



# Indiana Trapshooter's Association, Inc.

## Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting

June 19th, 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 10:01 am on Saturday June 19th, 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)	Curtis Held
Central Zone	Mike Williams	Sal DeSantis	Dan Fesler
Southern Zone	Larry Schauss	David Wade (Vice President)	

Absent were: ITA Treasurer John Voliva, Ex-Officio & ATA Delegate Jason Barnett, Southern Zone Director Jason Seitz, Indiana Gun Club Lessee and Manager Phillip Baker, AIM Youth Shooting Committee Chairperson Christine Byrd and Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson Devon Harris. A quorum necessary to conduct business of the association was in attendance.

### 3. Reading & Approval of Minutes.

Minutes from the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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.

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 (-\$22,075.65). Total bank balance as of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 is \$159,255.98 with approximately \$107,000.00 earmarked for the proposed new shell house building when the zoning and possible annexation to the City of Fishers issues have been resolved. Note that the quotes provided by Blitz Builders have expired and given the recent increase in building material costs, this amount can no longer be considered valid. Phillip Baker (IGC) has been paid for 2020 State Shoot golf cart rental and electrical usage. After short review a motion was made by Don Barker with Mike Williams seconding to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### 5. Property Tax Bills.

Payment of both spring and fall installments for 2020 payable 2021 property taxes have been made by Indiana Gun Club lessee Phillip Baker to the Hamilton County Treasurer's office in the total amount of \$39,439.02 (a decrease of \$1,652.22 from 2019 payable 2020) per stipulations of the Lease Agreement.

### 6. Shell House Status.

Mike Williams reported that he had contacted Blitz Builders and they are holding our initial deposit of \$10,000.00 towards the proposed new shell house. These funds will remain on deposit with Blitz Builders and applied to engineering and plans already developed and future construction costs. However, any quotes we have received in the past were no longer binding and would have to be re-calculated if/when we proceed with the project at a later date. No report was available on the current condition of the roof on the existing shell house.

### 7. IGC Lease Status.

Secretary Barker reported that another short-term extension of the lease agreement with Phillip Baker will be endorsed after the meeting, extending the lease thru August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Final negotiation of a mutually desired long-term lease agreement is subject to the success of our application for 501©3 Non-Profit status and subsequent application for Indiana Property Tax exemption and the resulting effect on the property tax clauses in the lease. Any extensions in the near future will be short-term rather than long-term.

### 8. 501©3 Non Profit Status.

Given the absence of Ex-Officio Jason Barnett, no report was available on the status of the Association's application as a 501©3 Non-Profit organization.

- 9. Utility Easement Request from Emerald Energy.** Secretary Barker reported that he had been contacted by officials of Duke Energy and that an agreement has been made between Emerald Energy and Duke Energy for NineStar Communications to utilize the property already owned by Duke Energy on the east boundary of Indiana Gun Club and Emerald Energy was no longer requesting an easement on ITA property. Further action related to a Duke Energy request to install a shot screen detailed under New Business later in the meeting.
- 10. Final Selection of Target Bids for 2021 Indiana State Shoot.** Secretary Barker on behalf of Treasurer Voliva (absent) presented the target bids that had been received and the clarification necessary to the Recob's Target Shop bid related to our Retail Merchant's Certificate and questions about Indiana Sales Tax. Bids were solicited for 3,528 cases (56 skids) of White Flyer Orange DOP or "¾ Dome New York Style" targets, same as have been used for the State Shoot in recent years. Freight and delivery charges included. Delivery to be 24 pallets on Monday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 24 pallets on Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8 pallets on Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Targets to be shrink-wrapped and all pallets to be returned on delivering truck. Bids were received from R & J Shooting Supplies, Boonville, Indiana (\$49,219.60 or \$13.95+ per case), Dawson Enterprises, S.W. Massillon, Ohio (\$38,129.52 or \$10.80+ per case) and Recob's Target Shop, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin (\$36,938.16 or \$10.47 per case). This compares to the 2020 cost of \$10.60 per case. The Board approved without motion the Recob's bid to supply targets for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Confirmation and acceptance of the Recob's bid was subsequently forwarded to Recob's and a contract endorsed for purchase of targets for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot.
- 11. White Flyer Target Delivery and Lift Driver.** Discussion was held regarding whether or not it was necessary to contract with or hire a lift driver for unloading the target trucks and distributing targets to the trap houses each night for loading of houses. It was determined without motion that we had adequately trained personnel available and it would not be necessary to incur the expense of paying for a lift operator.
- 12. Lady Appreciation Awards 2021.** Secretary Barker presented the nominees for the Lady's Appreciation Awards;
- ✓ Jodene Phenicie who has worked the line as our score sheet runner for the past 11 years.
  - ✓ Tonya Skaggs who has worked as a scorekeeper at the Indiana State shoot in excess of 20 years and has been instrumental in organizing and providing numerous trap help staff members during those years and "ad-hoc" supervisor on the west end of the line.
  - ✓ Nichole Troup who has worked as a scorekeeper at the Indiana State Shoot for the previous 17 years and "ad-hoc" supervisor on the east end of the line.
- Secretary Barker commended these ladies and assured the board members that these ladies were all hugely deserving. Secretary Barker made a motion to approve these names with Sal DeSantis seconding. Motion carried unanimously. Lady Appreciation Awards to be presented during the Hall of Fame Induction and All-State Team Recognition Awards Ceremony after the day's shooting events on Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Indiana State Shoot.
- 13. Review of 2021 Indiana Zone Shoots.** Discussion was held related to the three 2021 Indiana Zone Shoots; Northern (St. Joe Valley Conservation Club – 193 total entries in all events combined), Central (Fall Creek Conservation Club – 125 total entries) and Southern (Vincennes Gun Club – 70 total entries). Comments were heard regarding the various problems experienced at St. Joe, mostly related to failures with the voice call units and the low turnout at Vincennes. Southern Director David Wade presented several ideas and asked for input on how the ITA could help with improving attendance at the Zone Championships. It was determined that further discussion was necessary at a later date.
- 14. Miss and Out Event at 2021 Indiana State Shoot.** President Mager reported that he had been in contact with Tom Matthews and preparations were ongoing in order to host the Annual "Miss and Out" event on Friday Night July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Secretary Barker reported that during discussion with Mr. Matthews he was still holding the \$1,000.00 donation from 2020 from Matt and Dennis Baker, Baker Farms and that he expected to have additional prizes donated for at least the top 10 places.
- 15. Shooter Appreciation Dinner at 2021 Indiana State Shoot.** President Mager reported that he had been in contact with Tom Matthews and verified that Juggs Catering had been notified that we would not be hosting the Shooter Appreciation Chicken Dinner normally held on Saturday of the Indiana State Shoot.

- 16. Water Distribution at 2021 Indiana State Shoot.** It had been determined at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting that the ITA will not be using the water coolers on the line at the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Secretary Barker initiated discussion that it would be irresponsible, given the potential for high temperatures and humidity during the first full week of July to not provide water in some manner for the welfare of the shooters and trap help. Discussion was held whether or not to provide water (coolers and/or bottled) which had been suspended for the 2020 Indiana State Shoot due to health concerns related to the COVID 19 Virus. Secretary Barker made a motion seconded by Sal DeSantis that we provide water in 8 oz. disposable bottles, iced in the existing coolers. Motion carried unanimously.
- 17. Missing Shingles on the ITA Garden Shed.** Secretary Barker reported that during a phone call with Phillip Baker, Indiana Gun Club Lessee, Phillip had told him that during recent storms at the club, shingles on the garden shed utilized for storage by the ITA had been damaged and/or blown off. Phillip had arranged for repair of the roof and replacement of the missing shingles at his cost. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Baker for taking the initiative to have the repairs made in a timely manner and at his cost.
- 18. Special Drawing in Memory of Bobby Bolden.** Secretary Barker reported that tickets to be distributed to shooters upon cashing entries for the special drawing initiated by and sponsored by Mr. Fred Hackett of Midwest Forensics, LLC in memory of 2021 ITA Hall of Fame inductee Bobby Bolden (posthumous) were in progress and would be available at the State Shoot.
- 19. ITA Youth Shooting Shell Raffle.** President Mager and Secretary Barker reported that it appeared that Chrissy Byrd's request for (at least) 10 flats of shells for the youth raffle would be met, commitments and/or shells having been received from several Indiana gun clubs and individual Board members.
- 20. Camping Availability for State Shoot.** Questions came up about whether or not camping spots were available for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Camping Committee Chairperson Dan Fesler reported that to date, he had received several cancellation requests, 17 spots were available and an additional 4 spots had not yet been paid for the 2021 Indiana State Shoot.
- 21. Duke Energy Installation of Shot Screen around Existing Electrical Sub-Station.** Pursuant to action taken by the Board via e-Mail on and about June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Secretary Barker had been in contact with Duke Energy informing them of the Board's approval for installation of poles and the necessary supporting structure on ITA property in order to implement a shot screen around the existing Duke Energy electrical sub-station totally at Duke's expense. Construction had begun and Duke Energy expected to have the sub-station wrapped on the west and south sides of the sub-station before the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Based on conversation with Duke's project manager, further negotiations will be necessary at a later date for a more permanent and possibly more extensive shot curtain installation. It is hoped further discussion with Duke can take place during the State Shoot.
- 22. Donation of Old & Damaged Gun Racks to Purdue Trap & Skeet Club.** Keith Weller has asked if the old, damaged and unused gun racks (2) stored between the ITA shipping containers could be donated to Purdue Trap & Skeet Club after he salvaged and made appropriate repairs. Secretary Barker and ITA Delegate Jason Barnett have been working with the officers and members of the Purdue club with a goal that they will start shooting ATA Registered Events starting 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2021. A motion was made by David Wade with Curtis Held seconding that Mr. Weller be permitted to salvage the gun racks in question, repair as necessary and give to the Purdue club. Motion carried unanimously.
- 23. Indiana High School Trap Championships.** Secretary Barker reported on the Indiana High School Trap Championships held at Indiana Gun Club on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A request had been made previously by Dr. Scott Norris and approved by the Board at the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board meeting that the High School Championships program be allowed to use equipment (PAT Traps, voice call units, scorer's chairs, gun racks and benches) for the event. Removal from storage and care of the ITA equipment to be the responsibility of Phillip Baker and Mike Perryman who will be directing the shoot. Mr. Barker reported that he had assisted with organizing and working as trap help at the event, and had interacted with the administrators, numerous coaches, parents and shooters and had found them to be the most gracious, polite and appreciative persons that we could ask for. Mr. Barker was thanked numerous times by coaches, parents and youth participants for both the use of the ITA equipment and his personal help. There were 153 entrants in the Trap Event (16 yards) and 73 entrants in the Skeet Event.

**24. SCTP State Championships.** Secretary Barker noted that the Indiana SCTP State Championships were being held at Indiana Gun Club currently; yesterday Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> (sporting clays), today Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> (trap) and tomorrow Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> (skeet). Phillip Baker had also requested use of ITA equipment for the SCTP Events and the Board had approved at the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board meeting. Again, removal from storage and care of the ITA equipment to be the responsibility of Phillip Baker and Mike Perryman who will be directing the shoot.

**25. Review State Shoot Tasks & Assignments.** Committees and individuals with responsibilities and assignments for the Indiana Shoot all gave an update with progress to date. Discussion was held including but not limited to the following:

- ✓ Desira Fesler will be acting as our on-site EMT during the shoot.
- ✓ Dan Fesler had previously reported that when checking and clearing the campground water supply he experienced major pressure loss and expected that we had one or more underground leaks. **A motion was made by Don Barker with Mike Powell seconding that Dan take whatever steps necessary and obtain whatever outside help and/or equipment necessary to locate and repair the leak(s). Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.**
- ✓ Dan Fesler to be refurbishing, as necessary, all 3 urinals in the men's restroom in the shower house.
- ✓ Mike Williams to test campground electrical supply to verify that no prior year's damage existed due to misplaced tent stakes when erecting Phil's vendor tent.
- ✓ Phil will be pumping septic tank before State Shoot, ITA will be billed and Phil/IGC will reimburse ITA. The ITA is responsible for pumping after the shoot on Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> at ITA expense.
- ✓ Sal DeSantis reported that due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July observed Monday July 5<sup>th</sup>, tents will be delivered and erected on or by Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ✓ Sal DeSantis reported that due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July observed Monday July 5<sup>th</sup>, portable toilets will be delivered on or by Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ✓ A separate portable toilet will be installed at or near Desira's vendor space in case of medical emergency.
- ✓ Sal DeSantis reported that RV septic pumping will be done on Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of \$35.00 per.
- ✓ Sal DeSantis reported that one 40 yard dumpster will be delivered the week prior to the State Shoot. If a second unit is necessary at the end of the week we must notify the vendor by Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Sal DeSantis reported that the telehandler had been reserved at McAllister Equipment, exact delivery date to be determined.
- ✓ Mike Williams reported that the Wolfe & Swickard skid steer loader will be made available for ITA use and Mike will bring it out to Indiana Gun Club during the middle of the week preceding the shoot.
- ✓ David Wade reported that arrangements are in place with P & P Golf Carts and the carts with truck beds will be delivered on Thursday or Friday preceding the shoot and rest of carts on Friday preceding the shoot. We will again this year be sub-letting some of Phil's IGC golf carts as we have done in the past.
- ✓ Mike Williams reported that all voice call units have been tested and any issues will be resolved before the start of the shoot.
- ✓ Mike Williams reported that all traps have or will be maintained before installation into trap houses.
- ✓ Mike Williams noted that the ITA had received throw plate extensions, an enhancement for the PAT traps specifically designed to improve the presentation of the doubles targets fabricated and provided by Mr. Jim McDonald at no charge to the ITA and requested the approval of the Board to install them for the Indiana State Shoot. **A motion was made by Don Barker with Sal DeSantis seconding that Mike proceed with installation of the enhancements. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.**
- ✓ President Mager reported that traps will be installed Thursday and Friday of the week preceding the shoot excepting the 4 west-most trap houses that Phillip will be using during the weekend. These last 4 traps will be installed on Monday July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Secretary Don Barker reported that Annette Sperback has obtained some youth help for the installation of traps and placing furniture and voice call units out on Thursday and Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. They have been guaranteed 8 hours on Thursday and a minimum of 4 hours on Friday.
- ✓ Secretary Barker reported that it will be necessary for Board members and/or volunteers to initially load targets into the trap houses on Monday July 5<sup>th</sup>. He has already contacted members of the Leazier family and they and Tom & Antonio Martinez (son) have volunteered to assist.

- 26. Appreciation for Mr. Jim McDonald.** Both Mike Williams and Secretary Barker commented on the debt of gratitude owed to Mr. Jim McDonald for his monetary investment for materials and his (considerable) time & effort required to fabricate the aforementioned throw plate extensions, an enhancement to the PAT Traps to improve the doubles target presentation. In addition, Mr. McDonald is in the process of manufacturing these extension plates for ALL Indiana gun clubs utilizing PAT Traps. These will be distributed to the clubs at a future date by Mike Williams, Tom Neal and Bobby Hubble. Mr. Williams asked that anybody in contact with Mr. McDonald during the week make sure to offer him their sincere thanks.
- 27. AIM Youth Shooting Committee.** Vice President David Wade reported that after the 2021 Indiana State Shoot, Chrissy Byrd will no longer be acting as Chairperson nor remain active on the committee. Chrissy has accepted an offer to work for Kreighoff Marketing and will be moving out of Indiana. Mr. Wade reported that Chrissy's father, Mr. Howard Byrd will be taking over her duties as Chairperson of the AIM Youth Shooting Committee. The entire Board offered their appreciation to Chrissy and wished her well in her new endeavors.
- 28. ITA Hall of Fame Committee.** Given the absence of Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson Devon Harris, no report was available regarding the Hall of Fame Committee.
- 29. Indiana Gun Club Manager's Report.** In addition to the conversations related to the ITA traps and furniture noted above, Secretary Barker reported on the following items discussed with Phil Baker, Lessee of Indiana Gun Club during a phone conversation on Thursday 6/17/2021:
- ✓ No progress on the removal of storage and/or burned out utility trailer frames.
  - ✓ Phil has finalized an agreement for kitchen services at the Indiana State Shoot with the caterer that Phil has been using for corporate events.
  - ✓ A new air conditioning unit has been installed in the clubhouse as of Wednesday 6/16/2021, totally at Phil's expense and is functioning well.
  - ✓ Discussion was held regarding Phil's responsibility to have the campground electrical service located before his vendor tent is erected in order to prevent damage to the electrical service as in 2020.
  - ✓ ITA John Deere mower is in for service, it appears that at least one of the deck spindles and/or bearings are worn out or damaged, repair estimate is \$1,000.00. This repair will be at ITA's expense. Vice President David Wade questioned whether it would be wiser to replace the entire deck rather than repair the old one. Secretary Barker to discuss with Phil.
  - ✓ Latest update on shell availability for 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Contrary to what Phil had reported earlier, he now believes that he will have very few or no shells available for the State Shoot. If Phil cannot acquire shells for the shoot, he has agreed to waive the "exclusive" clause in his lease if we can get shells from any other source. Secretary Barker has checked with his shell/component distributor in Michigan who "may" have shells available, more to follow as more is known.
  - ✓ Phil's grant application with Midway Foundation has been approved, Phil has 4 new PAT traps on order. The grant does not provide for improvement of the trap houses or trap pads. Grant is a 50/50 match, grant approximately \$25,000.00 and Phil's share \$25,000.00.
  - ✓ No current progress on replacing or refurbishing the portable skeet house.
- 30. ATA Delegates Report.** Given the absence of Jason Barnett, Indiana ATA Delegate, no Delegate's Report was available.
- 31. Next Meeting Date/Time and Location.** Next ITA Board of Directors meeting will be the ITA Annual Meeting with the gun club representatives scheduled for Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the 2021 Indiana State Shoot following the "Miss and Out" event at Indiana Gun Club. Organizational meeting for the new Board of Directors will be held after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Date, time and location to be determined.
- 32. Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made for adjournment at 2:18 pm by Mike Powell with Larry Schauss seconding. Motion carried unanimously.