

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
General Membership Meeting Minutes
17 October 2004

1. The meeting was opened at 0849 hours by President Don Rogers upon determination of a quorum.

2. Paul Palinski moved to accept the minutes of the April 2004 meeting and Ray Tomory seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

3. Harry Kadel moved to accept the treasurer's report, and Paul Palinski seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Old business:

a. Exempt status application: There is nothing yet to report; the work is slow, per Joe Koss.

b. Gun show location:

[1] Don Rogers and Paul Palinski said that we should keep the show at the Palmer Fairgrounds for the next two shows, at least, for we need some permanence. Bob Wiseman suggested that we keep the spring show in Anchorage, with the fall show in Palmer. Carolynn Tomory noted the difficulty and cost in moving tables and other items back and forth for shows in two different locations, and there are venue problems. There is a Wassilla facility which costs too much, and we know we can expect little cooperation from the Municipality of Anchorage. When is the Palmer Lions show? We must have the spring show early enough to avoid conflict with preparations for Youth Day. Paul noted that Randy Smith normally started YD preparations in January. The Board is heavily involved in YD and the Sportsman Show. It was further noted that, though Ben Boeke management is uncooperative, the facility is available in May, for all skating activity is then over for the season. Robert Hall said that the gate trend was down in Anchorage, while it picked up greatly at this show, but further investigation of a return to Anchorage should be done. Carolynn said that the gate is better in Palmer, and the fair grounds cost less than half of what Ben Boeke charges. The Board will continue to review this issue.

[2] There is also the question of having one annual show or two. Don Rogers suggested one public show and one private show, open to members only, where we might get displays by members who do not normally display. This could be in conjunction with a banquet. Paul Palinski noted that there is a limited market for gun shows; as the number of shows goes up, the crowd goes down. Ray Tomory said that the suggestion for a single annual show is his—one show a year would allow proper time to plan, staff, and advertise. A member agreed that we need consistent venue and dates—keep the show in Anchorage, at either the Egan Center or Ben Boeke, with the Sportsman's Show. [This has been a matter of prime concern to the Board for twenty years, and will continue as such.]

c. We need a volunteer to chair the Youth Day arrangements. Carolynn Tomory said that she has several prospects.

d. The next Board meeting is on 26 October, at the Sunrise Grill in Anchorage, at 1900. Members are welcome to attend.

5. New business:

a. Election:

[1] The Nomination Committee canvassed the membership to find willing candidates and nominated Wayne Ross for President, Dwight Walker for Vice President, Robert Hall for Treasurer, Joe Koss for Secretary, Don Rogers for Show Chairman and Hartley Meyer for Master at Arms. By unanimous consent, since all positions were uncontested, the candidates were elected to their respective offices.

[2] Ron Cooper, Bill Hanson, Duane Heyman, Jon Morse, Jack Murray, Gary Ostendorp and Ken Overvold were nominated for the Board of Directors. Duane Heyman declined nomination, while Doug Norman accepted nomination from the floor. Bob Lochman was previously appointed by President Rogers to fill a vacancy on the Board, and this appointment was up for confirmation by the members. By unanimous consent, the Board candidates were elected, and Bob Lochman's appointment was confirmed.

[3] Bill Watson agreed to co-chair Youth Day. Paul Palinski agreed to co-chair the gun show committee with Don Rogers.

b. Display awards: Chief Judge Roger Wakelam was delayed in reaching the meeting by a major auto accident on the Glenn, and later provided the list of winners:

Best In Show	"Daisy Defenders", by Ray Tomory	\$250
Best Long Gun	"Romancing the Guns", by Candie Caraway	\$100
Best Handgun	"Handguns for All Reasons" by Randy Cler	\$100
Best Individual Gun	"None Better" by Wayne, Greg, and Tim Ross	\$100
Best Non-Gun	"M22 Training Aid Cal 30, M1919A6", by Robert Chancey	\$100
Peoples Choice	"Romancing the Guns", by Candie Caraway	\$150

c. Bob Wiseman proposed a round of applause [and hotdogs] for Carolynn Tomory for her gracious and efficient work as Gun Show Chair for these past few years. Many thanks, Carolynn!

6. There was no further business to conduct, and the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 0915 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr
Secretary