot, can help and assigning volunteers to those tasks.
Mr. Mager to discuss the possibilities with Keith Weller at first convenience.