

Louisiana Trapshooting Association

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LTA Board Meeting - September 29, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Keith Crissman, at 11:00 am.

Those in attendance were:

Keith Crissman
Donny Sanders
Jim Jenkins
Doyle Brooks
Mitch Killingsworth
Al Sikes
Danny Batten

Johnny Pollard's proxy was given to Keith Crissman. Shon Sanson's proxy was given to Jim Jenkins

1. A safety moment was reviewed in regard to fire extinguisher locations and room exits. What to do in the event of a medical emergency was discussed.
2. Keith recognized the TBMGC team for their effort on the 2018 state shoot.
3. The financials were reviewed. The 2018 year ended with a surplus of \$1527. There has been a loss of the Championship Singles Event and one of the Preliminary Event donors. There are several extraordinary costs that won't be incurred this year. A preliminary budget, reflecting the anticipated donors and expenses was presented that reflects an anticipated surplus of \$910 assuming that the number of targets thrown remain the same and that trophy and printing costs don't increase. Everyone was encouraged to search for additional donors.
4. The number of targets thrown for 2018 was reviewed against those thrown in 2017. There was a small reduction in the total number of targets thrown for the state; however, the state shoot numbers increased about 50%. Targets next year should increase when Bridgeview begins throwing targets again.
5. The dates for the 2019 state shoot were approved to be 5/2 through 5/5 with Thursday being an Open day and Friday through Sunday being Resident/ Non-resident days.

6. It was approved to reorder Friday events to doubles, handicap, then singles to allow additional time for the determination of handicap shootoffs.
7. Trophy Committee – Keith and Doyle and others to help as available were approved.
8. In regard to keeping/ eliminating options due to low utilization, it was decided to keep track of 50/ 100 options again for 2019 and analyze the result to determine if we need to eliminate any of these options for 2020.
9. It was decided to leave target fees at \$36/100 until additional event donors are obtained.
10. It was decided to name Thursday events for last year's championship event winners.
11. The proposed slate of Board members for next year was approved for the incumbents except Al Sikes will be replaced with Gene Saizon. Al is moving out of state.
12. The HOF committee proposed that Donny Sanders be selected to the 2019 Hall of Fame. This was unanimously approved. Congratulations were given to Donny.
13. To reduce the effort associated with maintaining the lifetime targets list, which is only used for HOF consideration, any individuals who move out of state will be dropped from the list. This will allow cutting and pasting of the totals from the ATA data. Deceased LTA members as well as any we no longer shoot but remain in the state will continue to be listed.
14. In regard to updating the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the proposed changes by Chuck Traylor and Jim Jenkins were accepted as follows and will be presented at the 2019 State Members meeting for a membership vote:
 - a. The member meeting language will be revised to state the membership meeting will be held Saturday or Sunday at the state shoot and will be published as which date in the shoot program.
 - b. The Board meeting at the state shoot language will be revised to reflect Board meetings will meet as determined by the Board. Currently the Board meets in August or September and not at the state shoot.
 - c. The requirement to select the state shoot location for the next year at the state shoot will be eliminated. The Board takes proposals for locations at the fall Board meeting and makes the determination then. The trend is to give multiple year commitments for the shoot due to the high cost of hosting the shoots and for preparing for them.
 - d. The requirement of having five fields to hold the state shoot will be eliminated.
 - e. The requirement to have a separate HOF account with 3 authorized check writers will be replaced by having a separate HOF accounting with the checking account check writers only required. This removes the need to have a separate savings account, which generates interest of a small amount, which in turn requires a detailed tax return to be filed.

15. Other Business

- a. A new trap club, the Lafayette Tarp Club, in Kaplan, LA will be holding shoots soon. The paperwork with the ATA is in progress.
- b. Due to the unknowns with the renovations being held at Bridgeview, their 4th Saturday shoot dates will not be held. Keith will check on who will run future shoots for Bridgeview.
- c. The Board meeting will be the 3rd Saturday in August, 2019 to allow more time for trophy ordering.
- d. Pre-squadding – can we pre-classify prior to start of state shoot? Probably not.
- e. Low number of shooters in state – AI discussed 4H / AIM might be able to help. David Hebert is supporting youth shooting. 4H in Natchitoches has 114 shooters with LSU providing shells. Maybe an AIM director that has time to focus on this needs to be appointed to move it forward or perhaps Amy needs some additional help . Keith will check with 4H; Doyle will check on AIM information.
- f. The use of a credit card at the state shoot was tabled. JJ to investigate why Options can't be charged to a credit card.
- g. AI brought up the potential to add additional lighted fields at TBMGC to allow normal shooting to continue during the state shoot for greater number of shooters. The two fields currently lighted handle the shootoff requirements.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Jim Jenkins
LTA Secretary/ Treasurer

LTA AGENDA

Board Meeting

September 29, 2018

1. Review of financials.

- a. For the year there was an increase in balance of \$1527, which included a one time ATA grant of \$1200 and included a (\$528) NSF check.
- b. Cashiering Help - \$2100 (down from what would have been about \$3,800)
- c. Saturday night meal - \$2020
- d. Extraordinary one-time costs:
 - i. Computer System/ Software / Printers - \$3674
 - ii. 100,000 target awards - \$1087
 - iii. Service Awards - \$116

2. Review of Targets Thrown

CLUB	Shoot Held	Single Target	Handicap Targets	Double Targets	Total Targets Thrown
Arcadia Gun Club	7	7300	2450	300	14,250 14,050
Cottonland Skeet & Trap Club	0	0	0	0	2,300 1,400
Bridgeview Gun Club	2	2100	1800	800	4,700 28,700
Louisiana Trapshooting Association	4	34500	20300	19600	74,400
Mill Creek Gun Club	0	0	0	0	0
Toby Bancroft Memorial Gun Club	10	12250	7400	5300	27,550 24,950
Red Chute Shotgun Sports Club	10	7100	6500	5400	19,000
TOTALS	33	63,250	38,450	31,400	133,100 135,700

2017
 12,050
 1,400
 28,700
 49,300
 39,450
 11,700
 142,600

3. Confirm that the State Shoot will be May 2 to May 5, 2019, which is 4 days long and will be of the same Open/Resident/ Non-Resident format.
4. Proposal by JJ to reorder Friday shoot order to Doubles, Handicap, Singles; to allow more time in determining shoot off participants.
5. Selection of Trophy Committee – Proposed Keith Crissman, Other?
 - a. Trophy cost without 100,000 award, service awards was \$7253 for trophies, \$645 for state team awards and \$839 for pins (\$450 for 2019 w/o All American Pins).
6. Selection of Grievance Committee – Proposed Keith Crissman/ Doyle Brooks
7. Selection of Handicap Committee – Proposed Doyle Brooks, Chair; Danny Batten, Jim Jenkins.
8. Target Setting Committee (TBMGC) – Donny Sanders

9. Proposal by Jim Jenkins to appoint a Committee that will make the decision to shoot/ stop shoot/ restart shoot for a rain / lightning event.
10. Proposal by Johnny Pollard to add Category Trophies to HOA/ HAA events.
11. Confirm that it is acceptable to continue to hire assistance to help with cashiering, etc. Depending on financials this may or may not be exercised – decision to be made later by Doyle Brooks and Jim Jenkins.
12. Determination of Lewis and other options to be offered.
 - a. Lewis, 3 classes
 - b. 50 Options – participation has gotten very low.
 - c. 100 Option on Champ. Handicap
 - d. Yardage Option on Handicap
13. Determination of Target Cost to Shooters
 - a. In 2017 and 2018, it was \$36/100.
 - b. Without the computers/software, All American pins and 100,000 awards, LTA would have had an additional surplus of \$5,150. There is currently a decrease in event donors of \$3500. This translates to a forecasted surplus of \$1650 if target pricing is not changed.
 - c. Added money if maintained at the current levels would come from LTA revenue and not primarily donors unless additional donors can be found.
 - d. With same number of targets thrown, a \$1 drop in target cost reduces revenue by \$740.
14. Proposal by JJ to name the Preliminary Thursday Shoots after the Championship Winners of the previous year state shoot. This does eliminate possible income from event donors.
15. Proposed Slate of Board of Directors
 - a. President Keith Crissman
 - b. Vice-President Donny Sanders
 - c. Secretary-Treasurer- Jim Jenkins
 - d. Director at Large – Shon Sanson
 - e. Northwest Director – Mitch Killingsworth
 - f. Southwest Director – Al Sikes
 - g. Southeast Director – Johnny Pollard
 - h. Northeast Director – Danny Batten
 - i. Delegate – Doyle Brooks
 - j. Alt. Delegate – Robert LaBorde
16. HOF Candidate Proposal
 - a. Lifetime target attainment
 - b. La. state shoot trophy attainment
 - c. Contributions to the sport
17. Confirm it is acceptable to drop lifetime target history of individuals who move out of state even though the vast majority of their targets have been shot in LA. For example Fernando Salvador has 116325 targets shot but recently moved to FL. There are 791 names on the Lifetime Target list. Jim Jenkins would like to be able to cut / paste updated lifetime target numbers from an ATA spreadsheet but

if done, any LA shooters who moved from the state would be dropped from the list.

18. Review / Acceptance of proposed Articles of Incorporation/ Bylaws prepared by Chuck Traylor which if accepted would be presented to the membership at the state shoot for voting.

19. Other Business.

20. Schedule for next Board meeting.

LTA FINANCIAL SHEET

9/1/2017 Through 8/31/2018

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	YTD
BEGINNING BALANCES													
LTA	32,011	32,045	32,074	30,100	28,548	30,554	29,574	30,316	30,726	32,198	32,148	32,218	
HOF	722	722	722	722	722	722	722	722	722	842	842	842	
TOTAL BALANCE	32,733	32,767	32,795	30,822	29,269	31,276	30,296	31,037	31,447	33,040	32,990	33,060	
INFLOWS													
ATA SPONSORED MEMBERS													
LTA DAILY FEES													
AGC			12	9			75	15	63	39	39		252
CSTC													
BGC		21	15										36
MCGC													
TBMGC	39	27	36	24	27		54	105	33	42	33		420
RCSSC	15	45	9	12		24	18	36	30	30	18		237
TOTAL LTA DAILY FEES	54	93	72	45	27	24	147	156	126	111	90		945
LTA INCOME													
ATA REBATE								859					859
INTEREST INCOME													
OTHER INCOME							1,000					1,200	2,200
UNCASHED CHECKS												20	20
TOTAL LTA INCOME							1,000	859				1,220	3,079
STATE SHOOT INCOME													
DONATIONS					250		650						900
ADDED MONEY					1,750			1,750					3,500
EVENT DONATION				500	2,250			1,250					4,000
OTHER INCOME													
PROGRAM DONATION				500	650			100					1,250
PRESQUAD FEES						(152)		1,129	223				1,201
RAFFLE TICKET SALES													
SANSON EVENTS													
SHOOT COLLECTIONS													
ATA/AIM MEMBERSHIPS									40		12		52
ATA/LTA HOF CONTRIBUTIONS									240				240
ATA DAILY FEES									1,035				1,035
LTA DAILY FEES									1,035				1,035
OPTIONS COLLECTED									3,365				3,365
SHOOT FEES									26,867				26,867
TOTAL SHOOT COLLECTIONS									32,582		12		32,594
TOTAL STATE SHOOT INCOME				1,000	4,900	(152)	650	4,229	32,805		12		43,445
TOTAL INFLOWS	54	93	72	1,045	4,927	(128)	1,797	5,244	32,931	111	102	1,220	47,469
OUTFLOWS													
COMPUTER EXPENSES			2,026	964			457		228				3,674
LTA HOF EXPENSES													
WALL DISPLAYS													
PLAQUES FOR INDUCTEES													
TOTAL LTA HOF EXPENSES													
MISC.													
OFFICE SUPPLIES													
CHECKS													
MAILING MAT'L'S													
FILING SUPPLIES		45			27								72
PAPER				8									8
COMPUTER SUPPLIES								158					158
TOTAL OFFICE SUPPLIES		45		8	27			158					238
POSTAGE & DELIVERY									16	15			31
STATE SHOOT EXPENSES													
ADVERTISEMENT (T & F)													
ATA/LTA EXPENSES													
ATA DAILY FEES									1,035				1,035
ATA HALL OF FAME									120				120
ATA AIM PROGRAM													
ATA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL									40		12		52
LTA HALL OF FAME													
PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT													
TOTAL ATA/LTA EXPENSES									1,195		12		1,207
AWARDS													
ADDED MONEY									3,458				3,458
PARTICIPATION PINS						793	46						839
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR													
STATE TEAM				645									645
HOF TROPHY													
TROPHIES				961	2,758			4,495		126			8,340
TOTAL AWARDS				1,606	2,758	793	46	4,495	3,458	126			13,282
CPTR. REGISTRATION SVCS.									2,100				2,100
FOOD								161	1,859				2,020
MAILING MAT'L'S													
MISC.					116	59			540				715
OPTIONS									3,289				3,289
OTHER POSTAGE									34				34
TRAP MACHINE MAINTENANCE													
PROGRAM MAILING EXPENSE								137					137
PROGRAM PRINTING								360					360
RAFFLE PRIZE COST													
REFUNDS													
SANSON EVENTS													
TARGETS + LABOR FEES									18,600				18,600
TOTAL STATE SHOOT EXPENSES				1,606	2,874	852	543	4,657	31,075	126	12		41,744
TAXES/BANK FEES							15						15
WEB SERVICES	20	20	20	20	20		40	20	20	20	20	20	239
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	20	65	2,046	2,597	2,921	852	1,056	4,834	31,338	161	32	20	45,942
OVERALL TOTAL	34	28	(1,974)	(1,552)	2,006	(980)	741	410	1,593	(50)	70	1,200	1,527
ENDING BALANCES													
LTA	32,045	32,074	30,100	28,548	30,554	29,574	30,316	30,726	32,198	32,148	32,218	33,418	
HOF	722	722	722	722	722	722	722	722	842	842	842	842	
TOTAL BALANCE	32,767	32,795	30,822	29,269	31,276	30,296	31,037	31,447	33,040	32,990	33,060	34,260	34,260

2019 Budget - 2019

9/1/2018 through 8/31/2019 Using 2019 Budget

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Category	9/1/2018 Actual	Budget	8/31/2019 Difference
INCOME	42.00	38,102.00	-38,060.00
ATA Rebate	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
LTA Daily Fees	42.00	948.00	-906.00
AGC	0.00	252.00	-252.00
BGC	0.00	36.00	-36.00
RCSSC	15.00	240.00	-225.00
TBMGC	0.00	420.00	-420.00
Other LTA Daily Fees	27.00	0.00	27.00
Net Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Salary Spouse	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
St Shoot Inc	0.00	36,354.00	-36,354.00
ATA-AIM Memberships	0.00	0.00	0.00
Daily Fees	0.00	2,070.00	-2,070.00
ATA Fees	0.00	1,035.00	-1,035.00
LTA Fees	0.00	1,035.00	-1,035.00
Other Daily Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Event Donation	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Added Money	0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00
Event	0.00	3,250.00	-3,250.00
Other Event Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOF Collection	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATA HOF	0.00	0.00	0.00
LTA HOF	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other HOF Collection	0.00	0.00	0.00
Options	0.00	0.00	0.00
Presquad Fees	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Program Donation	0.00	1,300.00	-1,300.00
Target Fees	0.00	26,784.00	-26,784.00
Other St Shoot Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00
FROM Hall Of Fame	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	0.00	37,191.40	37,191.40
Banking Fees	0.00	50.00	50.00
Computer Expenses	0.00	100.00	100.00
HOF Trophy	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00	100.00	100.00
Computer Supplies	0.00	100.00	100.00
Filing Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mailing Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	0.00	16.00	16.00
St Shoot Exp	0.00	36,686.00	36,686.00
Added Money	0.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
ATA Daily Fees	0.00	1,035.00	1,035.00
ATA HOF	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATA Membership Renewal	0.00	0.00	0.00

2019 Budget - 2019

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Category	9/1/2018 Actual	- Budget	8/31/2019 Difference
Cashiering Help	0.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Check Postage	0.00	35.00	35.00
Food	0.00	2,025.00	2,025.00
Misc	0.00	100.00	100.00
Options	0.00	0.00	0.00
Participation Plns	0.00	645.00	645.00
Program	0.00	498.00	498.00
Program Mailing	0.00	137.00	137.00
Program Printing	0.00	361.00	361.00
Other Program	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Team Awards	0.00	645.00	645.00
Target Expense	0.00	18,600.00	18,600.00
Trophies	0.00	7,253.00	7,253.00
Other St Shoot Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00
Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Services	0.00	239.40	239.40
TO Hall Of Fame	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Difference:	42.00	910.60	-868.60

State Total Member Summary

for 2018

ST	TOTAL	ACTIVE	PAID	UNPD	LIFE	ANUL	MEN	WMEN	SV	VET	S JR	JR	Singles			Handicap			Doubles		
													500	1000	1500	500	1000	1500	500	1000	1500
IR	5	1	3	2	2	3	5	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
KS	3,610	460	901	2,709	407	3,203	3,308	302	510	239	107	144	250	162	110	196	131	72	160	96	56
KY	5,856	703	1,246	4,610	448	5,408	5,346	510	863	456	143	266	414	272	165	324	254	168	168	115	85
LA	1,063	88	263	800	154	909	980	83	180	85	41	75	42	21	12	24	18	8	16	12	6
MA	2,412	306	616	1,796	238	2,174	2,232	180	481	196	66	108	171	93	57	92	57	37	60	38	31
MB	728	78	137	591	73	655	660	68	84	31	19	65	49	28	17	31	17	11	33	18	12
MC	665	7	37	628	24	641	633	32	137	78	0	0	5	4	0	5	3	1	4	4	0
MD	3,689	511	1,037	2,552	456	3,133	3,290	299	683	212	132	152	246	153	101	209	140	82	84	48	30
ME	647	81	179	468	84	563	578	69	145	66	27	24	43	25	13	29	13	4	21	12	4
MI	9,278	1,173	2,101	7,177	807	8,471	8,471	807	1,714	675	347	521	507	241	142	263	167	110	137	92	54
MN	7,041	1,117	1,734	5,307	579	6,462	6,390	651	793	389	324	714	398	231	137	289	182	106	193	115	61
MO	7,121	948	1,555	5,566	455	6,666	6,396	725	830	374	306	490	537	268	121	319	210	121	157	84	64
MS	998	129	233	765	96	902	928	70	125	67	35	55	63	39	30	48	34	21	38	29	20
MT	4,219	587	948	3,271	350	3,869	3,786	433	554	283	105	152	237	134	85	226	142	88	131	73	40
NC	2,600	349	746	1,854	338	2,262	2,416	184	518	245	81	93	170	120	82	131	94	56	95	60	36
ND	2,075	354	522	1,553	180	1,895	1,897	178	163	112	74	154	145	78	53	95	54	38	92	55	35
NE	4,476	589	1,120	3,356	457	4,019	3,995	481	497	255	116	263	315	186	129	250	153	98	179	101	61
NH	755	114	232	523	114	641	690	65	170	80	8	28	66	42	26	48	26	13	40	19	9
NJ	3,291	359	926	2,365	451	2,840	3,041	250	782	289	17	41	218	167	128	161	124	76	97	65	39
NL	8	2	1	7	0	8	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NM	1,506	217	399	1,107	184	1,322	1,342	184	305	100	49	76	117	69	46	94	60	41	74	47	31
NV	2,914	169	472	2,442	281	2,633	2,613	301	527	230	26	48	60	31	17	75	39	20	46	23	13
NY	8,438	1,101	2,203	6,235	953	7,485	7,789	649	1,961	806	51	90	605	388	255	365	236	148	217	139	88
NZ	234	90	111	123	9	225	215	19	30	24	5	9	20	2	2	9	2	1	19	9	2
OH	14,055	1,783	3,749	10,306	1,698	12,357	13,048	1,007	2,896	1,155	377	521	1,055	650	375	738	503	314	408	255	149
OK	2,148	299	615	1,533	281	1,867	1,965	183	346	161	71	107	163	114	91	140	103	78	104	69	55
ON	2,478	396	760	1,718	364	2,114	2,315	163	535	231	14	17	260	165	90	213	110	50	145	76	32
OR	1,709	128	345	1,364	200	1,509	1,539	170	425	129	20	46	56	21	12	49	21	11	24	9	7
PA	12,802	2,048	3,882	8,920	1,667	11,135	11,715	1,087	2,760	1,103	245	424	1,130	735	447	850	545	349	460	318	194

Jenkins, James S.

From: Jenkins, James S.
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 9:31 AM
To: Keith Crissman (kcrissm@entergy.com); Donny Sanders; Doyle Brooks - Ford, Bacon & Davis; Mitch Killingsworth (mitch@jrflaw.com); Alan Sikes (sikes_alan@yahoo.com); Johnny Pollard (pollard29@hotmail.com); Danny Batten; Shon Sanson (shonsanson@gmail.com)
Cc: Jim Jenkins; Jenkins, James S.
Subject: LTA proposed Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws changes
Attachments: LTA docs.docx; ArticlesofIncorporation.doc; Bylaws (2017-5-20).doc

Attached for your review is comments put together by Chuck Traylor that he proposes need to be changed in our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. In addition I think we need to revise the Bylaws to indicate that the Board meeting will be held at a time selected by the Board and not immediately after the membership meeting as required the Bylaws, Article IV, Section C. Also, the Bylaws section on maintaining a separate account for the HOF funds and requiring 3 persons to have signature authority in Article VI, Section L., b. needs revision to reflect that only a separate accounting of the HOF funds and the President/ S/T have signature authority over the funds. This is how we are doing the HOF funds now. We had a separate account but the banks insisted on paying interest which would force us to file a more detailed tax return, which we don't want to do.

Thanks,

Jim Jenkins
LTA Secretary / Treasurer



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September 6, 2018

To: James Jenkins, Secretary, Louisiana Trapshooting Association

From: Chuck Traylor

Re: Possible revisions to LTA articles and by-laws

Dear Jim,

Pursuant to the mission given to me by President McPhate during the state meeting in May, 2018, I've taken a look at the articles and by-laws of the LTA and I would like to make a couple of suggestions for possible amendments or revisions to bring our corporate governing documents more in line with the current needs of the LTA.

Annual Meeting

Article VIII of the Articles of Incorporation currently provides that the annual meeting of the membership of the LTA is to be held "between the morning and afternoon shooting rounds on the Saturday during" the state shoot.

This provision has proven problematic in recent years due to increasing attendance and the limited number of traps available at the host club which requires that there be no break between the hundreds on Saturday in order to get the singles championship shot before dark. Last year, and in prior years, this sort of problem was often handled by calling the meeting to order and immediately adjourning it until some more convenient time later during the state shoot.

The LTA can continue to deal with this problem in this manner or Article VIII may be amended to provide more flexibility. The first sentence of Article VIII could be amended to read as set out below:

The annual meeting of the membership of this Corporation shall be held on Saturday and/or Sunday of the annual state shoot. The meeting may be adjourned from time to time but must be completed by the beginning of the final championship event on Sunday. The time of the meeting shall be announced in the state shoot program.

This approach would give the Board more flexibility in selecting a time for the meeting and would make abundantly clear that it is permitted to adjourn and resume the meeting if need be. It would require that the meeting be completed before the handicap championship begins on Sunday. It would also require that the time of the meeting be announced in the state shoot program.

A second problem area in Article VIII or the Articles concerns the business to be handled at the annual meeting. The second sentence of the Article states that one of the matters to be handled at the annual meeting is to "... designate the dates and location for the annual State trapshooting tournament (Louisiana State Shoot) for the following year ..."

As you know, this has not been the practice of the LTA for at least twenty years. During that time, the LTA Board has chosen the dates and site for the state shoot. This change in practice came about by necessity as many years ago we reached a point where no potential host clubs would request to host the state shoot at the annual meeting.

In order to bring the provisions of the Articles in line with the actual ongoing practice of the LTA, I suggest that we amend Article VIII to remove the language concerning selection of the state shoot date and location from the second sentence of Article VIII.

If the Board considers it appropriate to seek these amendments to Article VIII they can be presented to the membership at the 2019 annual meeting. However, that means that at the 2019 State shoot the Board will need to be ready to deal with the problem of the time of the state meeting in the manner in which it was handled this year by briefly calling the meeting to order and recessing to a more convenient time on Sunday.

Requirement for five fields for a State Shoot host club

Article II.D. of the LTA By-Laws includes a provision that reads "No gun club will be allowed to host the Louisiana State Shoot unless it has five or more fully equipped regulation trap fields." This provision has been suspended by a vote of the membership at the 2016 state meeting until such time as there are at least two Louisiana clubs with at least five fields but it remains part of our by-laws.

As there are currently no Louisiana clubs with five or more fully equipped regulation trap fields, this restriction appears likely to remain suspended for the foreseeable future. However, in order to permanently provide the Board the greatest flexibility in holding state shoots, it may be desirable to amend Article II.D. by simply deleting the first sentence. This would permanently remove the five field requirement.

Conclusion

These problems can be dealt with by amending the Articles and By-Laws at the 2019 state meeting if the Board determines that such is desirable. I will be happy to assist in preparation of the language of the amendments if the Board desires.

I appreciate the opportunity to look into these issues and to write this report for the Board.

Chuck Traylor