

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
20 January 2004

1. President Don Rogers called the meeting to order at 1859 hours upon determination of a quorum. Present were Don Burrows, Ron Cooper, CW Floyd, Bill Hanson, Jim Killeen, Joe Koss, Hartley Meyer, Bob Olson, Dale Ostler, Paul Palinski, Don Rogers, Carolyann Tomory, Ray Tomory, Roger Wakelam and Dwight Walker. Absent was Jack Murray. Troy Crow, Bob Hall and Harry Kadel were excused. Brenda Smart, Bob Wienhold and Natasha Meyer also attended.

2. Paul Palinski moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting, and Roger Wakelam seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

3. The treasurer was absent, so his report was deferred to the February meeting.

4. Old business:

a. Coastal trail: Paul Palinski reported that there have been no substantive developments. The mayor found some money, though not enough—yet. Bill Hanson asked if there is anything we can do. Paul said that we must be able to prove the engineers wrong. Dick Traini now supports the trail, where once he opposed it.

b. There was no development in the exempt status application project.

c. Carolyann Tomory reported that there will be a newsletter coming out soon. The next show is 27-28 March 2004. She must meet with Joe Wooden for March details and for the fall show contract, which will likely be the first weekend in October. We compete with hockey for dates at that time of year. We must start with small ads for the spring show. The advertising budget should stay the same as last time.

d. There was no news about the Birchwood Airport extension. The Birchwood Range does not appear threatened at this time, but we remain alert.

e. Don Rogers talked with Senator Fred Dyson and Representatives Nancy Dahlstrom and Mike Hawker about the fate of surplus firearms owned by the State and the Municipality. They agreed that sales should not be limited to dealers, and that we need a change in the law to allow ordinary citizens a chance to bid at auction. CW Floyd pointed out that legislation already exists that was brought about by the law suit that we filed some years ago. The State will not change the language to say that surplus arms are available to everyone, so the FFL requirement is legal. The State will not say what we want. Don Rogers will talk with Wayne Ross and the Municipal Attorney about this.

f. Dwight Walker will have badges made for those who need them, but we seek a new logo, and there have been no suggestions yet presented.

g. The by-laws provide for honorary life membership. After discussion, we found that there is little point to it, since the only difference between an honorary life membership and a full life membership is that honorary life members may not vote. We will propose a change to the by-laws at the next general meeting. Joe Koss will draft a proposal to explain this to the members.

h. Brenda Smart reported on Youth Day preparations. Grant applications were filed on 12 January with Eddie Grasser. CW Floyd said that they will be favorably received. John Satterwhite will come again, and the Birchwood Range is on line. We need a letter

to instructors and sponsors within the next 30 to 60 days. Brenda has Randy's past examples and will work from them. She will have her last meeting of the Spenard Community Council as president on 4 February, and will then be able to spend more time on Youth Day. Is there any word from Troy Crow? She needs help with printing letters and the mailing list. She said that the addresses can be keyed in again, if necessary, but she would rather work with the existing list, if it can be found in Randy's computer records.

- i. Has anyone heard from Gereth Stillman about his position as Master-at-Arms?

5. New Business:

- a. A suggestion was made to raise the discretionary level of the treasurer to write checks without board approval. This will take general membership approval and will be discussed at the next general meeting. Joe Koss will write a proposal for consideration.

- b. Carolynn Tomory suggested that we change gun show table fees to build membership into the scheme, rather than separately require membership and payment. This will result in the same money collected, but tend to eliminate the grumbling of some vendors who wonder why they must be members to have sale tables. The need for insurance coverage falls on deaf ears, and this would save many weary explanations. We could set non-member vendor table rates to include membership for six months—attendance at both shows results in membership for the full year. Bill Hanson noted that our current insurance requires membership—would it be possible to get insurance that would cover non-members? CW Floyd noted that we need a membership incentive. Don Rogers will talk with Bob Hall about the insurance. Bob Wienhold noted that NRA has probably studied this, and Eddie Grasser may be able to find out what has been done in this regard. Don Rogers will ask Wayne Ross about this, also. Carolynn said that we already buy our insurance through an NRA-recommended broker, and thus should have the best available.

- c. Carolynn again brought up the gun show breakfasts, for we now lose money on them. We are spending approximately \$600 per breakfast, and have 60 to 80 attendees. We also give breakfast to the NJROTC security personnel. Shows run around \$14,000 now, and we should consider cost reductions. Carolynn will check with Indian Valley Meats for options. CW Floyd will help. He suggested that we make a broader appeal for donations, noting that donations cover most of the coffee and donuts provided to vendors.

- d. Brenda Smart reported that she and CW Floyd have been attending the Municipality's youth crime meetings. The purpose is to deter crime. There will be an article for the newsletter.

- e. Ray Tomory suggested that we give annual memberships to the donors and sponsors of Youth Day. Brenda Smart moved to approve and Dwight Walker seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Paul Palinski moved, and Ray Tomory seconded, to adjourn the meeting. With approval, the meeting adjourned at 1957 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr
Secretary

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1. Call to order
2. Minutes
3. Treasure's report
4. Old business:
 - a. South Coastal Trail
 - b. Exempt status
 - c. Gun show
 - d. Birchwood Airport extension
 - e. State and municipal firearms disposition
 - f. New logo and badge
5. New business:
6. Adjourn