



Indiana Trapshooter's Association, Inc.

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting

February 13th, 2021



1. Call to Order.

President William Mager called the meeting of the Directors and Officers of the Indiana Trapshooter's Association to order at 10:12 am on Saturday February 13th, 2021 in the offices of Wolfe & Swickard, 1344 S. Tibbs Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

2. Roll Call of Board Members.

In attendance were:

President	William Mager		
Northern Zone	Mike Powell	Don Barker (Secretary)	
Central Zone	Mike Williams		
Southern Zone	Larry Schauss	David Wade (Vice President)	Jason Seitz
Christine Byrd (AIM Youth Shooting Committee Chairperson)			

Absent were: Ex-Officio & ATA Delegate Jason Barnett & ITA Treasurer John Voliva & Central Zone Directors; Dan Fesler, Sal DeSantis 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 December 5th, 2020 meeting, were e_Mailed to board members and officers prior to the meeting for review. After short review a motion was made by Jason Seitz with Mike Powell seconding to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report. Secretary Barker distributed copies of the Financial Report on behalf of Treasurer Voliva (absent) prior to the start of the meeting for review. Total net income for January 1st, 2021 to date is (-\$10,331.94). Total bank balance as of February 10th, 2021 is \$170,999.71 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 and electrical usage. Reimbursement to IGC for cleaning supplies has been paid in the amount of \$323.89. Records to determine the electrical reimbursement were provided by President Mager and Duke Energy Bills have been provided by Phillip Baker to be forwarded to Treasurer John Voliva. Records to determine golf cart rental have been forwarded to Mr. Voliva by David Wade. Property & Liability Insurance (\$8,401.00) and Workman's Compensation insurance (\$1,495.00) bills have been paid. After short review a motion was made by Mike Williams with Jason Seitz 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. Mike questioned the current condition of the shell house roof and whether maintenance measures were required prior to the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Action: Mike Williams to inspect the condition of the shell house, review with Phillip and report to the Board on any repairs necessary.

6. IGC Lease Status. Secretary Barker reported that the short-term extension of the lease agreement with Phillip Baker has been extended thru March 31st, 2021. Negotiation of desired long-term lease agreement pending success of application for 501©3 Non-Profit status and planned 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.

7. 501©3 Non Profit Status. Secretary Barker reported on behalf of Ex-Officio Jason Barnett (absent) that as of Friday February 12th, 2021 no further progress with the application to the IRS has been accomplished due to effects of the COVID 19 virus at Kreig/Devault offices. Jason is hoping for an update early next week.

8. Beeson Mechanical Service Invoice/Insurance Claim Status. Secretary Barker reported that after a recent discussion with Treasurer Voliva (absent), a settlement with our insurance company may not be in the best interest of

the ITA as they will file a claim against American Tent where the contract with Phil indicates that the “property owner” is responsible for the locating of local utilities and to avoid the possibility of damaging our relationship with American Tent who has faithfully and at favorable & discounted rates provided tents for many years to the ITA for the Indiana State Shoot. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Mike Williams with Larry Schauss seconding that a claim NOT be filed with our insurance company pending Don Barker review with Phillip and in an attempt to negotiate some sort of a settlement towards resolution of the Beeson Mechanical bill (which has already been paid by the ITA). Motion carried unanimously. Action: Don Barker to negotiate a settlement with Phil Baker. Upon further discussion, it was determined without motion that beginning with the State Shoot in 2021, Phillip will be solely responsible for the locating of electrical service lines before the installation of Phillip’s IGC gun tent. Suggestions were heard regarding other preventative measures that could be taken to avoid another occurrence including the testing of the campground electrical service in advance of the 2021 Indiana State Shoot in order to ensure that no current damage exists.

9. **Utility Easement Request from Emerald Energy.** Secretary 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. It appears that there is no current sense of urgency on their part to obtain an agreement at this time.
10. **Consideration for Mike Perryman.** Mike Williams reported that he had obtained a gift certificate in the amount of \$500.00 for Ruth Christ Steakhouse and presented it to Mike Perryman in consideration of his efforts with the acquisition and application of asphalt millings around Indiana Gun Club. Mr. Perryman was most appreciative. Per Board action at the December 5th, 2021 ITA Board Meeting, Mike has been reimbursed by the ITA.
11. **Tree Stumps in Campground.** Secretary Barker reported that as of his visit to Indiana Gun Club on Saturday January 30th, the tree stumps in the campground have been ground out and the debris removed. This bill (\$3,600.00) has been paid to Dependable Tree Service by Treasurer Voliva.
12. **Additional Camping Spots Where Phillip’s Storage Trailers are Located.** Mike Williams reported that after discussion with Beeson Electrical, sufficient power is available for potential additional sites however there will be a cost to transmit power to the location from the service panels located at “Earl Toliver’s Tree”. Long-term (10 year) leases with campers with the total lease costs to be paid in advance of development is doubtful. No further discussion at this time.
13. **2020 Indiana All-State Teams.** ATA Delegate Jason Barnett (absent) had previously e_Mailed corrected copies of the 2020 Indiana All-State Teams and had followed up with an e-Mail message to board members. There were no changes to the members of the teams, simply the correction of a name spelling error. Discussion was held regarding minimal feed-back that Board Members had received regarding not publishing the composite averages and target attainment. The subject may be revisited prior to naming 2021 teams depending on further feed-back. Corrected version of 2020 Indiana All-State Teams publication listing is provided as an attachment to these minutes.
14. **ITA Furniture Loaned to Indiana Gun Club for State Sporting Clays Shoot.** Secretary Barker reported on behalf of Sal DeSantis (absent) that Sal had checked the storage containers after the December 5th, 2020 Board Meeting and all furniture had been returned in good condition and properly stored in the containers. Mike Williams reported that he also had recently checked on the furniture and agreed all was good.
15. **Publish ITA Board Meeting Minutes on ITA Website.** Secretary Barker reported that he would be providing minutes for the October 3rd, 2020 and December 5th, 2020 ITA Board Meetings (after approval) to Treasurer John Voliva in order to begin publishing these on the ITA website per Board action at the December 5th, 2021 Board Meeting. Secretary Barker will also begin distributing the minutes (after approval) to the individual gun clubs along with a letter requesting and encouraging that the clubs to post these minutes in a conspicuous place so that actions of the Board may be shared with the shooters.
16. **Indiana Zone Shoot Schedule 2021.** Secretary Barker distributed a copy of the Zone Shoot schedule for 2021 including club and manager contact information. Northern Zone Shoot to be held at St. Joe Valley Conservation Club, St. Joe, Indiana with a Preliminary day on Friday May 14th, 2021 and Zone Championship days on Saturday May 15th and Sunday May 16th, 2021. Central Zone Shoot to be held at Fall Creek Valley Gun Club, Markleville, Indiana with a Preliminary day on Friday May 28th, 2021 and Zone Championship days on Saturday May 29th and Sunday May 30th, 2021. Southern Zone Shoot to be held at Vincennes Gun Club, Vincennes, Indiana with NO Preliminary day scheduled and Zone Championship days on Saturday May 15th and Sunday May 16th, 2021. Zone Shoot Schedule for 2021 provided as an attachment to these minutes.

17. **Modification to Zone/State Penalties for 16 Yard & Doubles Events.** Secretary Barker distributed a proposal for the modification of penalties to be assessed for shooters competing at the Indiana Zone Championships and Indiana State Shoot that have not attained the minimum target requirements. Target Requirements and Average/Class tables for 16 Yard & Doubles events were NOT changed. Shooters not meeting the target requirements will be advanced one (1) class (with the exception of Class "AA" shooters who will NOT be advanced). This applies to both 16 Yard and Doubles events. Handicap penalties remain unchanged. Handicap shooters not meeting the target requirements will shoot from their ATA assigned yardage plus two (2) yards penalty. Penalty yardage not to exceed 25 yards or current yardage, whichever is greater (per ATA sec VI sub sec E). Motion made by Jason Seitz with Mike Powell seconding that the target requirement penalties to be modified as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.
18. **ATA Rule Change Effective September 1st, 2020 Regarding Special Categories.** Secretary Barker distributed a copy of an ATA Rule change affecting all shoots where ATA trophies are awarded, therefore affecting the Indiana State Shoot. This change is related to the declaration of Special Categories (ATA sec IV sub sec K). Basically, the previous version stated "No contestant will be allowed to declare or change a special declaration after firing their first shot". This rule has been changed to: "If a classification error is discovered BEFORE the CLOSE of an event, the error shall be corrected for that event and all subsequent events. If an error is discovered AFTER an event is closed, all corrections shall be made for subsequent events only. In either case, all previous events the shooter shot in will be in the "Open Category". Either case may or may not affect the shooters eligibility for the HOA and HAA, depending on when the error was corrected". Discussion was held regarding the effect of this rule on the Indiana State Shoot. Further discussion was held and Secretary Barker noted the potential challenges this new rule could cause; a.) the importance at the State for the "close of entries" to be announced and noted, and; b.) the potential for error in awarding HAA and/or HOA awards "depending on when the error was corrected". Action: Don Barker to make Jason Barnett aware of the change so that it may be noted as necessary in the Indiana Zone and Indiana State shoot programs.
19. **Modification to Protected Zone Shoot Weekends Policy.** Secretary Barker reported that while approving Zone Shoot dates it became apparent that there was a conflict between the policy providing that "No other in-zone club may conduct an ATA shoot on the weekend of the club that's hosting the Zone Shoot" and the "50 Mile" rule that states that weekdays, Saturdays and Holidays are not reserved. Motion made by Don Barker with Mike Williams seconding that the protected Zone Shoot policy be modified to state that "No other in-zone club may conduct an ATA shoot on the Zone Shoot weekend or Preliminary date preceding, provided that a Preliminary date is scheduled by the host club". Motion carried unanimously. Zone Rotation Schedule provided as an attachment to these minutes.
20. **Clarification of "50 Mile" Rule and "Reserved" Sundays.** Secretary Barker reported that although a rule had been previously approved by action of the ITA Board of Directors and the policy historically enforced regarding "Reserved" Sunday shoot dates, no formal document exists defining this rule. Motion made by Don Barker with Mike Williams seconding that a document defining "Reserved" Sunday shoot dates be prepared and that it be distributed to the Board Members and all gun clubs. "2021 Indiana Gun Club Shoot Registry" showing currently observed "Reserved" Sunday shoot dates for the individual clubs and a document containing the "50 Mile" Rules as related to "Reserved" Sundays are provided as attachments to these minutes.
- Criteria for "Reserved" Sunday shoot dates to specify that:
- ✓ No ITA Club within a 50 mile radius, regardless of zone affiliation, may shoot on another club's "Reserved" Sunday shoot dates.
 - ✓ Only the first four (4) Sundays in a month are reserved, the 5th Sunday in a month (if one exists) is not restricted and is open to all clubs.
 - ✓ Saturdays (excepting in-zone Zone Shoot dates) are not restricted and are open to all clubs.
 - ✓ Weekdays (excepting in-zone Zone Shoot Preliminary dates) are not restricted and are open to all clubs.
 - ✓ Holidays normally observed on "floating" days of the week and not falling on another club's "Reserved" Sunday shoot date are not restricted and are open to all clubs. For purpose of this rule, "floating" holidays shall include: New Year's Day, Independence Day (4th of July), Veteran's (Armistice) Day, and Christmas Day.
21. **Target Bids for 2021 Indiana State Shoot.** A motion was made by Don Barker with Mike Powell seconding that Treasurer John Voliva be authorized to advertise for bids on targets for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Targets to be ¾ Orange Dome or "New York" style, same as utilized for 2020 State Shoot. Total of 3,528 cases with delivery schedule to be 24 skids (1,512 cases) delivered Monday July 5th, 24 skids (1,512 cases) delivered Wednesday July 7th and 8 skids (504 cases) delivered Friday July 9th. This represents 1,008 cases less than received for 2020 and should result in fewer excess targets to be disposed of after the shoot. Mike Williams noted that if we experienced

exceptional attendance, additional targets (3/4) Orange Dome or “new York” style could be made available from Brownsburg and/or Fall Creek Valley, local clubs in proximity of Indiana Gun Club. Motion made by Don Barker with Mike Powell seconding that Treasurer Voliva be authorized to advertise for target bids. Motion carried unanimously.

22. **2021 Indiana State Shoot Target Prices.** Discussion was held regarding target prices for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot and therefore the maximum target prices that could be charged for Zone Shoot (Championship) targets by the host clubs. Comparisons were made to the prices charged at the Indiana State Shoot compared to other State Shoots which were, in all cases, greater than at Indiana. It was the Board’s consensus that we wished to keep target prices as low as possible however a modest increase was necessary in order to fund the planned increase in trap help and service position salaries in 2021. Discussion was also heard that if necessary due to an (unexpected) significant target increase received in the bids from target suppliers, the target price could be increased by Board action via e-Mail in time for Zone contracts and Zone/State Shoot programs to be distributed. Motion made by Don Barker with Jason Seitz seconding that target prices for the Indiana State Shoot be set at \$33.00 per 100, an increase of \$1.00 per 100 from the \$32.00 per 100 charged in 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

23. **Increase Trap Help & Service Position Pay Scale for 2021.** Secretary Barker distributed a proposal for the increase of Trap Help & Service Positions pay rate for the Indiana State Shoot. Discussion was held regarding the current trap help and service position pay scale. The last pay increase was for the 2015 Indiana State Shoot and it was time to consider an increase in trap help & service position pay scales for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Current pay scale was \$60.00 per day x 6 days = \$360.00 plus a \$175.00 end of week bonus for a total weekly pay of \$535.00 not including any overtime pay.

This same increase will also apply to the following service positions:

- ✓ Assistant Line Supervisor.
- ✓ Score Sheet Runner.
- ✓ Big Board Duty.
- ✓ Trash Collection.
- ✓ Water Jug & Ice Duty.

NOTE: we have not paid for this position for several years, Mike & Diana Powell with the assistance have covered this position.

- ✓ Trap Mechanic.

NOTE: we have not paid for this position for several years, several members of the Trap Committee and various volunteers have covered these duties as necessary.

- Line Supervisor has a different pay scale and will not be increased for 2021 – last changed 2020.
- Custodian has a different pay scale and will not be increased for 2021 – last changed 2020.

Mike Williams questioned whether the increase should be applied against the daily rate or the end of week bonus. After discussion, it was agreed that an increase in the daily rate was more appropriate. Overtime rate to remain at \$15.00 per hour as it was increased for the 2020 State Shoot. Overtime rate is normally paid for installing traps prior to the State Shoot, shoot-offs, loading trap houses during the shoot and “clean-up” duties on Monday following the shoot. Motion made by Don Barker with Larry Schauss seconding that the pay scale be raised to \$70.00 per day x 6 days = \$420.00 plus a \$175.00 end of week bonus for a total weekly pay of \$595.00 not including overtime pay. Motion carried unanimously.

24. **Line Supervisor.** Motion made by Don Barker with Mike Williams seconding that Annette Sperback be retained as Line Supervisor for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot and that Annette begin, at her convenience, acquiring trap help commitments as necessary for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. President Mager asked that she also work on obtaining help for installing traps, etc. prior to the State Shoot, loading trap houses during the shoot and “clean-up” duties on Monday following the shoot. Motion carried unanimously. Action: Don Barker to contact Annette and confirm her interest for 2021.

25. **Recognize Indiana High Over-All Champions in State Shoot Program.** Secretary Barker distributed a proposal that was initiated during his conversation with Devon Harris, ITA Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson, regarding the need to recognize Indiana State Shoot High Over-All Champions in the annual State Shoot Program. Currently High Over-All Champions are not listed in the program, the only event not so listed. Motion made by Don Barker with Jason Seitz seconding that Indiana State Shoot High Over-All Champions be listed in the Indiana State Shoot program in the future and retro-actively as prior year champions can be determined. Motion carried unanimously. Action: Don Barker to notify Mr. Harris of the Board’s action and to assist Mr. Harris, in cooperation with Trap & Field magazine and any other resources available, to identify prior year champions so that they may be listed in the State Shoot program.

26. **USA Shooting and Hillsdale College Launch New Partnership.** Secretary Barker distributed copies of a press release announcing a partnership between USA Shooting and Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan (214 miles from Indianapolis) that will designate Hillsdale's 113 acre world class John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center as a certified Regional Training and Competition Center for the USA Shooting National Team. As a result, Hillsdale College will be able to host World Cup Championships, National Olympic and Paralympic team matches and International Grand Prix of Shooting events. Hillsdale College will invest \$15 million in improvements to the Halter Shooting Center. It is hoped that this partnership will be an encouragement to local youth shooters and provide Olympic class facilities at a much closer location than what Boulder, Colorado has provided in the past.
27. **Midway Foundation Grant for Possible Improvements at Indiana Gun Club.** Jason Seitz provided information that Mr. Brad Mendenhall, associated with Indiana Youth programs in cooperation with Phillip Baker wished to apply for a grant from the Midway Foundation that could be used to improve the trap and skeet facilities at Indiana Gun Club. Improvements that Mr. Mendenhall had discussed with Jason included replacement of one or more trap houses (existing fields), skeet fields (possibly the mobile skeet houses) and potentially providing for a wobble trap to be installed in an existing, new or improved trap house. Full details were not available at this time but it was a consensus of the Board that if improvements to IGC facilities that were in the ITA's best interest could be funded by the grant with no unreasonable "strings" attached or negative impact to the ITA, the Board would be glad to listen to more complete details for consideration.
28. **Availability of Camping Spaces for 2021 Indiana State Shoot.** David Wade 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. Dave was encouraged to contact Dan or Desira Fesler to determine availability of camping spaces.
29. **Indiana AIM Youth Shooting Committee Report.** Christine Byrd, Chairperson of the Indiana AIM Youth Shooting Committee was in attendance and reported that the Indiana State AIM Tournament would be planned for Tuesday, July 6th, "Fun Day" of the Indiana State Shoot. The AIM shoot would consist of 100 x 16 Yard events and an optional event consisting of 50 Pair of Doubles. Discussion was held regarding other aspects of the Indiana AIM Youth program.
30. **HALL of Fame Committee.** Given the absence of Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson Devon Harris, no report on Hall of Fame Committee action to date was available.
31. **Volunteer Coordinator.** This is a new position/committee created by President Mager for the 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 made at this time.
32. **Indiana Gun Club Manager's Report.** Secretary Barker gave a report on Indiana Gun Club actions and concerns on behalf of Phillip Baker (absent).
- a) The main air conditioning unit located on the platform to the east of the club house is failing and Phil has 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 has contacted another technician who inspected the unit but as of Saturday February 6th, had not yet provided a "second opinion" estimate. 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.
 - b) Refurbishing of the permanent skeet houses had been completed however no plan for refurbishing the mobile skeet houses has been made yet.
 - c) The bill for cleaning supplies from State Shoot has been paid.
 - d) Costs related to ITA rental of IGC (Phil's) golf carts have NOT yet been paid. David Wade had forwarded information to Treasurer Voliva in the past week so that reimbursement can be made.
 - e) Costs related to ITA reimbursement to Phil for electrical charges during the 2020 Indiana State Shoot have NOT yet been paid. Further Information was provided by Bill Mager (meter readings) so that reimbursement can be made.
 - f) Phil had indicated during discussion with Don Barker that he would be favorable to the idea of hosting a regular, yet limited, schedule of ATA Registered events "sometime" in the future. Discussion was held by the board related to the number of clubs within a 50 mile radius ("reserved Sundays criteria") and the limited number of Sundays available in a month. No further discussion at this time.

- g) Phil had indicated during discussion with Don that he has an interest in purchasing property or making an addendum to the lease with the ITA in order to construct an indoor pistol range on a yet to be determined location on the Indiana Gun Club property subject to Phil's research into potential zoning issues, etc. Discussion was held by the board related to the impact that this could have on the ITA's 501©3 application in progress, potential annexation of Indiana Gun Club property into the City of Fishers and how these issues could possibly affect the indoor range idea. No further discussion at this time.
33. **ATA Delegate's report.** Secretary Barker reported on behalf of ATA Delegate Jason Barnett (absent) that the ATA is currently planning on returning the 2021 Grand American to the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Illinois. These plans subject to health concerns related to COVID 19 or any variant viruses and any restrictions that may be placed on the event by the State of Illinois. Jason had also indicated that he was hoping to have the State Shoot program finalized and in the mail by May 1st, 2021.
34. **Next Meeting Date/Time and Location.** Next ITA Board of Directors meeting which (if held telephonically) to be Thursday April 1st, 2021 beginning at 7:00 pm. If a face-to-face meeting is required it is TENTATIVELY scheduled for Saturday April 24th, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am in the in the offices of Wolfe & Swickard, 1344 S. Tibbs Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Final determination of meeting schedule pending discussion with Jason Seitz and progress of State Shoot program.
35. **Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Jason Seitz with Larry Schauss seconding to adjourn at 1:26 pm. Motion carried unanimously.