



Indiana Trapshooter's Association, Inc.

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting September 11, 2021



1. Call to Order.

President David Wade called the meeting of the Directors and Officers of the Indiana Trapshooter's Association to order at 10:02 am on Saturday September 11th, 2021 in the offices of Wolfe & Swickard, 1344 S. Tibbs Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

2. Roll Call of Board Members.

In attendance were:

President	David Wade		
Northern Zone	Mike Powell	Don Barker (Secretary & Vice President)	
Central Zone	Mike Williams	Dan Fesler	
Southern Zone	Larry Schauss	Jason Seitz	Doug Holman
Ex-Officio William Mager	ATA Delegate Jason Barnett		

Absent were: ITA Treasurer John Voliva, Northern Zone Director Curtis, Held, Central Zone Director Salvatore DeSantis, Indiana Gun Club Lessee and Manager Phillip Baker, AIM Youth Shooting Committee Chairperson Howard Byrd and Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson Devon Harris. A quorum necessary to conduct business of the association was in attendance.

Secretary Barker welcomed newest Director (Southern Zone), Mr. Doug Holman and presented him with numerous printed materials including: ITA Constitution & Bylaws, Officers & Director's Contact Listing, Listing of ITA Committees and Committee Assignments, ITA Club Registry, ITA Zone Rotation Schedule, etc..

- 3. Reading & Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from the June 19th, 2021 meeting, were e_Mailed to board members and officers prior to the meeting for review. After short review a motion was made by Dan Fesler 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 thru September 10th, 2021 is (-\$21,183.60). Total bank balance as of September 10th, 2021 is \$160,148.05 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. Net income from the 2021 Indiana State Shoot thru September 10th, 2021 is (-\$9,860.80). For reference purposes, net income from the 2020 Indiana State Shoot was \$26,184.81. 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 2021 State Shoot golf cart rental but not yet electrical usage. The ITA has not yet been reimbursed for septic tank pumping at the beginning of the State Shoot. After short review a motion was made by Dan Fesler with Jason Seitz seconding to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Shell House Status.** Mike Williams reported that there was no change in the status of the new shell house due to the outstanding zoning and possible annexation into the City of Fishers issues. Mike Williams will be inquiring what the current costs of the status quo are, what of our initial \$10,000.00 deposit is not obligated and whether any remaining funds on deposit with Blitz Builders is refundable in case we are not able to proceed with the building. No report was available on the current condition of the roof on the existing shell house.
- 6. IGC Lease Status.** Secretary Barker reported that another short-term extension of the lease agreement with Phillip Baker has been endorsed, extending the lease thru October 31st, 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.

7. **501©3 Non Profit Status.** Jason Barnett reported that there had been no further progress on the ITA application to be recognized as a 501©3 Non Profit entity. Jason indicated there were several items on his “punch list” necessary to be completed and forwarded to the Krieg/DeVault attorneys. The Board agreed, without motion, that the ITA would no longer actively pursue our application for recognition as a 501©3 corporation by the Internal Revenue Service at this time. Open to potential further discussion at a later date.
8. **Status of Duke Energy Shot Screen.** Secretary Barker reported that the installation of the shot screen at the east end of the property was incomplete and in his opinion, un-acceptable. Their original intent was to “wrap” the utility sub-station to protect contracted workers and the pole barn structure within the sub-station compound. One series of panels had been destroyed by a storm immediately preceding the 2021 State Shoot and at last report, Duke Energy had planned to replace those panels. However, Duke Energy had not included a set of panels to the east-most end of the sub-station in their original design and therefore the area in front of the pole structure is not protected. Since the perceived benefit to the ITA was to provide a better background and hide the electrical structures from the shooter’s view on at least the four (4) east-most banks, the missing panels fail to provide those benefits. Secretary Barker has attempted to contact the project supervisor at Duke Energy and received notice that the person previously supervising the project was no longer involved in the project but they did not provide an alternate contact name/phone number. During a following call to a district Duke Energy office, nobody there could assist. Secretary Barker to continue trying to follow-up with Duke Energy in an attempt to get the destroyed panels replaced and additional panels installed to protect the sub-station and block the shooter’s view of the pole structure.
9. **Condition of Shell House Roof after Temporary Repairs.** During the 2021 Indiana State Shoot, Dan Fesler with assistance from Jason Seitz, had made temporary repairs to the Shell House roof utilizing a Flex Seal product. Jason reported that there had been no leaks in the office after the repairs and in an unrelated phone call since then, Phil Baker indicated that there had been no leaks or sign of leaks in any other portions of the Shell House. Discussion was held including the fact that the roof appears to no longer leak, we are now able to keep the office space between State Shoots for exclusive ITA use and the pros and cons and potential costs of maintaining the current building versus replacing. It was decided by the Board, without motion, to investigate replacing the roof and making any structural improvements, if necessary, to support a the roof. Metal roofing is preferred, secondary preference asphalt, fiberglass or composite shingles. Dan Fesler to obtain estimates and report back to the Board at the next meeting.
10. **Campground Water Supply at 2021 Indiana State Shoot.** When opening up and flushing the water supply to the west-most portion of the campground prior to the 2021 Indiana State Shoot, Dan Fesler suspected that there were pressure leaks in the system. Subject to a request and vote by the Board, Dan had, with contracted assistance, discovered leaks and made temporary repairs at several locations in the underground piping to the campground. Even though we had received no complaints during the State Shoot, Dan indicated that he was quite sure that underground leaks still existed. Dan is going to do further research and report back to the Board with a comprehensive plan to make additional repairs or replacements as necessary to the underground piping. Motion made by Dan Fesler with Don Barker seconding to table the campground water repairs until spring 2022. Motion carried unanimously. The Board voiced their appreciation to Dan for his efforts to make last-minute repairs to the campground supply lines prior to the State Shoot and prevent possible issues with campground water.
11. **Updated ITA Officer and Director Contact List.** Secretary Barker distributed updated copies of the ITA Officer and Director Contact List indicating the changes necessary due to the Election of Officers results at the 2021 ITA Annual Meeting held Friday July 9th during the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. A further updated contact list will be distributed at the next Board of Directors meeting as Don had received additional phone numbers and e-Mail addresses too late to be included on this version.
12. **Updated ITA Club Shoot Registry.** Secretary Barker distributed updated copies of the Indiana Trapshooter’s Association Club Shoot Registry List indicating the active ITA clubs and indicating their “normal” shoot weekdays (if any), “normal” Saturdays (if any) and their reserved and “normal” Sundays. There were a total of 22 ITA clubs that shot ATA Registered events in 2021.
13. **2021 Indiana State Shoot Review – Good vs. Bad.** Open discussion was held regarding the 2021 Indiana State Shoot and what were the positives versus what could be done better in 2022. Positives included: target setting and target presentation was excellent, the reduced number of shoot-offs for all but the Handicap Events during preliminary dates and for the Saturday/Sunday Championship Events due to the change to “carry-over” to resolve ties seemed to work well, the shot curtain improving the background in front of the “erector set” (electrical sub-station) at the east end of the trap line was mentioned by many shooters as was the quality of our trap help, the providing of bottled water on the line and the raffle honoring Bobby Bolden, 2021 ITA Hall of Fame inductee sponsored by Mr. Fred Hackett, Midwest Forensics, LLC. It was noted that the method of controlling parking at the

east end of vendor row (in front of the garden shed and storage containers) by use of a roped off "access lane" to the east worked out extremely well. Improvements that could be made for next year included improving cleanliness in the porta-potty units, lack of ammunition availability, inadequacy of the PA system, the lack of the "Shooter Appreciation chicken dinner on Saturday and of course, the mud at the end of the week. Several of the porta-potty units were dirty when delivered. Sal DeSantis has been assigned (in absentia) the task of monitoring the condition of the portables and we will ask our Custodian, Rhonda Collins to inspect and clean during the week if necessary. Both the lack of ammunition and weather conditions at the end of the week were issues not controllable by the ITA. The spreading of mulch by Mike Perryman on Sunday seemed to help with the mud issue for campers pulling out. Changing the Class 16 Yard Championships from 200 to 100 targets based on the weather forecast was obviously a negative and it reduced target income for the shoot but the decision was made with the best information available at the time. All things considered, it was the consensus of the entire Board that the 2021 Indiana State Shoot went well.

- 14. Campground Availability for 2022.** Dan Fesler reported that all reserved campground spots have been paid for the 2022 Indiana State Shoot. There were still a few unreserved spots available for 2022.
- 15. Phillip Baker / Indiana Gun Club Request for Dumpster.** Phil Baker had requested that an extra dumpster be provided for use by Indiana Gun Club at ITA expense as campers and shooters were constantly using his dumpsters and given that his dumpsters are limited in size, it does not allow him to utilize them for his use for the whole shoot. Secretary Barker to review with Phil prior to dumpsters being ordered for the 2022 Indiana State Shoot.
- 16. Phillip Baker / Indiana Gun Club Issue with Porta-Potty Units.** Phil Baker had contacted both Director DeSantis and Secretary Barker as the Porta-Potty units were not picked up promptly after the State Shoot, had sat on the grounds for over two weeks after the shoot and the resulting odors were quite offensive by that time. Sal had contacted D & C and was told that the units were not picked up as scheduled due to a temporary lack of manpower. Discussion was held regarding the performance of D & C Sewer & Septic Service as providers of Porta-Potty units, septic tank pumping and RV pump-outs in the campground. It was suggested that making a change in septic services would be inadvisable at this time as there was no other companies in the immediate area that would pump out RV holding tanks due to the potential for liability in the case of damaging seals in RV units. The Board agreed without motion to use D & C Sewer & Septic Service for future State Shoots unless a better option became available.
- 17. Phillip Baker / Indiana Gun Club - Request to Install Carport Roof on Concrete Pad.** Secretary Barker had been contacted by Phil requesting permission from the Board to install a metal carport roof on the existing concrete pad to replace the yearly erection of a tent on the pad as he normally does for the State Shoot. Phil's reason for the request was that due to the numerous "corporate events" that he was now hosting at the gun club, it was necessary for him to utilize the pavilion area and it was no longer feasible for him to use the pavilion area for storage of targets, supplies, etc. By installing a more permanent roof over the concrete pad it would give him a place, under roof, to store these items. It was also his intent to continue using the roofed area, with the addition of canvas side curtains, for gun sales during the State Shoot. Phil's preliminary research indicated that as a "non-permanent" structure it will require no specific permits or approvals. Phil will be responsible for all further research to verify this and to obtain any and all permits, assessments, etc., if necessary. It is also possible that the ITA could use any extra available space to store items that we would like to keep out of the weather between State Shoots. Motion made by Don Barker with Dan Fesler seconding that Phil be allowed to erect such a structure. Discussion was held and it was noted that by installing the carport roof rather than the yearly erection of a tent, it would no longer be necessary for tent stakes to be driven into the ground, thereby preventing another potential incident of damage to the underground campground electrical service as had happened before. Motion passed unanimously.
- 18. Roof Damage & Replacement on Residence at the Gun Club.** Steve Smith, EC Smith & Sons, LLC had contacted Secretary Barker after Phil Baker had contacted him regarding storm damage in late June to the roof at the residence located on the Indiana Gun Club grounds. Portions of the roof had been damaged in the storm and Phil was experiencing some ceiling discoloration due to leaks in the roof. The residence had been purchased and installed in 1997 or 1998 (??) to replace the previous (old) farmhouse that had been on the club property. This makes the roof 23 years old and even without the storm damage was deteriorated, much of the mineral surface worn away with significant curling and cracking of the asphalt subsurface evident. Mr. Smith indicated that since the June storm was well documented in the area there may be the possibility of insurance coverage to assist with some or even all of the cost. Motion made by Dan Fesler with Mike Powell seconding that we ask for an estimate from (at least) Mr. Smith and take action to replace the roof. Motion passed unanimously.

- 19. Additional Road and Related Drainage in Back Row of New Camping Area.** President Wade reported that he had been approached with a request from a shooter/camper to construct a new road for the back row of the new camping area. The shooter in question had offered a monetary donation to be applied towards the cost of the project and had requested to remain anonymous. Dan Fesler offered an estimate that he had put together indicating that the cost of the road (30 ft. x 160 ft.) would be approximately \$9,400.00 and the cost of the drainage considerations would be approximately \$13,000.00. Dan made comments that discouraged the construction of the road without appropriate drainage work. Discussion was held and it was the consensus of the Board that the cost of construction and the ongoing maintenance of a new road was prohibitive at this time. Dan suggested that we poll additional campers in the back row and see if additional shooters/campers would be willing to make contributions to reduce the cost to the ITA. President Wade indicated that he would respond back to the person making the original request and determine if that person would be willing to increase his donation. To be discussed further at a later date.
- 20. Drainage at Remaining Concrete Pads on Entrance Road.** Jason Barnett and Dan Fesler initiated discussion on whether the ITA should take steps necessary to install asphalt millings around and over the first four (4) concrete pads (P01 – Dillon, P02 – Cornelius, P03 - Mathias and P04 - Roussel) east of the entrance road into the gun club. These pads were not improved at the time the other four pads (P05 thru P08) in that area were improved with the addition of millings in 2020. These pads are chronically flooded during heavy rains. Motion made by Don Barker with Dan Fesler seconding that we investigate the cost and also review with Mike Perryman and take steps necessary to improve these pads with asphalt millings consistent with what was done to the other pads. Motion passed unanimously.
- 21. Trap Maintenance Program for 2022 State Shoot.** Mike Williams, Chairperson of the Trap Maintenance & Target Setting Committee initiated discussion regarding a planned maintenance and parts replacement program for all ITA traps (19) to be done prior to the 2022 Indiana State Shoot. Mike's plan included replacing brake rubber pad & brake spring, o-rings, target brushes, throwing arm rubber, both elevator springs, and all elevator guides (3) on all machines at an approximate cost of \$82.00 per trap for a total of \$1,558.00. Discussion was held regarding the replacement of the "uni-bands" which were scheduled to be replaced prior to next year and whether the bands should be replaced with OEM bands (\$59.00 per set) or upgrade to the new spring assemblies (estimated \$150.00 per machine) that have been developed by Tom Neal and Bubby Hubble and have a life expectancy far greater than the bands. Mike indicated that he has followed and been involved in the development and testing of the springs and his opinion was that the springs have been sufficiently tested and we should upgrade to the spring units. Motion made by Don Barker with Mike Williams seconding to replace the OEM "uni-bands" with springs. Motion carried unanimously. This will add a total of \$2,850 to the maintenance program for an approximate total of \$4,408 for required parts. There will also undoubtedly be some additional parts required on a trap-by-trap basis as the traps are inspected during the above maintenance. In addition, Mike will be enlisting the help of Tom Neal and Bobby Hubble and it is expected there may be some compensation offered for their time and effort.
- 22. Voice Call Microphone Replacement for 2022 State Shoot.** Mike Williams, Chairperson of the Trap Maintenance & Target Setting Committee initiated discussion regarding a phased replacement of all microphones for the Canterbury voice call units. Mike is suggesting that we purchase a total of 10 sets of new microphones prior to next year's State Shoot with an additional 10 sets at a later date, possibly next year prior to the 2023 State Shoot, depending upon the Association's financial status at that time. Discussion was held regarding replacing the microphones with OEM Canterbury units (\$259.00 per set of 5 – total of \$2,590.00 for 10 fields) versus the BRB units which are thought to be totally compatible (\$180.00 per set of 5 – total of \$1,800.00 for 10 fields). Discussion to be held at a later date after further investigation.
- 23. New Public Address System at Indiana Gun Club.** Jason Barnett initiated discussion regarding the current public address system used for the Indiana State Shoot. Discussion was held. The current system has been a source of constant maintenance and even on its best days, has been a problem. Inadequacy of the system and the inability for the shooters to hear morning announcements and other announcements during the week was mentioned as a negative by several shooters after this year's State Shoot. Basically, it needs to be upgraded or replaced. Upgrading the current mismatch of components and the poor condition of the speakers and cabling after years of exposure to the elements is not practical or economically feasible and it was the opinion of the Board that replacement is definitely preferable to an upgrade. Jason distributed a copy of a proposal he had received from Summitt Systems Group, LLC identifying seven (7) separate "zones" on the club grounds and a "ballpark" estimate to provide a new system. The estimate was \$17,000.00 to \$18,500.00 subject to several variables in their proposal. We would need to notify them early in the spring due to component lead times. The entire Board agreed that something needed to be done but the price was a major concern. Various methods of funding were discussed; requesting donations from the shooters, a raffle concurrent with the State Shoot, and potentially sharing the cost with Phillip were all suggested. To be discussed further at a later date.

- 24. Enclosed Area Between Storage/Shipping Containers.** Jason Seitz initiated discussion regarding the possibility of erecting a roof over the two ITA storage/shipping container using pre-built trusses, sheathing and roofing, probably metal due to the decreased weight. Steel fencing could be incorporated at the ends for security. This area could be used to store some of our shoot furniture (scorer's chairs, gun racks, benches, etc.) somewhat out of the weather and allow for better use of the container space. Dan Fesler questioned if this area could be used to store targets during the State Shoot and possibly eliminate the expense of leasing a tent for that purpose. Motion made by Don Barker with Dan Fesler seconding that Jason Seitz be authorized to further research the project including determination of any related building codes and permits, if necessary and report back to the Board with a design and estimated cost of the project. Motion carried unanimously.
- 25. Purdue University Trap & Skeet Club Big 50 Event.** Secretary Barker reported that things were falling into place for Purdue's first (ever) ATA Registered Big 50 Event scheduled for Saturday October 16th, 2021. They were looking for help in obtaining targets. The Purdue Club does not currently have access to a building big enough to order and store more than 2 or 3 pallets of targets at a time so they were looking for a source for targets and assistance with transporting them. Mike Williams indicated that Lowell Thomas, Kingen Gun Club, had targets available (he had purchased ALL excess targets from the State Shoot) and Mike would be willing, for gas money, to transport a couple of skids of targets from Kingen Gun Club to the Purdue Trap & Skeet Club. Don to get Ethan Buck, student President of Purdue Trap & Skeet Club in direct contact with Mike to make arrangements.
- 26. Schedule for Next Lead Reclamation.** The question was raised regarding the schedule for the next lead reclamation. Secretary Barker to investigate and determine when the last reclamation was done and when it may be possible to reclaim again. Comments were made that if feasible, we would prefer to use Baker Farms (Dennis and Matt Baker), Plainview, Illinois due to their annual \$1,000.00 contribution to our Friday Night Miss N' Out event.
- 27. Offices of Wolfe & Swickard for Future ITA Board Meetings.** Mike Williams informed the Board that he would be retiring from Wolfe & Swickard at the end of the year so there may be a question in the future of where we may hold Board meetings. More to follow as more is known. The entire Board expressed their THANKS to Mr. Williams and Wolfe & Swickard for their generosity in allowing the ITA to use their meeting facilities for the past several years.
- 28. Committee Assignments.** Secretary Barker distributed a list of current Committee Assignments and President Wade discussed each of the assignments and indicated some changes to be made. An updated list of ITA Committees will be distributed with these minutes.
- 29. AIM Youth Shooting Committee.** Given the absence of AIM Youth Shooting Committee Chairperson Howard Byrd, no report was available regarding the AIM Youth Shooting Committee.
- 30. 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.
- 31. Indiana Gun Club Manager's Report.** Given the Absence of Indiana Gun Club Lessee and Manager Phillip Baker, no report was available regarding the Indiana Gun Club.
- 32. ATA Delegates Report.** ATA Delegate Jason Barnett reported on the ATA Gun Club Fund program, encouraging clubs to apply for the funds made available through the ATA. Applications are taken during the year, are due July 1st of each year and numerous grants in each zone awarded during the Grand American. Purdue University Trap and Skeet Club, who is in the process, with the help of Jason Barnett and Secretary Barker, of starting an ATA Registered program (1st shoot to be a Big 50 Event scheduled on October 16th, 2021) successfully applied for and received grant money through the fund. Jason also reported on a motion at the ATA Delegates meeting that was made to increase ATA Daily Fees from the current \$3.00 to \$4.00 and the Big 50 Event Daily Fees from the current \$1.50 to \$2.00. After due process the motion failed and the ATA Daily Fees will remain at the current \$3.00 Daily Fee and \$1.50 Big 50 Daily Fee.
- 29. ATA Kolar Prestige Combo Set Gun Club Fund Raffle.** ATA Delegate Jason Barnett reported that he and Larry Schauss had sold 30 raffle tickets for the Kolar Prestige Combo set at \$20.00 per ticket and Secretary Barker reported that he had sold 29 tickets at \$20.00 per ticket for a total of \$1,180.00 forwarded to the ATA for the Gun Club Raffle program.

- 30. Next Meeting Date/Time and Location.** Next ITA Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Saturday November 6th, 2021, at 10:00 am in the 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 for adjournment at 1:35 pm by Dan Fesler with Jason Seitz seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approved with modifications at ITA Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday 06 November 2021
Don Barker, Secretary**



Indiana Trapshooter's Association, Inc.
ITA Committees and Assignments
Last Updated 11 September 2021



AIM YOUTH SHOOTING – Howard Byrd (chairperson)

- ✓ **Jason Seitz**
- ✓ **Keith Weller**

CAMPING - Desira Fesler (chairperson)

- ✓ **Dan Fesler**
- ✓ **Jason Barnett**
- ✓ **Sal DeSantis**

FACILITIES AND LEASE - Don Barker (chairperson)

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

GOLF CARTS – Jason Barnett (chairperson)

- ✓ **David Wade**
- ✓ **Doug Holman**

HALL OF FAME - Devon Harris (chairperson)

- ✓ **Ex-Officio (William Mager)**
- ✓ **President (David Wade)**
- ✓ **Vice President (Don Barker)**

ITA WEBSITE - John Voliva (chairperson)

- ✓ **David Heeringa**

NOT FOR PROFIT 501(C)3 – Don Barker (chairperson)

- ✓ **Sal DeSantis**
- ✓ **John Voliva**
- ✓ **Jason Seitz**

PROGRAM AND PROMOTIONS - Jason Barnett (chairperson)

- ✓ **David Wade**
- ✓ **Clarence Mason**

TRAP MAINTENANCE & TARGET SETTING - Mike Williams (chairperson)

- ✓ **Bill Mager**
- ✓ **Mike Powell**
- ✓ **Curtis Held**
- ✓ **Rick Dillon**
- ✓ **Tom Neal**
- ✓ **Bobby Hubble**

TROPHIES – David Cates - (chairperson)

- ✓ **Diana Simkins**
- ✓ **Larry Schauss**

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR COMMITTEE .. Keith Weller (chairperson)

- ✓ **William Mager**