

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

1. President Ross called the meeting to order at 1908 hours, upon determination of a quorum. Present were Ron Cooper, Troy Crow, CW Floyd, Robert Hall, Harry Kadel, Jim Killeen, Joe Koss, Gary Lodoen, Hartley Meyer, Jack Murray, Doug Norman, Ken Overvold, Paul Palinski, Don Rogers, Wayne Ross, Roger Wakelam and Dwight Walker. Absent were Don Burrows, Bob Lochman and Gary Ostendorp, and Warren Taylor was excused. Also present were members Bob Wienhold, Tasha Meyer, Suellyn Novak, Jim Anderson and Norm Grant, and guests Jean Palinski, Jean Williams, Trooper Gordon Bittner, and Matt Roman.

2. Paul Palinski moved to approve the corrected minutes and many 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 \$11,800 in the general account, including funds from a redeemed CD that will be replaced after the show. Don Rogers said that we have \$3,048 in the gaming account—just enough to pay for the gun prize in the current raffle, of which Gary Lodoen has photos for those who want them to help in sale of raffle tickets. Troy Crow moved to approve, and Paul Palinski seconded. BPMNV.

4. To accommodate our guest, Wayne Ross then asked Gordon Bittner to speak. Gordon is a retired US Deputy Marshal and now an Alaska State Trooper. His prime mission is Project Safe Neighborhoods, in conjunction with ATF and other agencies. The program is designed to enforce current gun laws, and targets felons in possession, career criminals with multiple felonies, those involved in gross domestic violence, and gangsters. Under a PSN case, a gun charge will not be dropped in plea bargaining. There are provisions for juveniles in the program, but he deals only with those 18 and up. He asked that we help to get the word out and said that he is willing to appear anywhere, at any time, to speak to whomever to educate the public about the program. We can help with an item in the newsletter. We can also talk about the program with friends and family. Ken Overvold asked if we can have Gordon at the gun show to give a presentation; he will try, but can't promise, though this is something he'd really like to do. In response to questions about funding adequacy, Gordon said that funds are adequate, though he makes many requests for support in person, thus making it harder for people to refuse. Wayne thanked him for his presentation and invited him to stay for the rest of the meeting, if he wished. Claiming prior commitments, Gordon declined the invitation and left.

5. Suellyn Novak presented the historian's report, which reviewed the July 1974 newsletter. At that time, AGCA had 80 members and held four shows a year. Wayne Ross asked that those with old newsletters, especially from the 80s, give them to Suellyn.

6. Old business:

a. Youth Day:

[1] Robert Hall said that arrangements are on track. Warren Taylor is working on a brochure to be handed out at the gun show and the Sportsmen's Show, and to be mailed. Tim is working on user group support. NRA coordination is done, and John Satterwhite is coming at NRS expense. Lunch is arranged. Ammunition is on order, and the web site is set. CW Floyd concurred, saying that the committee has had two meetings so far, and the big items are on track.

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

[1] Reservations are at about 80%; this does not include unpaid reservations. Three organizations are renting tables. Things are going well. He bought 40 new tables, which will be delivered to the show site on 31 March. We can then dispense with the 50 oldest tables. After discussion, we reaffirmed the policy of two name badges for the first table and one per table thereafter, with actual numbers tailored to the situation.

[2] We need someone to run split-the-pot raffles during the show. This person would control the raffle and coordinate the efforts of ticket sellers, and Warren Taylor can't do it. We need six to eight to sell. Per Don Rogers, winsome wenches are preferred—they sell more tickets. Jim Killeen noted that some object to the constant sales efforts, and Tasha said that such raffles normally net just a few hundred dollars [but it's still money we wouldn't otherwise get]. Gary said that we must also sell the tickets on the rifle raffle. There was some discussion about what type of rifle to use for prizes in future raffles. There were arguments for both collectible and shoot-able arms. Gary noted that we are the Alaska Gun COLLECTORS Association, and that should rule, but we will consider other types.

[3] We still need help for set-up and tear-down. We also need more volunteers to stay overnight. Ron Cooper will help with that.

[4] Roger Wakelam will handle judging. Wayne Ross suggested that we use the silver belt buckles that we had been giving as top prizes in turkey shoots. We have seven left, and can give them for Best in Show. They cost \$55 each in 1984. The suggestion was approved by acclamation.

[4] Jean Palinski and Jean Williams volunteered to staff the gate.

[5] Per Hartley Meyer, security is still a problem, for the ROTC units that normally help with both security and table set-up are having their annual Dining In banquets that weekend, and we are still searching for groups to assist.

[6] The Anchorage Home and Garden Show and a Sports Show in Wasilla are also scheduled for 1-2 April. We took the best dates available to us, and must live with it. We will blitz advertising during the last week before the show. [There is no reason why people can't attend two or three shows in a single weekend.]

c. Wayne Ross talked about pending gun legislation. Fred Dyson has a bill that will force state agencies to sell surplus firearms to the public or place them with museums. Bob Wienhold talked with Fred, who said that his bill faces an uphill battle. Public support is uncertain, and we must get the word out, including informing NRA. Dick Traini is reportedly working on a parallel municipal measure. Wayne will research this and report.

d. The Nominating Committee reported success in finding candidates to fill the five board positions up for reelection, and the vacancy caused by Gary Ostendorp's resignation. The candidates are Jim Anderson, Suellyn Novak, Tasha Meyer, Norm Grant, Paul Palinski, Ken Overvold, Doug Norman and Don Rousseau.

e. Bob Wienhold brought up the matter of vandalized road signs, saying that we should revive the program and publicize it, with a display at shows and mention in publication that the State puts out. Bob can provide photos of signs with bullet holes. He said that he has also been working on allowing troops to bring weapons back from Iraq and Afghanistan legally. This is now possible, though there is quite a bit of paperwork involved. This should be an incentive for younger troops.

f. Carolynn Tomory needs input for the newsletter.

g. Jim Killeen reported that the Change Point Church, which purchased the fish processing plant on Minnesota, doesn't yet know what to say about having gun shows there. Jim will maintain contact.

h. Bob Wienhold reported that the Jewel Lake Armory is shutting down. Depending upon how the building is used, this could be a permanent home for our collection.

5. New business:

a. Tasha Meyer announced that the next FNRS banquet is on 29 April and asked that we support it with a donation. Paul Palinski moved to donate \$500, and Harry Kadel seconded. Approval was unanimous.

b. Robert Hall asked for board approval for a new checking account for Youth Day. With a motion from Paul Palinski, second from Hartley Meyer, and a unanimous vote, the request was approved.

7. With all business concluded, Paul Palinski moved to adjourn, with second by Doug Norman. The motion was by acclamation, and the meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr
Secretary