

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
26 October 2004

1. President Don Rogers called the meeting to order at 1902 hours upon determination of a quorum. Present were Don Burrows, Ron Cooper, Troy Crow, Robert Hall, Jim Killeen, Joe Koss, Jack Murray, Hartley Meyer, Paul Palinski, Don Rogers, Carolynn Tomory, Ray Tomory, Roger Wakelam and Dwight Walker. Harry Kadel was excused. CW Floyd, Bill Hanson, Bob Lochman and Dale Ostler were absent. Also present were Wayne Ross, Bill Watson, Natasha Meyer, Suellyn Novak and Jim Anderson.

2. With so many new faces around the room, Don Rogers suggested that we go around the room and identify ourselves. New to the group this night were Wayne Ross, incoming president; Jon Morse, incoming board member; and Bill Watson, Suellyn Novak and Jim Anderson, Youth Day co-chairs. Don Rogers and Paul Palinski are the new gun show co-chairmen.

3. Paul Palinski moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting, and Roger Wakelam seconded. Approval without addition was unanimous.

4. Robert Hall presented the treasurer's report. The table trucks are at the fair grounds in Palmer, and most of the show bills have been paid. We have almost \$20,000 in the general account. The \$4,000 loan from savings for the last show has been repaid. The show gate was nearly \$12,000; this was one of our more successful shows, and the best fall show in three years. Not a record, but great. Upon motion and second, the report was approved unanimously.

5. Old business:

a. Joe Koss reported no recent developments in the coastal trail extension, at least on the surface. Mayor Begich, at a citizen's meeting about De Armon Road improvements, admitted that he was surprised by the reduction in availability of federal highway funds and said that some priorities may need reevaluation. We can hope that this means that the trail extension will be killed. Paul Palinski said that he would check with John Pletcher for news on the trail.

b. Joe Koss reported no substantive progress on exempt status, but said that he had talked with John Pratt, of the Mat-Su Valley Sportsman's Association, who will help us with our application—he recently completed a 501[c][3] application for MVSA.

c. Carolynn Tomory reported on the last gun show.

[1] The vendors, both new and old, liked the site. The few who didn't like it complained about the drive distance. People liked the table layout. She recommended that Hoskins Hall be used for seminars and ranges only, as show tables there distract attention from the seminars. People also liked the reduction in the number of junk tables. There were many favorable comments on the food and the fast food lines. Daisy may donate guns for next year's junior seminars, and we need an air gun range in Hoskins. Ted Smith's seminar was cancelled, as he was in training then. We need seminars for the

ladies. The laser range that some saw demonstrated in Orlando last year would be an excellent draw, and we should actively pursue getting one.

[2] We need not schedule our show around others, but should simply pick the dates most conducive to us and schedule the dates. We were the premier gun show in South central, and we should be again. Let others plan around us [though we don't want to pick the same dates as another show]. We just need to plan far enough ahead. With that, do we want to stay at the Palmer fairgrounds? Do we want to keep the spring show dates within a week of the Great Alaska Sportsman Show? The last time, there were only two vendors who attended both that show and ours. With a motion from Troy Crow, and second from Paul Palinski, and after discussion, we decided to hold the next show on 30 April/1 May 2005. One of the considerations is that the spring dates must be early enough to allow adequate preparation for Youth Day. The Fairbanks show is on 23-24 April. When is the Palmer Lions show? We must pick fall show dates. Carolynn will check with Jeri Baker and inform Ron Rogers of results, but the third weekend in October is tentatively booked.

[3] Roger Wakelam said that the show really belongs in Anchorage, and he'd like to see it return there some time, if there is ever an adequate facility available; we should keep that possibility in mind.

[4] Jack Murray again said that we should consider selling something at the shows to benefit the Association.

d. Youth Day:

[1] Bill Watson, Jim Anderson and Suellyn Novak are the new co-chairs. We will deal with only one liaison per group. We will actively seek grants and donations from such groups as FNAWS, SCI, FNRA and DU. Troy Crow will contact GCI for a donation. We can also ask banks to contribute. There was also a suggestion that we have a biathlon event at Youth Day. Nye Ford might contribute if they can have a few cars on display. Jon Morse said that Ducks Unlimited might contribute; he will check.

[2] Paul Palinski noted that Randy normally started his preparations for Youth Day in January. Generally, there is a six-month lead-time for all aspects of the event.

[3] Bill Watson needs to know what is in storage for YD. Paul, Don Burrows and Joe Koss have keys to the storage unit.

[4] Tasha Meyer noted that, if we have pre-registration, we can get all sorts of stuff from NRA for free, instead of paying for them, as we have been. This would include hats, books and other materials. We haven't had pre-registration before, but it should not be difficult to incorporate this feature.

[5] Bill asked about the various forms used for Youth Day. Carolynn Tomory said that Great Originals has really good prizes. Paul noted that Randy used to prepare many of the forms himself.

[6] Bill asked about the possibility of getting a high school shooting team to assist with Youth Day. Contact Marshal Reed. Can we get the high schools involved?

[7] Kenai wants an YD program on the Peninsula. We can't do it long range; our own is tough enough. We'll help with guidance, but, if they want one, they must do it themselves.

[8] Do we want John Satterwhite for the noon show again, this time, or someone else? How about the quick-draw type who was here recently for a bank promotion? APD is willing to cut its show time to allow others into the program. Can we get the

Olympic shooter from Fairbanks? Wayne Ross said that Phil Spangenburg puts on a Western show.

[9] We should publish a user group description list—a list of the participating groups with a contact name and number.

[10] Jack Murray will contribute use of a BB machine gun.

6. New business:

a. Gun show: Jim Killeen said that we need a woman to sell gun training to women. This could be done at an information table for women. Paul Palinski said that there is an increased interest in CCW permits by women, and Ted Smith's seminar is directly on point for them. The laser range, once we have one, would be ideal for this [if we can keep the boys away from the toys].

b. We have four new directors; two to fill terms expiring in 2005 and two in 2007. Because all candidates in the last election were appointed by acclamation, and thus all got the same number of votes, we cannot allot terms in the order of vote numbers. Wayne Ross suggested drawing names from a hat, and the board agreed by acclamation. Accordingly, Jon Morse and Gary Ostendorp were selected for three-year terms and Ken Overvold and Doug Norman were drawn for one-year terms.

c. Tasha Meyer announced that the next FNRA banquet will be at the Peters Creek Community Church on 13 November. Tickets are \$35 each and \$65 per couple. She asked for an AGCA donation, and said that half of the banquet proceeds stay in Alaska. Paul Palinski moved, with second by Ron Cooper, to donate \$500 to this banquet; the vote to approve was unanimous. Wayne Ross said that he would buy a table, though he will be at the National Gun Show that weekend.

d. Wayne Ross said that the NRA board will meet in Anchorage on 28 September 2005. This will involve 125 to 150 people and an FNRA banquet. Volunteers are needed for the host committee, and there is a need for donations. Meetings outside DC are rare, and we must make this a good show. Two board members volunteered to work on the committee.

e. Roger Wakelam has the application for the Great Alaska Sportsman's Show. Our booth space is free, and they want our display. Roger, Paul Palinski and Joe Koss will work the display, and further volunteers are welcome.

f. Roger Wakelam suggested that we present a plaque to Costco in thanks for use of their carts for the gun shows over the last several years. Paul Palinski moved to approve, with second from Hartley Meyer; the vote to approve was unanimous.

g. Ray Tomory said that, at the last show, we dropped some more bad tables. How many good tables do we have left? Is this a good time to buy some more? We have the money. Bob Hall will check, but prices are near \$70 per table, now. Roger Wakelam moved to buy ten new tables, for approximately \$75 each, with second from Paul Palinski. The vote to approve was nearly unanimous; BPMNV. When do we buy them? Joe Koss noted that our practice in the past has been to buy new tables just before a show, so as to avoid the need to open storage to get the new tables in.

h. Paul Palinski moved to donate ten of our older pressboard tables to the Mountain-view Boys and Girls Club, and Troy Crow seconded. The board voted to approve.

i. Wayne Ross noted that there was not talk of gun collecting at the last membership meeting, though we are a gun collecting group. He suggested that we hold occasional

meetings at various members' gunrooms to introduce some interest and variety to the program, and involve members who do not display at shows. Don Rogers said that we should have banquets again, and these could be made part of a members-only show or stand-alone.

j. We must get the membership roster and cards updated

7. There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 2029 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr
Secretary

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
Board Meeting Agenda
16 November 2004

1. Convene
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. Old business:
 - a. Coastal trail
 - b. Exempt status
 - c. Youth Day
 - d. Gun show
 - e. Other
5. New business:
 - a. Gaming permit
 - [1] 2000 Annual Financial Statement
 - [2] 2005 renewal application
 - [3] Bylaws amendment
 - b. Laser range system acquisition
 - c. Other
6. Adjourn

Proposed Bylaws Change

The Gaming Unit has informed us that the dissolution clause in our bylaws does not satisfy the distribution requirements of 15 AAC 160.020(a)(5). This is because, upon dissolution, we merely provide for distribution of remaining assets according to the laws of the state that govern non-profit corporations. However, these laws do not specify AS 05.15, the gaming statute, and thus appear to allow distribution outside the state. Under AS 05.15.150, this cannot be, for net proceeds from gaming must be used in the state. Thus, we must change our bylaws, and it should be done as soon as possible.

Bylaw change, however, requires a vote of the membership, and we will not have another membership meeting until 1 May 2005. We could poll the membership, either by mail or phone, but that would take time and much effort. A possible alternative would be for the board to change the bylaws in this one area, subject to confirmation by the membership at the next general membership meeting. It is unlikely that the membership would reject this change, particularly once it understood the reason for it. In this way, we can satisfy the state currently, while still allowing the membership to vote upon the change without need of conducting a special meeting or polling the members. We could also publish the item in the next newsletter, but we need to have this accomplished in time for the 2005 permit renewal application, which should be done by 15 December. This still does not allow enough time to proceed by mail.

Suggested wording follows. New language is in bold and underlined.

Upon dissolution of the Alaska Gun Collectors Association, all assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed under applicable State laws pertaining to non-profit corporations, **except that any assets acquired through use of the gaming permit under AS 05.15 will be distributed to one or more organizations in accordance with 15 AAC 160.020(a)(5)**. All firearms and collections, and all monetary receipts from other liquidated assets, shall be donated to the NRA museum upon dissolution.