

2024 USTA MEMBER MEETING

June 22, 2024

ATTENDEES: USTA members and guests

OFFICERS: Chris Kinder (President), Austin Kinder (co-Vice President), Jared Peay (co-Vice President), Britt Dalton (Treasurer), Vicki Skelton (Secretary)

Chris Kinder opened the meeting by welcoming shooters and thanking them for supporting the USTA.

Minutes of last year's meeting were summarized by Vicki. Members were informed Zach Foster (USTA AIM Director), as last year, is monitoring the state shoot remotely and will mail out trophies. Summary of minutes included Stacy reading the state of the financials, Ed gave account of ATA activities while he was president, officer nominations were asked for, Hall of Fame was talked about, then state team trophies were handed out, and meeting was adjourned.

The minutes were approved as read and seconded. The members unanimously approved the minutes.

Britt also thanked shooters for attending and thanked officers and Spanish Fork for hosting. Britt explained the biggest expense for the year was taxes. He explained the tax situation in detail to the shooters. So far this year since Britt took over in January, we have spent \$55,262. After the state shoot, we should have a profit of around \$31,445 which will put the bank account around \$53,000. We started the year at \$58,000, so there will be a negative loss of around \$4,000. He explained we added more money to the state shoot because we wanted to give back to the shooters. A breakdown of the trophy package was read. There were no questions raised by members.

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Vicki announced shoot dates for the new target year. Except for Golden Spike, all clubs kept their respective shoot dates, which will be posted on the USTA website September 1.

Ed Wehking recognized George Cook in the audience and introduced him as being the pioneer in electronic cashiering for trap shoots. Ed also recognized Dale Amos as a living legend. Ed encouraged shooters to thank the Spanish Fork trap help.

Ed gave highlights of the state of the ATA while he was President last year including signing a 10-year contract with Sparta, Illinois as the site of the Grand American. He informed shooters the ATA raised the daily fees from \$3 to \$4. Daily fees had not been raised for 20+ years. Some of that money does come back to the USTA in the form of a rebate. With \$28 million in the bank, the ATA is trying to give back more to the states through enhanced trophy packages; however, the State of Illinois could null the 10-year-contract with the ATA at any time so the ATA must maintain a healthy bank account in the event that happens and a new site needs to be found. No questions were asked about Ed's recount of the ATA.

Ed recounted how he and Joe Sudbury "rescued" the Hall of Fame trailer from Ron Sellers. Ed brought up thoughts about whether the HOF should be part of the USTA or remain independent.

That will have to be voted on by the members at some other point. There were no questions about the HOF.

Vicki asked for nominations from the members for officers. She started by saying there were already going to be a change in officers but asked the members for any additional nominations for President, Vice-President, or Treasurer. There being none, the members were informed there would be a vote after the meeting between Austin Kinder and Dewey Daniels for Vice President and Chris Kinder and Bobby Street for Alternate Delegate. Justin Sloan was running unopposed for President and Jeff Manning was running unopposed for Treasurer. A motion to seat the unopposed officers was approved and seconded, and Justin and Jeff were named the new President and Treasurer, respectively.

State team trophies were handed out along with posters, and congratulations were given all around. A special award was then presented to Nico Elardo. Nico was awarded a trophy as the captain, and only member, of the non-existent out-of-state state team.

Chris thanked his fellow officers for their hard work, without which the state shoot would not run as smooth as it has.

The meeting was adjourned.

ADDENDUM: The results of the vote for vice president and alternate delegate were delivered during the Sunday morning announcement. Austin Kinder (Vice President) and Chris Kinder (Alternate Delegate) were winners of the election. They will join Justin Sloan (President) and Jeff Manning (Treasurer) as the 2025 USTA Officers.