

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
16 March 2004

1. President Don Rogers called the meeting shortly after 1900 hours, upon determination of a quorum. Present were Don Burrows, Ron Cooper, Troy Crow, CW Floyd, Bob Hall, Harry Kadel, Jim Killeen, Joe Koss, Hartley Meyer, Jack Murray, Bob Olson, Paul Palinski, Don Rogers, Carolynn Tomory, Ray Tomory and Roger Wakelam. Bill Hanson was excused. Absent were Dale Ostler and Dwight Walker. Also present were Natasha Meyer, Brenda Smart, Bill Watson and Roy Hartz.

2. Paul Palinski moved to approve the minutes from the February 2004 meeting, and Troy Crow seconded. The minutes were approved; BPMNV.

3. Bob Hall reported that we aren't broke—yet. Our balance is low, and too low to go into a gun show. He proposed that we borrow up to \$5,000 from our savings account, which now has around \$20,000, and replace that from the show proceeds. Paul Palinski moved to use up to \$5,000 from savings for gun show seed money and to approve the treasurer's report. Troy Crow seconded, and the board voted to approve both parts of the motion. BPMNV.

4. Old business:

a. Coastal Trail Extension: All is quiet for the time being, though we don't know what trail supporters are planning.

b. Exempt status: no change; Joe Koss reports no time for development.

c. Gun Show: Carolynn Tomory reported.

[1] This is her last show as chairman. We must find a replacement by mid-year to prepare adequately for the fall show.

[2] We need flyers distributed. Bob Olson is taking voice mail and helping a lot. We are currently not planning to have breakfast at either day of the show—no money to fund it. However, Carolynn will research this further. We must publicize the lack of breakfast, if that is to be the case. Paul Palinski said that we should decide now to drop breakfast, but Troy Crow suggested that we leave the decision to Carolynn—her decision is final. The board agreed to this by acclamation.

[3] Carolynn announced that the Ben Boeke contract was signed. The new show dates are 24-25 April, the same as the Fairbanks show. This resulted from an error by Ben Boeke management, wherein they managed to double-book the building, and we got bumped. Despite our best planning and efforts, we are right where we least wanted to be—on the same weekend as Fairbanks.

[4] Barbara Walker is not available to work the registration desk, and we need a volunteer to fill in for her.

[5] We need a volunteer to go on radio talk shows before the show, for there is no money for radio advertising.

d. Youth Day: Brenda Smart reported.

[1] She compiled a sponsor list and is writing her begging letters. She wants ideas for new sponsors. We need a list of instructors. Should Youth Day be renamed in honor of Randy? Bob Olson said that a name change could lose focus, for people identify with the current name [and we've already changed it once, for political reasons]. Why not simply add "dedicated to Randy Smith" to the present title? CW Floyd noted that we must make people aware of the memorial aspect of it. Bob then suggested the

present name, followed by “in memory of Randy Smith”. After further discussion, Bob moved to keep the name as is, followed by “dedicated to the memory of Randy C Smith, founder”. The board voted to approve; BPMNV.

[2] Sponsor letters will go out soon, and then instructor letters. Brenda is compiling a spreadsheet of sponsors and others for future use.

[3] John Satterwhite is still a maybe, but the situation is getting better. He hasn't yet been told “no”.

[4] Jim Killeen reported that Lisa Lupton recommended getting rid of hot food. We've exceeded capacity of the kitchen. CW Floyd agreed that feeding 300+ people in half an hour is a challenge. Catering would cost \$4,500 or more. At a minimum, we need one person to purchase and two to prepare and cook—this isn't easy, but it is doable. How do we want to handle it? We need food—we can't cancel lunch. Lisa's primary concerns were cold storage, the grill and the grease trap.

[5] Brenda needs some seed money for expenses, and may need a cell phone.

[6] The web site must be updated to give more about the coming Youth Day.

[7] Roy Hartz, of the Alaska Bow Hunters, 696-0234, has a shooting booth that he wants to have at the gun show for youth use. He needs a corner space sixty feet long by ten feet wide.Carolynn Tomory was concerned about insurance and available space; she will check. CW Floyd moved to approve presence of the Bow Hunter's shooting booth at the show, with second by Hartley Meyer. A friendly amendment added “if space is available”. We approved; BPMNV.

e. Joe Koss presented a draft letter on gun sales to go to friendly legislators at the state and municipal levels. Upon discussion, it was decided that the state and municipal subjects differed enough to require separate letters, so it was back to the drawing board.

f. Roger Wakelam circulated a volunteer sign-up roster to staff our display at the Sportsman's Show coming up over the first weekend in April. We need volunteers.

g. Don Rogers asked about use of net proceeds from gaming. We must use \$1,600 soon. CW Floyd noted that the Alaska Trap Association will hold its annual trap shoot soon and could use some money to support an Alaskan Olympic shooter. We could also provide a scholarship prize for a junior shooter—perhaps that Randy C Smith Memorial Scholarship. We still owe \$250 to the 4H Club for their share of the split-the-pot raffle that they conducted for us at the last gun show. Also, Brenda Smart needs money for Youth Day, particularly for postage. Troy Crow moved to table this until after the show, with Paul Palinski seconding. The motion passed, and the matter was tabled, for consideration at the next meeting.

h. CW Floyd brought the question of raffles. We need someone to undertake large raffles for us, as Randy did for our first one. CW is willing to do this, for a fee. Bob Hall observed that we all must understand that we are to pay for services. Brenda Smart will assist CW. Paul Palinski moved to accept CW's offer to run raffles for us, and Troy Crow seconded, with the understanding that CW will present a plan to the board in the near future. Roger Wakelam noted that a raffle is not a one-man show, and that volunteers will be needed to sell tickets. We voted to approve; BPMNV.

5. New Business:

a. We need a new show chairman—the April show is Carolynn's last. Would Pam Stillman be willing to take it on? Joe Koss will check with her. Again, we need a volunteer.

b. Master at Arms: We now know that Gereth Stillman can't take the job. Hartley Meyer agreed to take the job, with help from Harry Kadel.

c. Brenda Smart and CW Floyd are on the Mayor's Youth Crime Task Force, one of the agencies working with teens and parents to reduce violence by and against youth. They made a presentation to the mayor. Parents said they need gun safety education. Carol Comeau was present; did she hear? There is also a federal group liking at youth crime. Parental responsibility was also addressed. CW said that the program is getting attention proactively, and is getting the word to the mayor and the school district. Brenda noted that the district door is now open, as long as nothing is mandated. The Eddie Eagle program was mentioned, and we learned that Eddie Eagle suits must be under law enforcement control. Chief Moneghan must approve use of the suit, but that is not a problem. Don Rogers asked if, though Eddie Eagle, we could have a monthly program. CW will draft a letter to the mayor about AGCA support of the task force, and Brenda will help with it.

d. Elections: We must replace Cal Pappas. We must also confirm Hartley Meyer as Master at Arms and fill the vacancy he created by moving to the new position. Finally, we must elect [or confirm] a new gun show chairman. Nominations are in order.

e. Carolynn Tomory noted that some of the guns in the collection aren't really Alaskan. Perhaps we could raffle some of them. This will take committee decision. Someone said that we can have simultaneous raffles—there is no limit.

f. Carolynn Tomory said that FNRA will give us \$6,000 for Youth Day, with NRA approval, which is likely.

6. Paul Palinski moved to adjourn, with second. We approved by acclamation, and the meeting was adjourned at 2043 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr
Secretary