

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc  
Board Meeting Agenda  
17 January 2006

1. President Ross called the meeting, which was held at his residence, to order at 1915 hours, upon determination of a quorum. Present were Ron Cooper, Robert Hall, Jim Killeen, Joe Koss, Gary Lodoen, Hartley Meyer, Jon Morse, Ken Overvold, Don Rogers, Wayne Ross and Warren Taylor. Absent were Don Burrows, Troy Crow, CW Floyd, Harry Kadel, Bob Lochman, Jack Murray, Doug Norman, Gary Ostendorp, Paul Palinski, Roger Wakelam and Dwight Walker. Also present were members Tasha Meyer, Bill Watson, Suellyn Novak and Jim Anderson, and guests Chuck Talsky and Matt Roman.

2. President Ross deferred the minutes and treasurer's report to allow Chuck Talsky to speak. Mr Talsky runs an advertising business—Husky Advertising—which includes Anchorage Chrysler Dodge [ACD] as a client. Starting with the last show, ACD sponsors the gun shows. There wasn't time to do anything substantive with the last show, but there is time for the April show. ACD will contribute \$3,000 to advertise the show, with the hope that AGCA will spend a further \$6,000 to advertise. ACD will mention its sponsorship in its own advertising. Chuck will work with Gary Lodoen to ensure effective use of time and money. The board appreciates for ACD's involvement in the show.

3. Robert Hall noted that Jon Morse was not at the November meeting, and the minutes should be corrected to reflect that. Wayne Ross expanded on his comment last time about the \$70,000 savings NRA realized by having a board meeting in Anchorage. Part was due to shorter travel for many members, and part to slightly reduced attendance. Jim Killeen moved to approve the amended minutes, and Joe Koss seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous, but for the Beecher Pierce Memorial Negative Vote [BPMNV].

4. Robert Hall delivered the treasurer's report. We have \$6,849 in the general account. We spent \$12,000 on advertising for the last show. We'll spend \$6,000 for the April show. We may have to redeem a CD to have cash on hand for the next show; we will replace the CD from the gate. Insurance is due by the next show, and that will be \$3,000. The board approved, by consensus, CD redemption and the treasurer's report.

5. Suellyn Novak gave the historian's report. She recapped a 1974 gun show report.

6. Old business:

a. Permanent meeting site: Wayne Ross volunteered his home for meetings. The FOAST [Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers] is also open to us on a continuing basis. After discussion, with public access and parking considered, we decided to meet for the next three months at the museum, and may have periodic meetings at Wayne's.

b. Long-term show site: Gary Lodoen reported that there is nothing yet for an Anchorage show site. Ken Overvold said that the right dates with the Sullivan Arena or Ben Boeke could work. Gary and Robert Hall will talk further with Joe Wooden of SMG about that, but the dates we need are always subject to hockey priority. The Northway Mall K-Mart building is sold. Gary will continue to look.

7. New business:

a. Roger Wakelam was absent, so there was no report on the UAA land sale. Wayne Ross will contact Roger for news.

b. Fall show dates: there are no dates yet for the fall.

c. The spring show will be on 1-2 April 2006. Gary Lodoen said that he needs a copy of the membership list. We don't drop lapsed annual members until after the spring show, to give them a chance to renew at the show. Warren Taylor noted that the last newsletter did not include a membership application form. We should put an expiration reminder in the newsletter. Wayne said that we should provide a list to Carolynn of those whose membership will expire for publication in the newsletter. Gary asked about the possibility of going to a two-year membership. Ken Overvold liked the idea. This has some advantages, and should be explored, but there are reasons for keeping it on an annual basis, mostly having to do with show registrations.

d. Bill Watson reported on Youth Day.

[1] NRA is on board with hats, t-shirts and other materials. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Sportsman's Warehouse, and other sponsors will again donate. The user groups will provide the same people as in the past, and there are 174 volunteers signed up so far. Everything there is proceeding well. There is a new program to contact potential sponsors to notify us now of intended donations, and we'll pick them up later. This helps in planning. The Birchwood request letter was mailed in November. Skyline Sales needs word soon on ammunition needs for ordering. We've requested John Satterwhite again, but Baretta is down-sizing and will not send him. If he comes, NRA will send him, for he can't afford to come on his own, though he'd like to.

[2] Birchwood is still a problem. The communications problem that resulted in the loss of archery last year is still there. It appears that Birchwood management does not want to hear—they've decided that archery is a problem, so, by gum, it is, regardless of the facts. Last year, they didn't tell us that they had a problem with archery until it was too late to substitute something else, and that left a hole in the program. They strongly suggested that we fill that hole with Sporting Clays, but they didn't leave enough time to integrate it into the program. This year, they effectively demanded that we include Sporting Clays, and we did, but there is still no archery. Don King and CW Floyd do not respond to emails. Birchwood is essentially uncooperative. Without the range, Youth Day will fold. The Rabbit Creek range is too small and we can't have it on weekends.

[3] Wayne Ross will call CW Floyd and talk with him. However, the Youth Day Committee will no longer tolerate Birchwood's intransigence, and all three members—Bill Watson, Suellyn Novak and Jim Anderson—resigned. If we cannot dissuade them, or replace them, Youth Day will not happen this year. This appears to suit the Birchwood board, which said it will carry on itself, even if there are few participants.

8. There being no further business, we adjourned by acclamation at 2052 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr  
Secretary