

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
21 February 2006

1. President Ross called the meeting to order at 1900 hours, upon determination of a quorum. Present were Ron Cooper, CW Floyd, Robert Hall, Jim Killeen, Joe Koss, Bob Lochman, Gary Lodoen, Hartley Meyer, Jack Murray, Doug Norman, Gary Ostendorp, Ken Overvold, Paul Palinski, Don Rogers, Wayne Ross and Warren Taylor, Roger Wakelam and Dwight Walker. Absent were Don Burrows, Troy Crow, Harry Kadel and Doug Norman. Also present were members Tasha Meyer, Bill Watson, Suellyn Novak, Jim Anderson and Norm Grant.

2. Paul Palinski moved to approve the minutes and Hartley Meyer seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous, but for the Beecher Pierce Memorial Negative Vote.

3. Robert Hall gave the treasurer's report. We have approximately \$3,700 in the general account, and all bills are paid. We have \$20,000 in CDs. Robert proposed that we cash one to provide operating funds for the gun show. The CD will be replenished from the show gate. Paul Palinski moved to approve, and Jon Morse seconded. BPMNV.

4. Old business:

a. Youth Day:

[1] Bill Watson reported on the developments with Birchwood Shooting Park [Birchwood]. There was an apparent communications breakdown when Birchwood didn't get our letter, and we didn't get theirs. Wayne Ross and CW Floyd met and resolved the differences. Regardless, the YD committee is still gone—we have a great event and no one to run it. Do we try to continue running YD on our own, let Birchwood take it over, or let it die? Birchwood supports YD, and CW said that they are 100% committed to it—Birchwood is much larger now, and YD has grown, too, but the Birchwood membership is still highly supportive. We have volunteers from other clubs, but someone must coordinate—Birchwood and AGCA must work together. Suellyn Novak said that all the contact information is in their YD data base. Gary Lodoen asked about the status of the YD corporation—is there any need to continue with it if YD may disappear? Per Wayne, those who incorporate and organize the corporation will run YD. AGCA very much wants to continue the event, but no one has the time to put into it that Randy did.

[2] Tim Pernowski and Don King, of Birchwood, said that we need to clear the air—YD is for the kids. Birchwood provides the venue, and AGCA provides the shooters and gun owners. Gary Lodoen moved, and Don Rogers seconded, that we pass YD to Birchwood, which would coordinate YD activities, and AGCA volunteers and financial support would continue as in the past. CW said that he was uneasy about this—AGCA needs to keep the name and access to equipment and records. We need a coordinator, not a leader.

[3] Gary Lodoen, Paul Palinski, Roger Wakelam, Robert Hall and Warren Taylor will form a new YD committee for the AGCA side. Per Robert, we need not pass the torch—let's hold the torch together with Birchwood. Wayne Ross then asked for with-

drawal of the motion, since we now have a YD committee to take over; done. Brenda Smart has materials to turn over to the committee. Warren asked if the Birchwood board meeting schedule is available; CW said it is.

b. Gary Lodoen spoke about the gun show, which is set for Palmer on 1 and 2 April.

[1] Anchorage Chrysler/Dodge is providing \$3,000 for advertising as sponsor. Most activity will occur within ten days of the show. He is working with Chuck Talsky to coordinate with Chrysler's ads.

[2] Gary has a raffle set up for a commemorative rifle, and tickets are ready. The gun will be on display before and during the show. The drawing will be at the show—1600 on 2 April, at Raven Hall. The gun cost of \$2,695 will be paid out of sale proceeds. Roger Wakelam asked about selling tickets at the Sportsman's Show on 6-9 April, and having the drawing there. Gary said that is possible, for we now have the ability to print our own tickets. Question, then: draw at the April show, the Sportsman's Show, or our fall show? Per Wayne, Gary can decide that. We will leave the raffle as it is, and have a second later, using a surplus gun from the collection as a prize—likely the Cold Dragoon Millennium.

[3] Reservations are at about 40%. Three organizations are renting tables. Things are going well. The deal to get a trailer for the tables fell through, and he is now working on getting a 24' van with a lift gate, instead. The current trucks are toast. He bought 17 new tables, and wants to get a further 35 to 40—mostly 8-foot, with some 6-foot.

[4] Jean Palinski and Jean Williams volunteered to staff the gate. The Chugiak NJROTC will set up tables.

5. New business:

a. We missed having an election for expiring board terms at the fall show, and must make up for that at this show. The incumbents remain in office unless and until replaced. The terms of Don Burrows, Doug Norman, Ken Overvold, Paul Palinski and Bob Lochman are up, and Gary Ostendorp is leaving the state shortly, so we have six board positions to fill. Joe Koss will check with the incumbents to see if they are willing to run for reelection.

b. The March and April meetings will be at the Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers [FOAST] museum.

c. We still seek an Anchorage site for the gun shows. Jim Killeen noted that the new owners of the defunct seafood processing plant may be willing to rent space able to hold 2,500 people.

d. The American Diabetes Association is running a fund-raising raffle and asked for donations. Wayne Ross suggested that we buy some tickets; if we win, we have a raffle prize of our own. Don Rogers moved, and Roger Wakelam seconded, that we buy five tickets. The measure passed; BPMNV.

e. Member Bob Hiller recently underwent surgery to amputate a leg below the knee. He is doing well, and is home now. Paul Palinski moved, with second by Roger Wakelam, to spend \$50 for flowers. BPMNV.

f. The Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Trail Extension is out—1,100 pages. Don Rogers will send his CD copy to Joe Koss.

g. Robert Hall will pick up the extra newsletters from the printer. We can give them out at the show.

h. Wayne Ross will testify on pending legislation to open up sale of publicly-owned firearms to the general public, rather than restricting sale to FFL holders. Anchorage has limited sales to dealers with a claim that it could not risk liability from sales to the public. Federal law exempts lawful sales from suit. Don Rogers noted the existence of a lifetime Concealed Carry bill.

i. Gary Lodoen mentioned that we had discussed the possibility of putting up a display from the collection at the FOAST museum at our last meeting there. This is open for further discussion.

k. Bob Lochman noted that the Mat Valley Sporstmen are starting their own Youth Day.

l. Tasha Meyer announced that Brad Krueger is the new NRA rep for Alaska. We have a letter from him requesting money from both FNRA and AGCA for tuition assistance for law enforcement. Paul Palinski moved, with second from Dwight Walker, that we donate \$250 for tuition assistance. Approval was unanimous.

6. Suellyn Novak presented the historian's report, which consisted of a review of the May-June 1975 newsletter.

7. With all business concluded, Paul Palinski moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by many and approved by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 2015 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr
Secretary