

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
20 March 2007

1. President Wayne Ross convened the meeting at 1901 hours, upon determination of a quorum. Present were Norm Grant, Robert Hall, Joe Koss, Gary Lodoen, Jack Murray, Hartley Meyer, Doug Norman, Suellyn Novak, Paul Palinski, Don Rogers, Wayne Ross, Don Rousseau, Dwight Walker and Roger Wakelam. Troy Crow, CW Floyd, Jim Killen, Tasha Meyer, Ken Overvold, and Warren Taylor were absent. Ron Cooper was excused. Marie Williams, Steve Cuin and Jeanne Palinski were also present, and Barbara Ross joined us late in the meeting. Guests Chris Thompson, representing a junior biathlon group, and Mike Cuber also attended.

2. Paul Palinski moved, with second from Hartley Meyer, to approve the February board minutes. The vote to approve was unanimous, but for the BPMNV.¹

3. Robert Hall reported that we have some \$8,262 in the general account and \$691 in the Youth Day account. We paid the annual liability insurance bill. We are going into the show with around \$8,000, which is a good position. Paul Palinski noted that we must buy some new fire extinguishers for the show. Doug Norman moved to accept the report and Paul Palinski seconded. The vote to accept was unanimous; BPMNV.

4. Suellyn Novak recapped the remainder of the March 1975 newsletter that she started at the February meeting. Wayne Ross asked that members pass copies of old newsletters to Suellyn. Paul Palinski said that there are some old files in the storage cube that are marked "historian". Suellyn said that there is an effort to form an Alaska Veterans Museum and they are looking for a home. John Goodman is working on a National Guard Museum. The Municipality of Anchorage owns the old armory building on Jewel Lake, but apparently has plans for it. Joe Koss suggested that they contact the Huntsville [Alabama] Veterans Museum for organizational assistance. Suellyn said the Alaska Veterans Museum group is working to get medals for veterans and needs help. She moved, with second from Paul Palinski to donate \$500 to the museum effort. The vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Old business:

a. Gun show: Gary Lodoen announced that he had much to cover.

[1] The next show is on 21-22 April at Raven Hall, Palmer Fair Grounds. Unfortunately, these are the same dates as the Fairbanks show, and several vendors have already canceled because they are already committed to the Fairbanks show. [There is no conspiracy, in either Anchorage or Fairbanks, to pick the same show dates. We were faced with the need to switch the show from the Great Alaska Sportsman's Show and 21-22 April were the least worst dates available.] Marie Williams has a TVA phone contact to avoid future conflict. At this time, some 70 tables are still available.

[2] We have agreement with the Alaska Territorial Cavalry (Motorized) [ATCM], which wants to get out of the summer gun show business. Do we want to take on a third

¹ Beecher Pierce Memorial Negative Vote

show annually? The agreement includes a donation of \$500 to ATCM and use of their 80 tables.

[3] The summer show will be our 35th anniversary celebration. Anchorage Chrysler is making a banner, and Gary is looking for other sponsors.

[4] We will have a banquet on 28 July, and Marie Williams has volunteered to chair the event. We are looking for a site and guesstimate \$30 to \$50 per ticket.

[5] Roger Wakelam is the chief judge. Doug Norman and Norm Grant volunteered to assist with judging.

[6] Gary displayed an extensive selection of hats, jackets and other promotional gear we can get for our anniversary celebration. We must decide what we want to get of them and how much we will charge to sell them. Paul Palinski moved, with second from Suellyn Novak, to purchase an anniversary shirt for each officer and director, so as to make them more visible at the show. After discussion to select colors—a dark blue shirt with a gold thread logo—the vote to approve was unanimous. Twenty-one shirts are now ordered, at a minimum. Another possibility is an AGCA gun show table cloth, along the lines of those that the Dallas Arms Collectors left here from their visit, many moons ago. They would run \$40 to \$50 to make. Do we want them? Would we sell them, give them away, or both? If we want them for all tables at the show, we are looking at an ultimate cost of some \$10,000. The board decided that this is a matter to bring before the membership at the April general meeting.

[7] We are working on a Ruger Model 77 raffle for the spring show and the Millennium 2000 raffle for the summer show. There will be 100 tickets to be sold at \$10 each, with no volume discounts. The Ruger is in .300 Winchester Mangle and is coming from Don Hanks of Boondocks. Jack Murray reminded the board that he is always willing to provide raffle items at cost.

[8] Table storage is a problem again. We currently store tables in two dead trucks that must be towed from storage to the hall, and back, for each show. We could replace them with a single 30-foot enclosed trailer that would hold all our tables and be towable by a pickup truck, rather than the tow truck now needed. Cost would be somewhere in the \$8,500 range, and we could then sell the trucks. Gary is willing to donate the storage space, if necessary. Anchorage Chrysler Dodge or others might be willing to buy advertising space on the trailer sides. We could also mount the show banner on it. The ATC[M] wants to sell its tables and trailer—though yet unseen, there may be a deal here, but we must inspect them first. This, too, should go on the member meeting agenda. [We have \$22,000 in savings CDs, and none will mature this summer, but the funds are available if we need them.] Wayne Ross appointed a committee, consisting of Gary Ladoen, Dwight Walker, Paul Palinski, Roger Wakelam and Hartley Meyer to study table and trailer prospects and report.

[9] Staffing: We need volunteers to help with the doors, etc. What will it take to get new help? Hartley Meyer said that he has arranged for the Palmer baseball team to set up—they want to do it for every show, for they need money to support their road games. The UAA team had to back out due to a conflict.

[10] Brenda Smart will work with Warren Taylor on table reservations, and will eventually take it over as a paid position. Jon Morse is also helping with table reservations for this show, though he is still in Oregon. Brenda will take over from him.

b. The next FNRA banquet will be in Eagle River on 31 March, and tickets are almost gone.

c. Chris Thompson made a presentation for Alaska Youth Biathlon. The program is relatively new and is growing. He requested display space at the Sportsman Show, which the organizing committee must approve, and to attend Youth Day.

d. Roger Wakelam talked about the Great Alaska Sportsman Show. We are the only group to get free display space, but we must use it each year or lose it. He moved, with seconds from Jack Murray and Paul Palinski, to donate \$250 to the American Diabetes Association for the space we get at the Sportsman Show; the vote to approve was unanimous. Roger needs volunteers to move the display to and from the show, and to staff it. He also needs AGCA applications for the show.

e. Robert Hall said there will be a Youth Day meeting in three weeks. John Satterwhite is coming for the event. We need one or two four-wheelers; Hartley Meyer suggested that we talk with dealers about that. Gary Lodoen said there will be a shuttle bus. Wayne Ross suggested that we play the Youth Day DVD at the Sportsman Show. Hartley said that he will see the McKinley Mountainmen about using their TV/DVD player

6. New business:

a. Marie Williams said that Doug Owens has second-stage cancer. She will send a card on behalf of the association.

b. The next meeting will be on 17 April at the FOAST Museum on Fifth Avenue at 1900. Wayne Ross thanked all for the work we do and said that he will be out of town for the next meeting, so Dwight Walker will chair the meeting.

7. There being no further business to conduct, we adjourned at 2044 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr
Secretary

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
Board Meeting Agenda²
17 April 2007

1. Call to order
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. Historian's report
5. Old business:
 - a. Gun show:
 - [1] Spring
 - [2] Summer
 - [3] Raffles
 - [4] Staffing
 - b. FNRA banquets
 - c. Other
6. New business:
 - a.
 - b. Other
7. Adjourn

² Meetings are normally held at the Alaska Trooper [FOAST] museum on 5th Avenue at 1900 hours on the third Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend.