

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
15 March 2005

1. President Ross called the meeting to order at 1906 hours. Present were Ron Cooper, Troy Crow, Robert Hall, Harry Kadel, Jim Killeen, Joe Koss, Jack Murray, Hartley Meyer, Jon Morse, Doug Norman, Gary Ostendorp, Ken Overvold, Paul Palinski, Don Rogers, Wayne Ross and Roger Wakelam and Dwight Walker. Don Burrows and CW Floyd were recovering from illness and excused. Bob Lochman was absent. Also present were Bob Wienhold, Bill Watson, Tasha Meyer, Suellyn Novak and guest Brenda Smart, a member of the Youth Day Committee.

2. Wayne Ross brought up an item of correction for the March minutes. He noted that Norm Grant was listed as a guest when he has been a member since his reinstatement in January 2002. The board's February vote to reconsider the January reinstatement was too late, so Norm has been a member since then. Are there any challenges? Roger Wakelam noted that the board invited Norm to address the board in his own defense, but he never appeared. Don Rogers moved to approve reinstatement as a means of putting the matter to rest, and Jim Killeen seconded. Don then asked if we ever received an application or letter from Norm; we did not. Was Norm's life membership ever refunded to him? It was, but the check was never cashed. Paul Palinski asked if we shouldn't hear from Norm. Bob Hall noted that Roger was right—we should hear from Norm—and acknowledged that the reconsideration was invalid. The event is now over ten years old, and we should let it go—he supports the motion. The board then voted to affirm the decision to reinstate Norm as of January 2002.

3. Paul Palinski moved to accept the February minutes, and Jon Morse seconded. The vote to approve, with correction as noted above, was unanimous. Gary Ostendorp moved to accept the January minutes, and there was a host of seconds. The vote to approve the January minutes was unanimous.

4. Robert Hall reported that we have a general account balance of \$13,640. Jim Killeen has a sign bill from the last show to be paid. Paul Palinski moved to approve the report and Troy Crow seconded. BPMNV.

5. Wayne Ross noted that Suellyn Novak had volunteered to be the club historian. Suellyn asked for support. Roger Wakelam said that he had copies of most newsletters at home, and would make them available for duplication for the files.

6. Bill Watson reported on Youth Day preparations.

a. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is donating \$5,000 and the FNRA donation is \$6,000. He is trying for more. We have a tentative schedule, with a reduced midday demonstration period to allow more time for the kids to shoot. John Satterwhite will likely be the only demonstrator. The committee is working on a new name for the event. "Shooting" and "AGCA" must be part of it. There will be free T-shirts for the kids and hats for the staff.

b. Jim Killeen said that he would be willing to sell raffle tickets at Youth Day, if we can decide upon an appropriate prize. Roger Wakelam said we have three guns in the collection that aren't really Alaska-related, including the Ruger 10-22 911 commemorative, which we could use as a raffle prize. Roger made a motion, with second by Troy Crow, to raffle off the 911 gun. BPMNV [Beecher Pearce Memorial Negative Vote.]

c. Eddie Grasser asked about expected numbers of kids for this year. 475? 500? We can order supplies for that many and keep any overage for next year.

d. Don Rogers asked if we had yet considered making Youth Day a two-day event. We could, but the problems would be monumental—we've considered and rejected the idea several times.

7. Jon Morse reported for the Gun Show Committee.

a. Jon announced that we must find a replacement for him, as he is moving Outside in July and will be gone for three years. Any volunteers? Wayne Ross asked Jon to write an item on this for the newsletter. Don Rogers, the co-chair of the committee, will delegate the computer work to someone else.

b. Bob Wienhold asked if there would be a Youth Day table at the gun show. Yes, there will. Brenda Smart said that the YD committee wants to have its own table at the April gun show.

c. Hartley Meyer said that the Chugiak NJROTC is willing to run table set-up and tear-down. He is waiting for confirmation on security.

d. We have some volunteers for seminars, but need more.

8. New business:

a. The badge committee will report at the April meeting.

b. Wayne Ross introduced George McCoy of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Last year, CW Floyd and Tim Verrette asked the RMEF to become involved in Youth Day. The money the Foundation raised in Alaska stays in Alaska, and this year they decided to give YD \$5,000. Further, they intend to participate in future years. They want a booth at YD for education about hunter conservation, will have drawings for the kids, and will supply manpower for the event. Both the Anchorage and Wasilla chapters are involved in this. They've intended to get involved for five years, and finally decided to do it. With that, he presented \$5,000 for Youth Day. Paul Palinski, with a second from Hartley Meyer, moved to approve RMEF participation, and approval was unanimous.

c. Roger Wakelam said that we would put up a display of the collection at the Sportsman's Show in early April and asked for volunteers for both setting up the display and staffing it. Wayne Ross said that Greg Ross had volunteered to help with moving the display out of storage and back.

d. The board received a request for a donation to the American Diabetes Association. Roger Wakelam moved to donate \$250, and Hartley Meyer seconded. We voted to approve; BPMNV.

e. Wayne Ross said that we need a long-range plan for the collection. There is a Glock commemorative for Alaska—can we find one and do we want to get one? Randy had been working on finding one ever since he learned of its existence at the 2003 NRA Annual Meeting, but his work disappeared with his death.

f.Carolynn Tomory needs material for the newsletter. Every board member should work on something to send to her. Wayne Ross will write something about finding a replacement for Bill Hanson, who recently resigned from the board.

g. Bob Wienhold said that we decided last year to post an award for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who vandalize road signs by shooting holes in them. We should provide an ad for the Anchorage Daily News' August hunting supplement, complete with a photo of a shot-up sign. Does anyone have any photos available? We need to publicize the program.

h. Bob Wienhold further proposed that we approach the legislature for a copy of the law with requires sale of surplus state firearms only to FFL holders. The state is losing money because the sales are limited to dealers, who characteristically pay less than value for the guns they buy. The state would earn more with sale to the general public.

i. It was noted that current veterans of Iraq may not bring souvenir firearms home with them. Why is this? Wayne Ross said that NRA is doing something about this. Bob Wienhold will get the American Rifleman on this. AGCA should get involved, and something on this should go into the newsletter.

j. Eddie Grasser said that the next Alaska Outdoors Council meeting will be on 7-9 April. The AOC is the most influential sporting group in Alaska, and even the legislature is aware of it.

k. The next meeting will be on 19 April. The May meeting may be at the Trooper Museum on 6th, between A and B Streets.

9. With no further business, Paul Palinski moved to adjourn, with second from Dwight Walker, and the meeting adjourned at 2037 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr
Secretary

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Board Meeting Agenda
19 April 2005

1. Call to order
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. Old business:
 - a. Youth Day
 - b. Gun show
 - c. Name badge committee report
 - d. Club historian
 - e. NRA board meeting
 - f. Other
5. New business:
 - a. Replacement director[s]—appointment?
 - b. Other
6. Adjourn