

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
18 May 2004

1. President Rogers convened the meeting at 1855 hours upon determination of a quorum. The meeting was held at Raven Hall, Palmer Fairgrounds, so that we could evaluate the premises for show purposes. Present were Don Burrows, Ron Cooper, Troy Crow, Bob Hall, Bill Hanson, Joe Koss, Hartley Meyer, Paul Palinski, Don Rogers,Carolynn Tomory, Ray Tomory, Roger Wakelam and Dwight Walker. Jim Killeen was excused. CW Floyd, Harry Kadel, Bob Olson, Dale Ostler, and Jack Murray were absent. Eddie Grasser, the NRA Field Rep for Alaska, Bob Wienhold and Natasha Meyer also attended. Our guests included a member of the Muzzleloaders who was there to discuss Youth Day.

2. Secretary Joe Koss could find no one who took notes of the June meeting, so there are yet no minutes of that meeting. Any notes at all as to what happened, particularly about the decision to move the gun show to Palmer, are welcome.

3. Robert Hall presented the treasurer's report. He reported that we have approximately \$11,000 in the bank at the end of June. However, \$4,000 of that must be returned to savings. Raffle proceeds just about covered the cost of Youth Day food, and all YD expenses are paid. Paul Palinski moved to approve the report, with second by Bill Hanson. BPMNV.

4. Old business:

- a. There was no news on the coastal trail.
- b. There is no substantive change in the not-for-profit application front, but Joe Koss spoke with John Pratt, who agreed to help. John has experience in such applications and offered assistance.
- c. Gun show: Carolynn Tomory is now retired from the job as show chairwoman. We still seek a replacement. Though retired, Carolynn offered to assist the next chairman and continues to work on facility matters for the next show. We decided to hold the October show in Palmer at the State Fair Grounds as a test. Depending upon how well things go, we may hold future shows there. At present, the Fair organization appears willing to work with us, where the Municipality of Anchorage [MOA] never was.
- d. Bob Wienhold is still waiting for Canadian rules for transport of guns through Canada. Bill Hanson has some such information. Since this is of general interest, it could go into the newsletter. We might also ask ATF to have a table at the next show.
- e. Bob Wienhold noted that the last MOA auction sold 95 guns to 16 dealers. We should ask Dick Traini and the Municipal Attorney to explain the arrangement to us. He suggested that the club should consider getting an FFL.

[1] If we had our own FFL, our members could buy at these auctions. De we want to do this? The public is not get fair market value out of these guns. The State of Alaska has nearly a thousand guns awaiting some form of disposition. There has not been a state sale since Tony Knowles was stopped from destroying any more guns by our

lawsuit. Again, if we had our own FFL, our members could participate, when and if these guns are auctioned.

[2]Carolynn Tomory noted that an FFL might be incompatible with exempt status under §501[c][3]. We need an ATF representative to attend a meeting. Joe Koss noted that we had an FFL years ago, but eventually gave it up for several reasons: the work, the availability of records to ATF, and the growing perception that we really didn't need it.

[3] MOA and APD are not interested in working with us on this. The next newsletter will post the results of the last APD auction.

[4] Bill Hanson said that it is important to get these guns back in circulation. We should ask Dick Traini to address the board on this topic.

f. Eddie Grasser asked if the Youth Day report is ready yet. Carolynn Tomory said that she is working on it.

5. New business:

a. New gun show chair: There are no volunteers as yet. Draftees?

b. Gun show:

[1] Carolynn Tomory said that we have the Fair buildings for three days, from Friday through Sunday. The show is set for the weekend after PFD checks arrive. The Palmer Lions show is the following weekend.

[2] She has the floor plan for Raven Hall, and 224 tables will fit there. The room is 100 feet by 200 feet. The range and seminars could be located in Hoskins Hall. Bill Hanson will work on tables with Carolynn.

[3] Carolynn needs an advertising budget. Paul Palinski moved, and Troy Crow seconded, that we approve up to \$4,600 for advertising. We are saving some \$4,000 by having the show at the Palmer Fair Grounds. After discussion, and a friendly amendment from Bob Hall to raise the limit to \$5,000, this was approved; BPMNV. Bill Hanson will put an ad in the Gun Report. We should ask people at the gate how they learned of the show. Troy Crow will ask at GCI for advertising information and criteria.

[4] Bob Olson and son will not be at the show, and we need volunteers to replace them at the gate. Paul Palinski will help with the gate and try to find additional volunteers. Bob Olson is now doing voice mail response, which Carolynn says helps a lot.

[5] The Fair has approximately 70 tables for rent at four dollars each. Do we want them? They also have 250 chairs, at one dollar each. Roger Wakelam said that Ron Webb will tow the table trucks to Palmer for \$300—one way. Once we get them to Palmer, we must find some place to store them and, if we ever take them back to Anchorage, someone else to tow them. Paul Palinski and Roger will research storage potential. Bob Hall wants to be kept informed of this, for we are paying for current storage. Can we afford to buy any tables for this show? Per Bob, no, not until after this show.

[6] The Raven Hall kitchen is good for catering only—no on-site preparation facilities. Indian Valley may again supply food. Carolynn will talk with IV about this. Troy Crow will talk with the 4-H Club about selling coffee and donuts.

[7] Chugiak High NJROTC will likely not be available for set-up and tear-down. Who? Colony? 4H? FHA? BSA? Roger Wakelam will check with Chugiak High for tables and security.

[8] Raven Hall has an ATM. Eddie Grasser will ensure that it is full.

[9] We will be responsible for rest room access and cleaning.

[10] Can we have at least one collection display case set up? This will require some thought, as even one case is almost as much work as two, three or four.

[11] Parking—up to 500 cars can be accommodated behind Raven Hall. If we can use this alone, there will be no need to use the main parking lot and no need to hire parking lot attendants. If we do use the main lot, do we need a shuttle for show patrons?

c. We need to consider getting a new logo and a new membership badge design.

d. Brian Hill memorial: Brian was a range manager at Rabbit Creek who recently died in an auto accident. His family is not doing well. Bob Wienhold will get information to Carolynn for the next newsletter for ways we can help.

e. The Parks Highway range at Mile 95 is not yet open.

f. We should explore a program to reward people for information that results in conviction of sign shooters. Don Rogers can run names if Bob Wienhold can supply them. Should we post a standing reward for such conviction information? \$2,000? Don Rogers will research this.

g. Eddie Grasser was asked if we could be an NRA affiliate for CMP purposes; he will check. Ray Tomory has some information on that. Bill Hanson asked if the CMP can help with Youth Day.

h. We should still consider an annual banquet with displays. This might bring out collectors who will not display at a public show. [On the other hand, displays entail a lot of work, and that is much to ask for a display that will be up for a matter of hours. I've been there; done that. JPK.]

6. There being no further business, we adjourned by acclamation at 2044 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr
Secretary

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
17 August 2004

1. Convene
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. Old business:
 - a. Coastal trail—lawsuit alleges trail is misuse of federal transportation funds
 - b. Gun show chairman replacement
 - c. Gun show
 - d. Other
5. New business:
 - a. Randy Smith Memorial Building in Mountain View
 - b. Other
6. Adjourn