



Indiana Trapshooter's Association, Inc.

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting Saturday June 4th, 2022



1. Call to Order.

President David Wade called the meeting of the Directors and Officers of the Indiana Trapshooter's Association to order at 10:07 am on Saturday June 4th, 2022 in the offices of Wolfe & Swickard, 1344 S. Tibbs Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

2. Roll Call of Board Members.

In attendance were:

Northern Zone	Curtis Held	Mike Powell	Don Barker (Secretary & Vice President)
Central Zone	Mike Williams	Dan Fesler	Jerry Brown
Southern Zone	Jason Seitz	Doug Holman	Larry Ellis

Ex-Officio: William Mager
ATA Delegate Jason Barnett

Absent were: ITA Treasurer John Voliva and Indiana Gun Club Lessee and Manager Phillip Baker.
A quorum necessary to conduct business of the association was in attendance.

- 3. Reading & Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from the April 2nd, 2022 meeting were e_Mailed to board members and officers prior to the meeting for review. Dan Fesler pointed out an error in Item #28, "RV Pump-Out Charge to Campers". The minutes indicated a charge of \$35.00 whereas the correct amount was supposed to be \$50.00. After further discussion a motion was made by Mike Powell with Mike Williams seconding to approve the minutes as presented with the change noted by Dan Fesler. 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 bank balance as of June 1st, 2022 is \$124,238.16. Year-to-date Profit and Loss was (-\$45,040.36). After short discussion regarding the effect on our financial status by the timing of the roofing expenditures vs. when the insurance checks were received, a motion was made by Curtis Held with Larry Ellis seconding to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. IGC Lease Status.** Secretary Barker reported that another short-term extension of the lease agreement with Phillip Baker has been executed, extending the lease thru September 30th, 2022.
- 6. Duke Energy Installation of Shot Screen Status.** Secretary Barker reported that he has made several attempts to contact representatives of Duke Energy since the last meeting with Duke Energy and Indiana Gun Club Manager Phillip Baker on November 16th, 2021 but has had no success in contacting them.
- 7. Shell House Additional Roof Support & New Office Ceiling.** Upon questions from the Board, Dan Fesler explained that the interior ceiling in the tournament office had been torn out in order to assess the supporting structure of the lean-to roof over the shell counter and tournament office and the ceiling will have to be replaced and the supporting structure reinforced. Mike Powell asked whether the supporting structure (beam) posed a danger of collapse and causing damage to the new roofing. Mr. Fesler explained that it was not a threat to cause further damage but should be addressed as part of the plans to resize and remodel the tournament office at a later date.
- 8. Create Meeting Room in Tournament Office and Move Partitions to Provide ITA Storage Area in Shell House.** Secretary Barker reported that he met with Phillip Baker and they had discussed the possibility of moving partitions in the interior of the Shell House in order to give Phillip better access with a lift truck when storing supplies in the Shell House. Don had discussed with Phillip the possibility of the ITA using a portion of the Shell House between State Shoots to store excess targets, specifically the ones that had been off the skids or removed from the trap houses and trap machines at the end of the shoot. These targets were the ones that the ITA had always sold to Lowell Thomas (Kingen Gun Club) at a reduced price due to potential for breakage and that the loss on these targets could be eliminated if the ITA had space to keep these targets and use them ourselves for the next year's State Shoot. This loss in recent years had ranged between \$450.00 and \$1,050.00 per year. Jason Barnett, Dan Fesler and Mike Williams to meet on Thursday June 7th at 10:00 am to investigate the changes necessary and develop a draft plan for the work required and a rough estimate of the cost involved. The initial thought is that we would share the cost of the changes with Phillip in some manner.

- 9. Drainage on First Four (4) Concrete RV Pads (P01-P04).** Jason Seitz reported he had been in contact with Mike Perryman regarding the steps necessary to install asphalt millings around and over the first four (4) concrete RV pads (P01–P04) east of the entrance road. Mike was planning to do this as soon as additional millings were available and after procuring some smaller equipment than what had been used previously in order to minimize further damage due to the weight of the equipment. Secretary Barker reported that Mr. Perryman had proposed that he would do the work in exchange for the fee of \$.02 per target fee that the ITA had earlier approved on imposing on the Indiana State High School Clay Target League State Championships for their use of the ITA Traps since they did not require their targets to be registered and therefore paid no ITA Daily Fees. Secretary Barker calculated that this amount be approximately \$240.00 based on last year's attendance. Motion made by Don Barker with Mike Williams seconding that the fee would be waived in lieu of Mr. Perryman's work and acquisition of materials. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10. Equipment Rental for McAllister Equipment (lift) for State Shoot.** Mike Williams reported that he and Mike Perryman would be looking at equipment available at McAllister Equipment Rental next week for use in moving targets at the 2022 Indiana State Shoot. Specifically, Mike Williams and Mr. Perryman would be looking for equipment that was more suitable for our use. The lift used for last year's State Shoot was too large.
- 11. New Public Address System at Indiana Gun Club.** Tabled from previous meeting. Discussion was held. Wishing to have input on the subject from Jason Barnett since he had been involved in the initial proposal and quote and given his absence at this meeting, A motion was made by Don Barker with Mike Powell seconding to again table further action. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12. Austin and Mary Hill Estates.** Secretary Barker reported on the status and communications with Mr. Glen Provost, Beaumont, Texas who is the executor of the wills of Austin and Mary Trent Hill, deceased. The ITA has been named as devisees (beneficiaries) of Austin and Mary Trent Hill. No further details are yet available at this time.
- 13. Reconsideration of Hosting Saturday Night Shooter Appreciation Dinner.** Dan and Desira Fesler reported on discussions they have had with Michael Gooch and Tom Matthews related to the Board reconsidering their earlier action to NOT host the "Chicken Dinner" at the 2022 Indiana State Shoot. Michael Gooch (in cooperation with Tom Matthews) has proposed that if the ITA would reverse their earlier decision and agree to having the dinner this year, they would suggest selling tickets for \$5.00 each as in prior years and would cover any costs over and above the \$5.00 raised in ticket sales. Dan Fesler indicated that Tom Matthews had checked with Jugs Catering and they would be available on Saturday July 9th, 2022. Dinner would be served beginning at 5:00 pm and the menu consistent with prior years. Desira noted that she would be selling tickets from her vending trailer and the ITA cashiers would not have to be involved this year. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mike Williams with Jason Seitz seconding that the Shooter Appreciation be held Saturday night of the 2022 Indiana State Shoot with the stipulation that there be no cost to the ITA. Motion carried unanimously. Dan and Desira Fesler in cooperation with Mike Williams to notify Mr. Gooch and Mr. Matthews of the Board's decision. Secretary Barker to notify Jason Barnett so that information regarding the dinner could be included in the 2022 Indiana State Shoot program.
- 14. Reconsideration of Hosting the Annual "Miss and Out" Event.** Dan Fesler reported on discussions he has had with Tom Matthews related to hosting the Annual "Miss and Out" event at the 2022 Indiana State Shoot. It was noted that the consideration of where/how to obtain shells and targets for the event had to be addressed. Dan Fesler indicated that he would talk to Michael Gooch about him sponsoring the shells for the event. After further discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Don Barker and seconded by Jason Seitz that we hold the "Miss and Out" event on Friday Night, July 8th, 2022 following the Hall of Fame and All State Team ceremonies and that the ITA would provide the targets necessary for the event. Motion carried unanimously. Dan Fesler to notify Mr. Matthews about the Board's decision and to talk to Mr. Gooch about providing the shells necessary. Secretary Barker to notify Jason Barnett so that information regarding the "Miss and Out" event could be included in the 2022 Indiana State Shoot program.
- 15. Michael Gooch Offer to Sponsor Trophies for 16 Yard Class Championships (Event 7).** At the February 26th, 2022 ITA Board meeting, Secretary Barker reported that Mr. Gooch had offered to sponsor (purchase) the trophies to be awarded for the 16 Yard Class Championships, Event 7 to be held Thursday July 7th at the 2022 Indiana State Shoot. Discussion was held at that time and during a later phone call with David Cates, Trophy Committee Chairperson, Mr. Cates indicated he would meet with Mr. Gooch at Silver Dollar Shooter's Club during either the Southern Grand or the Florida State Shoot to discuss specifics. This meeting had not taken place at that time but in subsequent communication between Mr. Cates and Mr. Gooch, it had been worked out that Michael Gooch would be purchasing the trophies for Event 7 at the 2022 Indiana State Shoot.

- 16. e-Mail Vote Regarding Target Price Increase.** On Monday April 11th, 2022, Secretary Barker had distributed an e-Mail request for Board Action regarding the increase in target prices we had received from the successful bidder to supply targets for the 2022 Indiana State Shoot. Jason Seitz, doing business as "S and S Sports" had informed us that on Friday April 8th, 2022 he had received notice from White Flyer that targets would increase \$1.55 per case from the \$11.62 as quoted to \$13.17 per case, delivered. Based upon phone calls to the other bidders, this increase was passed on to all White Flyer distributors, therefore making a change to the successful bidder would not protect the ITA from the increase. The Board had voted at the April 2nd, 2022 meeting to increase target prices from the \$33.00 per 100 charged at the 2021 State Shoot to \$35.00 per 100 for the 2022 State Shoot. This request for Board action was to determine whether the 2022 Indiana State Shoot target prices should be increased from the \$35.00 per hundred approved at the April 2nd meeting. Any increase would also affect the prices that the Zone Shoot host clubs were allowed to charge. Seven (7) responses were received in the e-Mail vote with six (6) of the responses suggesting that we leave target prices as had been determined, \$35.00 per 100. Three (3) of those responses also included "what if" concerns in case of another increase prior to the State Shoot. Based on the responses received via e-Mail, Secretary Barker distributed an e-Mail to Board Members on April 18th, 2022 that we would be leaving target prices at the \$35.00 per 100 as previously decided. Phone calls were also made to the Zone Championship host club managers to inform them that the maximum Zone target prices that could be charged remains at \$35.00 per hundred.
- 17. 2022 Indiana State Shoot Program Status.** Jason Barnett, Chairperson of the Programs and Promotions Committee, informed the Board of the catastrophic events currently affecting the production, printing and distribution of the 2022 Programs. Mr. Tim Carroll, Championship Programs Inc., who had been responsible for the sale of advertising, printing and distribution of programs had recently been air-lifted to University of Chicago Medical Center with life-threatening heart disease and was in intensive care and in critical condition. Jason indicated that he had not been able to be in contact with Mr. Carroll nor his administrative assistant, Jenny, and basically no work to date had been started on the 2022 program. Jason had followed up with Mr. John Smith of Dooley Press who had been the sub-contractor for the actual printing and distribution of the programs in previous years and during multiple conversations with Mr. Smith, it was determined that if the ITA could provide the necessary changes in the contents of the programs and the advertising to be included, he could still print and distribute programs as he had in the past. Mr. Smith was able to provide materials from the prior years' program as a starting point for Mr. Barnett. Upon review of the materials provided by Mr. Smith, it was determined that Jason's wife, Deidre was familiar with the publishing software used to create and edit the program and immediately set to making the necessary changes. After further discussion within the Board, it was decided to include all advertisements from the prior year, not knowing if they had agreed to advertise in this year's program and attempt collections "after the fact". After Jason & Deidre's considerable efforts, the programs were able to be printed and distributed, albeit later than desired but a much better situation than having no program published at all.
- 18. Appreciation to Jason and Deidre Barnett for Production of 2022 Indiana State Shoot Programs.** Mike Powell asked that the minutes show the deep appreciation due on behalf of the ITA Board of Directors and all ITA shooters for the commitment and considerable effort put forth by Jason and Deidre Barnett in order for the ITA to publish and distribute the 2022 Indiana State Shoot program.
- 19. Fred Hackett and Ed Voliva Family Drawing.** Jason Barnett, Chairperson of the Programs and Promotions Committee, reported to the Board that in a cooperative effort between Mr. Fred Hackett, Midwest Forensics, LLC and the Ed Voliva Family, in memory of Ed Voliva, there would again this year be a drawing on Sunday prior to the Indiana Handicap Championship Event in Honor of the Indiana Trapshooting Hall of Fame. All shooters that entered at least one event in the 2022 Indiana State Shoot would be eligible to be included in the drawing. Tickets would be given to shooters throughout the week for each event they have entered. There would be four winning tickets drawn, each winner to be awarded \$250.00. Secretary Barker to design and have an ample number of tickets printed. Tickets to be given to each shooter at the cashier's window as entries are cashiered. The entire Board voiced their appreciation to Mr. Fred Hackett and the Ed Voliva Family for their support.
- 20. Ed Voliva Family Added Money for Doubles Class Championship Event 10.** Jason Barnett, Chairperson of the Programs and Promotions Committee, reported to the Board that the Ed Voliva Family, in memory of Ed Voliva, would be providing \$1,000 in added money to Indiana resident shooters and the Doubles Class Championship event would be named and advertised as the "Ed Voliva Memorial Doubles Class Championship". This added money would replace \$520.00 in added money previously provided by the ITA. In addition there would be \$40.00 in added money provided for the high score in the Doubles Class Championship event, ITA Past Presidents eligible. The entire Board voiced their appreciation to the Ed Voliva Family for their support.

21. 2022 Ladies Appreciation Awards. Secretary Barker presented three names for consideration to receive our annual "Ladies Appreciation Awards" to be presented during the Hall of Fame and All State Team ceremonies on Friday July 8th, 2022. The names presented were:

- Chrissy Byrd
- Michelle Mueller
- Deidre Barnett

Mike Powell suggested that the name of Desira Fesler be included for all her efforts related to serving as Chairperson of the Camping Committee and many long years of service as our on-grounds EMT. The Board was in consensus with these nominations.

22. 2022 Indiana Zone Championship Reports. Secretary Barker reviewed the reports from the three (3) Indiana Zone Championships. The Northern Indiana Zone Championships were held at Fulton County Gun Club, Rochester, Indiana on Saturday May 21st and Sunday May 22nd, 2022. There were 70 16 Yard Event entries, 53 Doubles Event entries and 68 Handicap Event entries. Central Zone Championships were held at Kingen Gun Club, McCordsville, Indiana on Saturday May 14th and Sunday May 15th, 2022. There were 63 16 Yard Event entries, 36 Doubles Event entries and 53 Handicap Event entries. Southern Zone Championships were held at Evansville Gun Club, Haubstadt, Indiana on Saturday May 21st and Sunday May 22nd, 2022. There were 36 16 Yard Event entries, 23 Doubles Event entries and 38 Handicap Event entries.

23. Campground Water Supply Repairs. It was determined the week before the 2021 State Shoot that significant repairs and refurbishing were required to the campground water supply. Further discussion was held regarding the severity of the repairs necessary and whether these repairs should be attempted this close to the 2022 State Shoot. Dan Fesler noted that we had received no complaints regarding low pressure in 2021 and it was his opinion that we should not make repairs at this late date. Requires further discussion at a later date.

24. Voice Call Microphone Replacements. Mike Williams reported that he had ordered and received 9 sets of BRB brand replacement microphones and would be installing them on the Canterbury stands, attaching the cabling to be used for the 2022 Indiana State Shoot.

25. Trap Maintenance Program. Mike Williams reported that he had ordered repair parts, including the new steel springs to replace the existing Uni-Bands and with the help of Tom Neal and Bobby Hubble would be servicing all traps prior to the Indiana State Shoot. New bases of ¾ inch marine grade plywood with T-Nuts would be installed in all trap houses.

26. Grounds Repair Due to Damage at 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Secretary Barker that he had discussed repairs needed to the grounds (rutting, etc.) with Phillip Baker and although Phil had intended to have his staff repair these areas and reseed, this had not yet been completed. After further discussion it was decided to review the damaged areas during the week preceding the 2022 State Shoot and make repairs where and if necessary.

27. Trash Duty for 2022 Indiana State Shoot. Dan Fesler inquired if we had a person lined up for trash duties for the 2022 Indiana State Shoot. At this point we did not. Secretary Barker to contact Keith Weller and have him determine if Marty Charleton, the gentleman utilized last year for trash duty would be willing to do so again this year.

28. Indiana State High School Clay Target League State Championships at Indiana Gun Club. Secretary Barker reported that the Indiana State High School Clay Target League State Championships would again be held at Indiana Gun Club on Friday June 10th, 2022 (skeet events) and Saturday June 12th, 2022 (trap events).

29. Indiana SCTP State Championships at Indiana Gun Club. Secretary Barker reported that the Indiana SCTP State Championships (trap events) would again be held at Indiana Gun Club on Saturday June 11th, 2022. Note that this date was changed to Sunday June 19th, 2022 at a later date.

30. Updated ITA Officers & Board Member Contact List. Secretary Barker distributed updated copies of the Officers & Board Member Contact list reflecting the resignation of Mr. DeSantis and the addition of Jerry Brown, Central Zone Director.

31. New Line Supervisor for 2022 Indiana State Shoot. Secretary Barker reported that we had acquired a new Line Supervisor for the 2022 Indiana State Shoot. Don had approached Mr. Zachary Sperback (son of prior Line Supervisor Annette Sperback) and he had agreed to take the job for 2022. In addition, Annette had committed her support the first day of the State Shoot to assist Zach and if there was any day during the week that Zach was unable

to attend due to work obligations. In addition, Zach and Annette would work cooperatively this first year on obtaining trap help. Motion made by Don Barker with Mike Williams seconding that we contract with Zachary Sperback to serve as Line Supervisor for the 2022 Indiana State Shoot. Motion carried unanimously.

32. **Lack of Food Vendor for 2022 Indiana State Shoot.** Secretary Barker reported that we still have no food vendor for the 2022 Indiana State shoot. Discussion was held with several Board members expressing that they had contact that could help us. Suggestions were also made regarding the potential for contracting with “food truck” vendors to provide food service at the 2022 State Shoot. Suggestion was also made to contact Sal Russo, ITA shooter and restaurant owner to see if he could help or provide any contacts. Those Board members with potential contacts to notify Secretary Barker if they have any success.
33. **Campground Electrical Fault.** Discussion was held regarding the electrical fault that was discovered in the underground electrical supply in the south-west portion of the campground at the end of the 2021 Indiana State Shoot. Mike Williams to contact Beeson Electrical and have the fault located and repaired.
34. **Golf Cart Cost Increase vs. Prices Charged.** President Wade had previously initiated discussion on whether we should raise the prices for golf cart rentals, given what appeared to be a significant increase in our costs. However after further research, Mr. Wade discovered that he had not taken our 35 to 45 percent discount into consideration. Further discussion was held. It was determined, without Board action that the rental prices charged will remain the same as 2021.
35. **2021 Payable 2022 Property Taxes.** Secretary Barker distributed a report indicating the Property Taxes due and paid by Phillip Baker as specified in the Lease Agreement for 2021, payable 2022. A comparison was provided of 2021 payable 2022 (current year) and 2020 payable 2021 (prior year). The comparison showed that property taxes payable 2022 had increased by \$148.18. However this increase was due to a new “drainage assessment” for 2022 in the amount of \$345.00.
36. **ITA Mower Repairs.** A paid invoice in the amount of \$1,880.04 for repairs necessary to the ITA John Deere mower had been presented to the Board for reimbursement by Indiana Gun Club Lessee and Manager Phillip Baker. Subject to the terms of the Lease Agreement, these repairs were the responsibility of the ITA. Motion made by Don Barker with Larry Ellis seconding to to authorize Treasurer John Voliva to reimburse Phillip for the repairs. Motion carried unanimously.
37. **AIM Youth Shooting Committee.** President Wade reported on behalf of Howard Byrd, Chairperson of the AIM Youth Shooting Committee that it was Howard and Chrissy’s intent to hold the ITA Youth Shooting Shell Raffle again this year and all donations of shells for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. Tickets were to be mailed to Gun Clubs in the near future.
38. **Hall of Fame Committee Report.** Given the Absence of Devon Harris, ITA Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson, no report was available regarding the ITA Hall of Fame.
39. **Camping for 2022 Indiana State Shoot.** Desira Fesler, Chairperson of the ITA Camping Committee reported on the progress to date regarding camping availability and reservations for the 2022 Indiana State Shoot.
40. **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.
41. **ATA Delegate’s Report.** Given the Absence of ATA Delegate Jason Barnett, no ATA delegate’s report was available.
42. **Next Meeting Date/Time and Location.** Next ITA Board of Directors meeting to be determined at a later date after the Annual Meeting on Friday July 8th, 2022 at the Indiana State Shoot and after election of new Directors and Officers.
43. **Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made for adjournment at 2:25 pm by Larry Ellis with Jason Seitz seconding. Motion carried unanimously.