



# Indiana Trapshooter's Association, Inc.



## Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting December 5th, 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 10:08 am on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 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) Curtis Held
Central Zone	Mike Williams	Sal DeSantis
Southern Zone	Larry Schauss	

Absent were: Ex-Officio & ATA Delegate Jason Barnett & ITA Treasurer John Voliva & Central Zone Director Dan Fesler & Southern Zone Directors David Wade (Vice President) & Jason Seitz and Indiana Gun Club Leasee and Manager Phillip Baker. A quorum necessary to conduct business of the association was in attendance.

- 3. Reading & Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 meeting, were e\_Mailed to board members and officers prior to the meeting for review. After short review a motion was made by Mike Powell with Sal DeSantis seconding to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Voliva had e\_Mailed the balance sheet, profit and loss comparison statements (2020 vs. 2019) and profit and loss statements for the 2020 and 2019 Indiana State Shoots prior to the meeting for review. A corrected 2020 profit and loss statement for the 2020 Indiana State Shoot and a corrected ITA profit and loss comparison statement (2020 vs. 2019) was distributed on behalf of Treasurer John Voliva (absent) by Secretary Don Barker containing last-minute corrections. Explanations for questions raised at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting regarding camping income and sewage pumping fees were presented on behalf of Treasurer John Voliva by Secretary Don Barker. Discussion was held regarding the corrections. Total net income for January 1st, 2020 to date is (-\$5,777.40). Total bank balance as of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is \$181,366.61 with approximately \$107,000.00 earmarked for the proposed new shell house building when zoning and annexation to Fishers issues have been resolved. Phillip 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. Don Barker to address the yet-to-be billed charges with Phillip Baker (IGC) after the meeting. After short review a motion was made by Mike Williams with Mike Powell seconding to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. 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. The ITA has 1 year from the date the building permit is issued to begin actual construction. Mike reported that we have not yet actually requested the permit, not wanting to start the clock "running" because of the delays with the 501©3 Non-Profit Status and possible Annexation into the City of Fishers.
- 6. IGC Lease Status.** Don Barker reported that the short-term extension of the lease agreement with Phillip Baker has been extended thru December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- 7. 501©3 Non Profit Status.** Don Barker reported on behalf of Ex-Officio Jason Barnett (absent) that formal application to the IRS has been delayed due to the effects of the COVID 19 virus at the Kreig/Devault legal firm handling the application and that Kreig/Devault had indicated that there surely will be delays when received by the IRS due to the effect of COVID 19 on their activities

8. **Beeson Mechanical Service Invoice/Insurance Claim Status.** Don Barker reported that the details of the contract between American Tent and IGC/Phillip Baker had been made available to Treasurer John Voliva, necessary to filing the claim with the ITA insurance company. See verbal agreement related to any insurance settlement deductible amount in Indiana Gun Club Manager's report, Item 31-c below.
9. **Utility Easement Request from Emerald Energy.** Don Barker reported on behalf of Ex-Officio (absent) Jason Barnett that no progress had been made between himself and Mr. James Penland, representative for Emerald Energy related to their request to obtain a utility easement on the eastern boundary of the Indiana Gun Club property. The previous plan of submitting a mutually agreeable modified version of their "standard" Utility Easement Agreement has, to date, failed. As an alternative plan Jason was preparing to submit an "ITA friendly" agreement for their consideration. Since the granting of said easement should include some financial consideration for the ITA, Jason has asked that the ITA Board approve a dollar amount per acre to request in the modified agreement. After discussion, a motion was made by Mike Williams with Curtis Held seconding to approve the amount of \$35,000.00 per acre (estimated to be 2.42 acres, exact acreage to be determined by survey prior to any easement agreement being executed) for a total amount of \$84,700.00. Motion carried unanimously. Action: Don Barker to inform Jason of the Board's decision so he may proceed with negotiations.
10. **Consideration for Mike Perryman.** Discussion had been held at the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 board meeting regarding compensation for Mike Perryman for obtaining asphalt millings, borrowing equipment and his labor for spreading and rolling the millings at numerous locations at Indiana Gun Club. Mr. Perryman had been reimbursed for his out-of-pocket expenses incurred for fuel, another person's labor and such following the Indiana State Shoot. Discussion was held regarding a method to show appreciation for Mr. Perryman in some additional way, A motion was made by Sal DeSantis to compensate Mike Perryman with \$1,000.00 cash. Motion died for lack of a second. Mike Williams made a motion with Curtis Held seconding to provide a gift certificate in the amount of \$500.00 for Ruth Christ Steakhouse. Motion carried unanimously. Action: Mike Williams to obtain gift card from Ruth Christ Steakhouse and deliver to Mr. Perryman with the ITA Treasurer reimbursing Mike Williams.
11. **Indiana Gun Club Sporting Clays Sub-Lease.** During the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 board meeting, Mike Williams had questioned whether Mike Perryman had any sort of sub-lease for the Sporting Clays activities at Indiana Gun Club. Don Barker had discussed with Phillip Baker in a phone conversation and Phillip stated that there was no sub-lease agreement with Mr. Perryman.
12. **Lift Truck Driver for 2021 Indiana State Shoot.** A suggestion was made during the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 board meeting related to Sal DeSantis's expected absence for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot and the possibility of retaining Tyler Fesler as a lift truck driver for unloading White Flyer Target deliveries and for moving targets for loading trap houses at the end of each day's shooting events. Discussion was held regarding other options based on the potential for these duties to interfere with Mr. Fesler's business interests. Sal DeSantis made note that both David Wright and Jason Barnett had assisted in the past and there was a thought that Fred Harvey could possibly be interested in helping out also. Curtis Held was also qualified to assist and indicated he would be glad to help out if necessary. Further discussion to be held at a later date.
13. **Tree Stumps in Campground.** Don Barker reported on behalf of Dan Fesler (absent) that as of Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chris of Dependable Tree Service was within a couple of weeks of being able to start on grinding tree stumps as previously contracted with and approved (estimate \$3,600.00 deposit of \$360.00 paid) by the ITA Board.
14. **Ridge Cap Repair on Pavilion Roof.** Don Barker reported on behalf of Dan Fesler (absent) that necessary repairs to the ridge cap on the pavilion roof had been completed and the bill has been paid. Total cost was \$325.40, Bittle Home Services check# 3073.
15. **Additional Camping Spots Where Phillip's Storage Trailers are Located.** Dan Fesler had initiated discussion during the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 board meeting about the possibility of creating 6 to 8 additional camping sites to the south-east of where the target tent is normally located during the State Shoot given Phillip's plan to remove his storage trailers currently in that area. Dan had indicated he would be researching the expected cost of excavation and installing and compacting a stone base and the cost of electrical work necessary to provide power. He had hoped to negotiate a long-term (10 year) lease for these sites with the total camping fees to be paid in advance, the proceeds to be used for the development cost of the sites. Don Barker reported on behalf of Dan Fesler (absent) that Dan's discussion with a construction & excavating company resulted in an estimate of approximately

\$20,000.00 for the excavation and stone work. He had not yet discussed with Mike Williams to approximate a cost from Beeson Electrical (prior campground electrical contractors) to provide electrical service but a minimum cost of \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 for the electrical work did not seem to be an unreasonable guess. This would result in a total cost to construct the sites of approximately \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. If, at best, we leased each of 8 sites for 10 years at the current rate of \$200.00/year we would recover only \$16,000.00 of the initial investment leaving an estimated \$14,000.00 to \$24,000.00 for the ITA to fund initially. In addition, the campers that Dan had reviewed his thoughts with indicated they would only be interested in a maximum lease term of 5 years or less. These were existing campers and they have the ability to remain on their current sites while investing only \$200.00 per year (at current rates) on a year-to-year basis. Mr. Fesler had indicated to Don that he was no longer sure this would be a financially responsible idea. Discussion was held and the costs and recovery of cost mathematics were reviewed. A motion was made by Sal DeSantis with Mike Powell seconding to table the proposal until after further discussion and investigation can be held. Motion carried unanimously.

17. **2020 Indiana All-State Teams.** ATA Delegate Jason Barnett (absent) had previously e\_Mailed DRAFT copies of the 2020 Indiana All-State Teams and had followed up with an e-Mail message to board members and a phone call to Don Barker noting that there was an error in the name of the Doubles high average award. The draft copy had named Jason Seitz as the high Doubles average but it was in fact, Devon Harris. The average was correct (97.60%). Copies of manually corrected All-State teams were presented by Don Barker on behalf of Jason Barnett (absent). Review of names and especially, categories was held. Don Barker related a phone discussion with Jason at the time the error in the Doubles average award was corrected where Don had presented an option to NOT publish the averages with the All-State team names. The Board had, in the past, received disparaging remarks related to the averages with which some shooters had made the All-State Team, especially in some of the categories with a lesser number of total shooters and certainly a minimal number of shooters in the categories that had attained the minimum target requirements. There currently is NO minimum average included in the requirements to be named to the Indiana All-State team. Upon the discussion between Jason Barnett and Don Barker, Jason directed that the possibility of not publishing the averages with the All-State team names be presented to the board for their consideration. After further discussion a motion was made by Mike Williams with Sal DeSantis seconding to not include the averages at the time the All-State Team was published in Trap & Field Magazine, the ITA website nor the State Shoot program but that they would be included on the plaques presented to the All-State team members. Motion carried unanimously. Action: Don Barker to notify ATA Delegate Jason Barnett of the board's action.
18. **Indiana All-State Teams – Participation at Local Clubs.** Sal DeSantis initiated discussion about shooters making the 2020 Indiana State and questioned how many targets they had shot at local Indiana Clubs and expressing his opinion that anybody placed on the Indiana All-State Team must shoot “some” number of targets in Indiana in order to support the local clubs. Given the data that the board had been given by Jason Barnett, there was no way to determine how many or which shooters had shot registered ATA targets at Indiana clubs at this time. It was discussed that there currently are no requirements that any of a shooter's targets be shot at Indiana Clubs in order to be eligible for the All-State team. After further discussion a motion was made by Sal DeSantis with Curtis Held seconding that effective with the 2022 Indiana All-State team, “no shooter not having shot a registered ATA event at an Indiana club, excluding the Indiana State Championships, shall be eligible for the Indiana All-State team”. Motion carried unanimously. Upon completion of the vote, a motion was made by Don Barker with Larry Schauss seconding that any board action be tabled until after review with ATA Delegate Jason Barnett to verify his ability to determine the All-State team given the data that is provided by the ATA and to gather his opinion.
19. **Memorial Policy.** Discussion was held regarding a more formalized policy for the Board to follow upon death of a Board Member, ITA Hall of Fame Inductee, ITA shooter, or in some cases, a shooter's family member. After discussion, it was decided that there was no one rule that would fit all memorial situations. A motion was made by Don Barker with Mike Williams seconding that that upon notification by any Board member or Officer to the President of a death that should be acknowledged, the President will, at his sole discretion, direct the Treasurer or Secretary to take appropriate action. Limit \$100.00. Memorial contribution to be given consideration over flowers. Motion carried unanimously. Action: Don Barker to notify Treasurer John Voliva of the board's action.
20. **Trophy Plans for 2021 Indiana Zone Championships and Indiana State Shoot.** Discussion was held and it was the consensus of all in attendance that due to the still existing possibility of scheduling changes or cancellations of these events due to federal, state or local restrictions related to health concerns because of the

COVID 19 virus or variants, it be planned at this time that all engraving for trophies not to contain the year and/or dates of events in case of cancellation.

21. **White Flyer Target Delivery Schedule.** It had been discussed at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting that evening target deliveries could be preferred to the morning deliveries we have normally received in the past. This because of the expected absence of Sal DeSantis for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot and the unloading of targets on the grounds and it being easier to schedule a substitute for this task for 2021. Don Barker reported that he had discussed with Mr. Tim Gunter, Plant Manager at the White Flyer plant located in Knox, Indiana where all of our shipments originate. Tim's response had been that it was not possible to determine a delivery schedule nor commit to evening deliveries at this time. It would all depend on truck driver's hours available at the end of the day on ITA delivery dates and where other deliveries may be scheduled at that time, potentially dependent on priority deliveries for the Grand American wherever that may be held in 2021. However, Tim asked that he be reminded of our request during April or May of 2021 so that he may keep our request in mind as scheduling is done for July. Action: Don Barker to discuss with Mr. Gunter in April or May of 2021.
22. **Publish ITA Meeting Dates & Times and Sites on ITA Website.** Treasurer John Voliva (absent) had requested the board to determine if they wished the dates, times and site of the ITA Board Meetings to be published in advance on the ITA website. After discussion it was decided by the board to NOT publish this information on the website. Requests by shooters and/or others to attend a board meeting to be addressed on an individual basis so as not to take advantage of Mike Williams and the hospitality Wolfe & Swickard, especially at this time with the potential restrictions and policies of the company subject to last-minute changes because of health concerns due to the COVID 19 virus. Action: Don Barker to notify Treasurer John Voliva of the board's action.
23. **Publish ITA Board Meeting Minutes on ITA Website.** Treasurer John Voliva (absent) had requested the board to determine if they wished the minutes of the ITA Board Meetings to be published on the ITA website after approval (normally next meeting). After discussion it was decided by the board that minutes of the ITA Board Meetings should be published on the ITA website after approval. In addition, Don Barker to develop and verify an accurate e-Mail mailing list so that minutes may be distributed to the individual gun clubs along with a letter to ask and encourage the clubs to post these minutes in a conspicuous place so that they may be seen and reviewed by the shooters. Action: Don Barker to notify Treasurer John Voliva of the board's action plus develop a methodology to distribute minutes, when approved, to the individual gun clubs.
24. **Vendor Space for John Harden & Game Masters.** Mike Williams recounted the issues related to John Harden's request (later withdrawn) to lease a vendor spot for the 2020 Indiana State Shoot. Mike indicated that Mr. Harden had expressed his intent to again request a spot for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Discussion was held and it was consent of the board that, pending availability of a vendor spot, there was no way to refuse Mr. Harden a spot. Further discussion to be held when Jason Barnett (absent) and Dan & Desira Fesler (absent) are available to comment.
25. **Availability of Camping Spaces for 2021 Indiana State Shoot.** Sal DeSantis inquired whether there were any camping spots available for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Given the absence of Dan & Desira Fesler, nobody in attendance was qualified to answer that question. Action: Sal to contact Dan and/or Desira at a later date.
26. **ITA Furniture Loaned to Indiana Gun Club for State Sporting Clays Shoot.** Sal DeSantis inquired whether anybody had checked on the return of the scorers chairs, shooter benches and gun racks loaned to Indiana Gun Club for the 2020 Indiana State Sporting Clays Championship in late July 2020 and whether these items had been properly stored in the ITA storage containers. Nobody in attendance had checked to date. Action: Sal to go to Indiana Gun Club after the meeting to check the storage containers.
27. **Availability of DRAFT ITA Board Meeting Minutes.** Secretary Don Barker asked the directors in attendance if they would prefer the distribution of DRAFT copies of the ITA Board Meeting minutes immediately AFTER the meeting or a week to 10 days IN ADVANCE of the next meeting. All in attendance indicated that receiving them shortly BEFORE the next meeting was preferable, providing the ability for them to review the last meeting closer to the next meeting. Action: Secretary Barker to distribute DRAFT copies of the ITA Board Meeting minutes shortly BEFORE the succeeding meeting.
28. **AIM Youth Shooting Committee Report.** Given the absence of AIM Youth Committee Chairperson Chrissy Byrd, no report on the youth shooting program was available.

29. **HALL of Fame Committee.** Given the absence of Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson Devon Harris, no report on any Hall of Fame actions to date was available.
30. **Volunteer Coordinator.** This is a new committee created by President Mager for the 2020-2021 season. President Mager reported that he had contacted Mr. Keith Weller to chair the formation and organization of the committee and he had accepted. No further committee appointments were available at this time.
31. **Indiana Gun Club Manager's Report.** Don Barker gave a report on Indiana Gun Club actions and concerns on behalf of Phillip Baker (absent).
- a) Property Tax Bills for the 2019 payable 2020 Property taxes have been paid, all bills having being paid in total at time of Spring Installment due June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  - b) The main air conditioning unit located on the platform to the east of the club house (NOT the A/C unit on the roof which was replaced in 2019 was failing and Phil had a HVAC technician examine and assess the condition of the unit. The opinion was that the unit was worn out and needs to be replaced. He had provided an estimate to Phil of \$4,000.00 to \$4,500.00 for replacement. Phil had contacted another technician on the recommendation of Dan Fesler for a second opinion but as of Thursday 12/3/2020 had not yet inspected the unit.
  - c) Phil had indicated to Don Barker that he was willing to stand for the entire cost of repair or replacement of the air conditioning unit, whichever was necessary. Don had offered to Phil that **\*\*IF\*\*** Phil paid the entire cost and **\*\*IF\*\*** the ITA's insurance would pay the claim for Beeson Electrical repair due to Phil's text stake at the 2020 State Shoot damaging the underground campground electrical service, the ITA would not seek reimbursement for the (expected) \$500.00 deductible as had previously been agreed upon.
  - d) Refurbishing of the permanent skeet houses had been completed and a plan for refurbishing the mobile skeet houses was next on Phil's list.
  - e) Phil believed the bill for cleaning supplies from State Shoot had been paid. Note: it was determined later after discussion with Treasurer John Voliva that they have NOT yet been paid. Action: Don Barker to address with Phil.
  - f) Costs related to ITA rental of IGC (Phil's) golf carts have NOT yet been paid. Further Information is required from Jason Barnett and/or David Wade in order to make payment to Phil. Action: Don Barker to address with Jason and David Wade
  - g) Costs related to "pro-rated" ITA share of IGC's electrical charges have NOT yet been paid. Further information is required from Bill Mager (before/after meter readings) and Phil (Duke Electrical bills for July 2020) in order to make payment to Phil. Action: Don Barker to address with Phil Baker and Bill Mager.
32. **ATA Delegate's report.** Don Barker reported on behalf of ATA Delegate Jason Barnett (absent) that Minnesota had already cancelled their State Shoot for 2021. Comment was also made on the severe health challenges facing Indiana shooter Bobby Bolden due to effects of the COVID 19 virus.
33. **Next Meeting Date/Time and Location.** Next ITA Board of Directors meeting will be an in-person meeting tentatively scheduled for Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am in the in the offices of Wolfe & Swickard, 1344 S. Tibbs Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.
34. **Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mike Powell with Larry Schauss seconding to adjourn at 1:16 pm. Motion carried unanimously.