

1 **AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION**
2 **MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED AND**
3 **CONTINUING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**
4 **JULY 29, 2024**

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7 On July 29, 2024, at 17:00 HRS Central Daylight Time (CDT) President Billy Cook of
8 the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) and the Amateur Trapshooting Association of
9 America (ATAA) subsequent to Roll Call and confirmation of a Quorum, called this
10 *Regularly Scheduled and Continuing Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Amateur*
11 *Trapshooting Association (ATA) and the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America*
12 *(ATAA)* to order.

13 Answering the Roll Call and Seated in Attendance Were:

- 14 ▪ President, Southern Zone Vice President and Tennessee Delegate, Billy Cook
15 ▪ Southwestern Zone Vice President, David Rhoads
16 ▪ Eastern Zone Vice President , Joe Sissano
17 ▪ Central Zone Vice President and Indiana Delegate, Jason Barnett
18 ▪ Western Zone Vice President and Oregon Delegate, Ryan Costanti
19 ▪ Ex-Officio, Ed Wehking, from Utah.
20 ▪ Executive Director, Lynn Gipson, from Illinois
21 ▪ Secretary, Hunter H. Galloway III, from North Carolina
22 ▪ Treasurer, Jeff Wagner, from Montana was absent due to illness.

23 His absence was excused, and he is expected to attend future meetings at the
24 Grand American.

25 It was noted for the record that proper Notice was given for this *Regularly Scheduled*
26 *and Continuing Meeting*, and that all meeting(s) were scheduled to be held in the ATA
27 Executive Committee Meeting Room at the Event Center of the World Shooting and
28 Recreation Complex (WSRC), One Main Event Lane, Sparta, Illinois 62286-3085, unless
29 otherwise necessitated and/or determined to be at the convenience of the Executive
30 Committee and in furtherance of the business of the Amateur Trapshooting Association
31 (ATA) and the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America (ATAA) and its Directors and
32 Members.

33 President Billy Cook, noted that the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled and
34 Continuing Meeting held in Tucson, Arizona, February 25 through February 27, 2024, and
35 subsequent Executive Committee Minutes and/or Memoranda including other Committee
36 Meeting(s) (if, any) held, have previously been distributed to the Executive Committee
37 members for review.

38 Subsequent to review and discussion and upon Motion of Vice President Ryan
39 Costanti with Second of Vice President David Rhoads and following the President's Call of
40 the Question, with no response, it was unanimously,

41 **RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of the Continuing Executive Committee Meeting held
42 in Tucson, Arizona, February 25 through February 27, 2024 are hereby ratified, adopted
43 and/or approved at this date and time.

44 President Billy Cook reviewed the proposed Meeting Agenda and advised, with the
45 concurrence of the Executive Committee members, that changes will be made (to the
46 Agenda) as the various Meeting(s) progress only if they are determined to be more
47 expedient and in furtherance of the interests of the ATA and the ATAA. All Executive
48 Committee members agreed with the President's General Order of Business, as previously
49 distributed and reviewed.

50 President Cook announced that the Annual Board of Directors Meeting for the ATA
51 and the ATAA would be held at 19:00 HRS Central Daylight Time (CDT) on Wednesday,
52 August 7, 2024. He explained that proper Notice would be given to all members of the
53 Board of Directors.

54 President Cook advised the Executive Committee of the proper procedures
55 regarding reimbursement of expenses for the Meeting. It was stated that the Accountable
56 Plan, which was adopted on October 4, 2010, provides for lodging reimbursements in the
57 Sparta Area of \$150.00 per day and a per diem meal rate of \$64.00 per day. Business travel
58 is to be reimbursed pursuant to paid receipts of mileage according to the current Federal
59 Charitable Rate. President Cook initiated a discussion regarding future Grand American
60 dates as required by the Amended Development and Lease Agreement with the Illinois
61 Department of Natural Resources. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the
62 following dates:

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| 63 | 2025 | Grand (Occupancy) | July 30 through August 9 |
| 64 | 2026 | Grand (Occupancy) | July 29 through August 8 |
| 65 | 2027 | Grand (Occupancy) | August 4 through August 14 |
| 66 | 2028 | Grand (Occupancy) | August 2 through August 12 |
| 67 | 2029 | Grand (Occupancy) | August 1 through August 11 |

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| 68 | 2030 | Grand (Occupancy) | July 31 through August 10 |
| 69 | 2031 | Grand (Occupancy) | August 6 through August 10 |
| 70 | 2032 | Grand (Occupancy) | August 4 through August 16 |
| 71 | 2033 | Grand (Occupancy) | August 3 through August 14 |
| 72 | 2034 | Grand (Occupancy) | August 2 through August 12 |
| 73 | 2035 | Grand (Occupancy) | August 1 through August 11 |
| 74 | 2036 | Grand (Occupancy) | July 30 through August 9 |

75 President Cook then requested the Zone Vice Presidents to establish times for their
76 Zone Meetings. The following times were approved by the unanimous consent of the
77 Executive Committee:

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| 78 | Southern Zone | August 6, at 17:30 HRS in the Event Center Central Handicap Meeting Room |
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| 80 | Western Zone | August 6, at 7:00 HRS in the Event Center East Wing Conference Room |
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| 82 | Central Zone | August 7, at 7:00 HRS in the Event Center Past Presidents' Meeting Room |
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| 84 | Eastern Zone | August 5, at 17:00 HRS in the Delegate's Locker Room |
| 85 | Southwestern Zone | August 6, at 7:00 HRS in the Event Center Past Presidents' Meeting Room |
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87 President Cook requested that Secretary Galloway, with the (prior and ongoing)
88 assistance of Executive Director Gipson, give his Secretary's Report and discuss the
89 following correspondence with the Executive Committee:

- 90 1. Correspondence was received from the Finley Law Firm about the ATA's lawsuit
91 against the National Collegiate Shooting Sports Athletic Association (NCSSAA).
92 A \$7,500 judgment has been obtained against the NCSSAA, and a petition has
93 been filed to enforce the previously mentioned judgment in Tarrant County,
94 Texas.
- 95 2. Correspondence from Dave Cahilly (0416184) concerning ATA charge backs for
96 his ATA dues and *Trap & Field* subscription that he initiated. He is currently under
97 suspension from the ATA until he pays the cost of the charge backs which total
98 \$110.00.
- 99 3. The Second Amendment Foundation and its partners sued California
100 challenging a state law that prohibits advertising of any firearm-related product

101 in a manner that is designed, intended, or appears to be attractive to minors. A
102 three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held the statute to be
103 unconstitutional under the First Amendment. Hearings are currently being held
104 in the case.

- 105 4. Correspondence was received concerning the passing of 1985 ATA President Dr.
106 H. E. Hewett formerly of New Mexico.
- 107 5. Correspondence was received from Kamal Kishore (305905) that questioned
108 how the ATA determines target speed in the ATA Rule Book. It was determined
109 that the target speed was accurately determined in the ATA Rule Book.
- 110 6. Correspondence from Steven Bradbury, President of the Texas Trap Shooters
111 Association, requesting that the ATA share member email addresses with his
112 organization. He was notified that the Executive Committee has determined and
113 reiterated many times that the ATA will not share email addresses with anyone
114 due to legal concerns, privacy concerns, and because many of our members are
115 minors.
- 116 7. Correspondence from Thea Crabtree, Treasurer of the North Carolina
117 Trapshooters Hall of Fame, requesting that the ATA help her organization collect
118 unpaid camping fees by Chris Coomer (0112751) at the South Carolina State
119 Shoot/Hall of Fame shoot. She was notified that collecting the previously
120 mentioned camping fees is outside the purview of the ATA since it has no
121 authority over this activity,
- 122 8. Correspondence with New York State Delegate Dave Cichelli concerning rotating
123 banks during Satellite Grand tournaments. It was determined that the Host Club
124 must assign squads to different banks of fields for each one hundred of any 200-
125 target event.
- 126 9. Correspondence with Mike Todd concerning whether or not a shooting club
127 could revoke a member's ability to shoot at a given club. He was notified that if
128 club officials decide to prohibit an ATA member from shooting at their club, even
129 for ATA competition, the ATA will not overrule the decision.
- 130 10. Correspondence was received from the ATA's attorney, Rachel Jeep, that the ATA
131 will receive an additional \$32,000 from the Burg Trust.
- 132 11. Correspondence was received from Vice President Sissano requesting the
133 Executive Committee change the ATA rules shown in Section III.,D., 1., g that
134 states the shoot report need be received withing 8 days of the last event of the
135 day. He made a motion to extend the 8-day rule to 15 days. No Second was
136 made to the previously mentioned Motion, and hence the Motion failed.

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138 Secretary Galloway continued his Secretary's Report by discussing the following
139 Complaint with the Executive Committee:

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141 **24-02-Against Lynette Tuttle (#1016199) as filed by Robert Hight (#8506732)**

142 Mr. Hight alleged that during registered competition at the Spanish Fork Gun Club (UT) on
143 April 13, 2024, Ms. Tuttle violated ATA rules Section IV., J. Safety, items 8 and 12, and
144 Section XII. Disciplinary Action, item B. Disqualification, 2., a. and b. The Complaint was
145 sent to the Delegate for investigation on April 22. As required by ATA rules the complaint
146 was sent to Ms. Tuttle via certified mail for response within 14 days. No response was
147 received. Four corroborating witness statements as to the events leading to the complaint
148 along with an arrest report from the Spanish Fork Police Department were received by the
149 Delegate during his investigation. The Delegate recommendation of life expulsion from the
150 Association was accepted unanimously by the Executive Committee. Ms. Tuttle was
151 informed of the decision via certified mail on May 22, 2024.

152 Subsequent to further discussion and review and upon Motion Vice President
153 Barnett and Second of Vice President Rhoads and following the President's Call of the
154 Question, with no further response or comment, it was unanimously:

155 **RESOLVED**, that the Secretary's Report(s) and the Official Act(s) of Secretary
156 Hunter H. Galloway III are hereby ratified, adopted and/or approved this date and time as
157 performed for the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) and the Amateur Trapshooting
158 Association of America (ATAA).

159 President Cook then asked Executive Director Gipson to give his Administrative
160 Report. The following items were discussed in regard to his Office Manager Report:

- 161 ▪ It took a little bit of time to find a replacement for long-time *Trap & Field*
162 employee, Val Kinsey, but Amanda DuVardo, former *T&F* Circulation Manager is
163 coming back. Amanda moved away in October 2022. Since then, she has
164 helped to train in the *T&F* Circulation Department and has worked the Member
165 Services/*T&F* counter during the Grand. She has a wealth of ATA knowledge and
166 a friendly, inviting demeanor that will serve her well in her new role.
- 167 ▪ Susan Alvarez joined the ATA team in March 2023. Unfortunately, in May 2024,
168 Susan's husband, Ben, had a massive heart attack. The doctors repaired his
169 heart, but then while in the hospital, he suffered two strokes. One on each side
170 of his brain. He is unable to be alone for lengthy periods of time. Consequently,
171 Susan is working remotely while her husband recovers.
- 172 ▪ Kolar raffle ticket sale is going strong! As of July 21st, the ATA has sold 1,935
173 raffle tickets. Of those sales, 1,304 were sold online. For the same time period
174 last year, the ATA had sold 1,283 and of those 714 were from online sales.

175 Executive Director Gipson continued his Administrative Report with the Gun Club
176 Report. The following items were discussed:

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GUN CLUBS BY TARGET YEAR

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In 2023 Target year the ATA had 705 gun clubs with registered shoots. So far for 2024 Target year (September 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024) the ATA has 777 Gun Clubs that have scheduled registered shoots.

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REGISTERED SHOOTS BY TARGET YEAR

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2023- 6,598 30% Being Big 50's

Late Fees Paid - \$775

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Outstanding late Fees **\$475**

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Totals are for all of Target year 2023

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2024 – 6,646 27% Being Big 50's

Late Fees Paid **-\$625**

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Outstanding Late Fees **\$400**

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Totals are as of July 31, 2024

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GUN CLUBS

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This past year, the gun clubs and ATA staff have worked very well together. The biggest problem is the postal service. A lot of the checks and scores are getting delayed in delivery. It is not just the Sparta area but seems to be a nationwide problem. Staff encourages clubs to set up credit cards or automatic withdrawal from a bank account for payment and send scores electronically. At this time, approximately 70% are sending scores by email and 37% pay with a credit card or ACH. One of the bigger issues is that most of the state shoots are paid with a check that the club mails in, and it is a waiting game, with shooters getting impatient with that.

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Executive Director Gipson continued his Administrative Report with the Camping Report. The following items were discussed:

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- AIM reservations opened May 15th this year. This was two weeks earlier than the previous years. The AIM campers were extremely pleased that they were able to confirm their lodging two weeks sooner. Within 10 minutes of reservations opening, 130 reservations were made.

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- This year will be the same as last year, the ATA will not be sending out parking passes. Instead, it has asked each camper to have a copy of their reservation confirmation with them when they arrive as proof that they are on the correct site in case there are any issues.

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Executive Director Gipson continued his Administrative Report with the Membership Report. The following items were discussed:

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- 211 ▪ **SCTP Membership Payments**
- 212 The ATA uploaded 8,392 Junior and 322 Adult SCTP member payments for the
- 213 2024 Target year so far. Of those, 2,551 have been new Junior members and 139
- 214 have been new Adult members. This time last year the ATA uploaded 8,504
- 215 Junior and 490 Adult SCTP membership payments for the 2023 Target year, of
- 216 those, 2,930 were new Junior members and 222 new Adult members.
- 217 ▪ **Complimentary Memberships**
- 218 The complimentary ATA & AIM membership certificates were mailed out in early
- 219 September. The ATA sent five complimentary ATA and five complimentary AIM
- 220 certificates to each gun club. There are over eight hundred gun clubs that the
- 221 ATA sends certificates to. The ATA also sent numerous certificates to clubs
- 222 hosting shoots.
- 223 ▪ **Unpaid Memberships**
- 224 There are currently 228 unpaid memberships for the 2024 Target year. In July of
- 225 2023, the ATA had 299 unpaid memberships. Currently the ATA notifies the
- 226 unpaid member twice via email or mail. If after four weeks from the first notice,
- 227 the member is still unpaid, the ATA then notifies the Gun Club, State Secretary
- 228 and Delegate in addition to the member. The ATA continues these notices every
- 229 two weeks until the membership dues are paid.

230 Executive Director Gipson continued his Administrative Report with the MidwayUSA
 231 Foundation Report. The following endowment statement was given to the members of the
 232 Executive Committee:

MIDWAYUSA FOUNDATION – ENDOWMENT STATEMENT

(10777] Amateur Trapshooting Association

| Reference | Date | Amount | Balance |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 12/31/2023 | 944,307.16 | 944,307.16 |
| Larry & Brenda Potterfield Matching Program | 01/01/2024 | 770.00 | 945,077.16 |
| Contribution to Foundation Mission Support | 03/31/2024 | (2,362.69) | 942,714.47 |
| Quarterly Gain/(Loss) | 03/31/2024 | 48,284.58 | 990,999.05 |
| Contribution to Foundation Mission Support | 06/30/2024 | (2,477.50) | 988,521.55 |
| Quarterly Gain/(Loss) | 06/30/2024 | 21,151.75 | 1,009,673.30 |
| Ending Balance | 07/15/2024 | | 1,009,673.30 |

244 ▪ Executive Director Gipson noted that the ATA will soon receive \$50,000 from the
 245 Foundation, and that it has already received back from the Foundation the initial
 246 \$250,000 contribution it made to the Foundation.

247 President Cook called for a Recess at 8:55 HRS.

248 The Meeting resumed at 9:05 HRS.

249 President Cook requested that Treasurer Wagner give the Treasurer’s Report. He
 250 stated that no unanticipated expenses have been encountered and that all bills have been
 251 paid on time and discounted when appropriate. The following report shows a breakdown of
 252 all ATA investments.

ATA STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

As of June 30, 2024

| | 6070 | 8094 | 4996 | 5086 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Morgan | Morgan | Morgan | Morgan |
| | Stanley | Stanley | Stanley | Stanley |
| | | Advisory | Burg Funds | |
| 259 Stocks | \$1,233,091 | \$4,802,168 | | |
| 260 Cert of Deposit | \$2,879,756 | | \$ 258,653 | |
| 261 Corp Fixed | \$2,784,215 | \$ 25,098 | | \$1,187,837 |
| 262 Mutual Funds | | \$ 208,933 | | |
| 263 Unit Investment Trusts | \$1,165,116 | | | |
| 264 Alternative Investments | \$ 569,088 | | | |
| 265 Cash | \$ 44,193 | \$ 19,844 | \$ 78,494 | \$ 18,831 |
| 266 ETF's | \$ 175,400 | \$ 307,940 | _____ | _____ |
| 267 Account Balance | \$8,850,859 | \$5,363,983 | \$ 337,146 | \$1,206,667 |

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| | Wells Fargo | Wells Fargo | Wells Fargo |
| | Advisory | Scholarship | Fixed Inc |
| Stocks | \$1,113,474 | \$ 161,547 | |
| Cert of Deposit | | | \$ 714,478 |
| Corp Fixed | | | |
| Mutual Funds | \$ 5,889,427 | \$ 866,449 | \$ 64,506 |
| Unit Investment Trusts | | | |
| Alternative Investments | | | |
| Cash | \$ 63,568 | \$ 25,498 | \$ 5,828 |
| ETF's | <u>\$2,927,480</u> | <u>\$ 447,281</u> | <u> </u> |
| Account Balance | \$9,993,949 | \$1,500,775 | \$ 784,812 |
| ATA Investments | \$28,038,192 | | |
| Cash Accounts | <u>\$ 634,488</u> | | |
| Total----- | \$28,672,679 | | |
| 2023 August | \$24,425,610 | | |
| 2022 August | \$23,011,843 | | |
| 2021 August | \$23,746,739 | | |
| 2020 August | \$19,573,870 | | |
| 2019 August | \$18,733,906 | | |

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| 303 | 2018 | August | \$17,360,914 |
| 304 | 2017 | August | \$16,160,810 |
| 305 | 2016 | August | \$14,243,772 |
| 306 | 2015 | August | \$12,327,290 |
| 307 | 2014 | August | \$11,243,693 |
| 308 | 2013 | August | \$10,143,276 |
| 309 | 2012 | August | \$10,229,644 |
| 310 | 2011 | August | \$ 8,177,713 |

311 July 2023 \$350,000 was transferred from the Morgan Stanley #6070 to Sparta Account for
312 Camping Payment to IDNR.

313 December 2023 \$700,000 was transferred from Sparta Account to Morgan Stanley #5086.

314 November 2023 \$326,000 was transferred from Sparta Account to Scholarship
315 Account/Morgan Stanley # 4996.

316 September 2023 \$45,000 was transferred from the Scholarship Account /Wells Fargo
317 #1508 to Sparta for Scholarship issue.

318 July 2023 \$390,000 was transferred from Morgan Stanley #6070 to Sparta Account for
319 Camping Payment to IDNR.

320 December 2022 \$700,000 was transferred from Sparta Account to Wells Fargo Advisory #
321 1655.

322 September 2022 \$45,000 was transferred from the Scholarship Account/Wells Fargo #1508
323 to Sparta for scholarship issue.

324 November 2021 \$2,500 was transferred from the Sparta Account to Wells Fargo
325 Scholarship # 1508.

326 October 2021 \$800,000 was transferred from the Sparta Account to Wells Fargo Advisory
327 Account #1655.

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329 Treasurer Wagner stated that the portfolio balance has increased from \$8,177,713
330 in August 2011 to \$27,958,855 in June 2024. Operations were responsible for \$10,335,270
331 (52%) of the previously mentioned increase while \$9,445,872 (48%) was attributable to
332 returns on investment.

333 Subsequent to further review and discussion, and upon Motion of Vice President
 334 Barnett and Second of Vice President Costanti, and following the President’s Call of the
 335 Question, and with no further response or comment, it was unanimously:

336 **RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer’s Report(s) given by Treasurer Wagner be hereby
 337 adopted, ratified and/or approved as presented.

338 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the actions of the ATA Treasurer Jeff Wagner for the 2024
 339 Fiscal Year are hereby ratified, adopted and/or approved at this date and time.

340 The next item on the Agenda was the Financial Report. President Cook requested
 341 that Controller Howell give the Financial Report. As of June 30, 2024, he stated that the
 342 change in Net Assets of the ATA showed a gain of \$4,327,060 as compared to a gain of
 343 \$2,687,714 for the prior year. Membership dues are up \$14,365 or 2.26% (Adult Dues are
 344 up 1.95% and youth dues were up 1.31%). Shoot fees are up 31.35% or \$123,661. Big 50
 345 and league fees are up 19.52% or \$4,745.

346 The following is a new income summary by ATA activity for the third quarter:

| 347 Activity | Q3 2022 | Q3 2023 | Q3 2024 | 2024 vs 2023 |
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| 348 | | | | Change |
| 349 G & A- Operating Activities including | | | | |
| 350 <i>Trap & Field</i> | 74,250 | (67,259) | 329,135 | 396,393 |
| 351 G & A – Investment Activities | (1,515,134) | 2,045,764 | 3,107,162 | 1,061,398 |
| 352 AIM | 15,459 | (36,670) | 19,941 | 56,611 |
| 353 Grand American | 851,689 | 727,824 | 808,117 | 80,293 |
| 354 US Open | 22,559 | 14,252 | 33,784 | 19,532 |
| 355 Gun Club | (8,920) | 3,802 | 28,921 | 25,119 |
| 356 Fundraising | - | - | - | - |
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| 358 Change in Net Assets | (560,097) | 2,687,714 | 4,327,060 | 1,639,346 |
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| 360 Extraordinary Items: | Q3 2022 | Q3 2023 | Q3 2024 | |
| 361 <u>Revenues:</u> | | | | |
| 362 Burg Trust Proceeds Added to Investments | | | 326,000 | |

363 Expenses:

364 None

365 Subsequent to further discussion and review and upon the Motion of Vice President
366 Constanti with Second of Vice President Rhoads and following the President's Call of the
367 Question, with no further response or comment, it was unanimously:

368 **RESOLVED**, that the Financial Report compiled and presented by Controller
369 Michael Howell is hereby ratified, adopted and/or approved this date and time as
370 performed for the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) and the Amateur Trapshooting
371 Association of America (ATAA).

372 President Cook requested that Controller Howell, a member of the Investment and
373 501(c)(2) Advisory Committee, give that report. He announced that the ATA is operating
374 within federal statutory guidelines for non-profit organizations, and that the rest of his
375 report has already been covered in this Meeting.

376 President Cook requested that Controller Howell, a member of the Accountable
377 plan Compliance Committee, give that report. He stated that New Hampshire Delegate Phil
378 Wright would give that report at the Board of Directors meeting next week since he is
379 chairman of that committee.

380 President Cook called for a recess at 10:00 HRS.

381 The Meeting resumed at 13:30 HRS.

382 President Cook requested that Executive Director Gipson continue with his
383 Administrative Report. The following items were discussed in regard to his IT Report:

384 **ATA Fixes/Enhancements Completed:**

385 Here are the items that have been completed:

- 386 1. It was decided that the ATA will no longer offer pre-classification for the Grand
387 American, so Ben Bauer worked with Todd Albers and the web developers to
388 change the code on the website to still allow for pre cashiering without the
389 options for pre-classification.
- 390 2. The ATA office Wi-Fi access point transmitted an internet connection that was
391 terribly slow compared to what staff should be getting. After ensuring
392 everything was configured correctly, Ben decided it was time to replace the old
393 one as it was approximately eight years old or more. He ordered and configured
394 the new device and did testing to make sure everything was working properly.
395 The internet download speed over Wi-Fi went from 30mb per second with the old
396 access point to 314 mb per second with the new device.

- 397 3. Kathy Key was using an 8-10 year old computer that was starting to show its age,
398 and because it was on an older version of Windows, it wasn't able to install an
399 update to a software that she needed to use. Ben ordered her a new computer
400 and monitor and configured the new machine at his office and shipped it back to
401 her.
- 402 4. During the setup for the U. S. Open, Ben had six computers that had issues
403 needing repair. He repaired three of them as they were all under warranty. Some
404 of them had a motherboard that went bad , and the others had a motherboard
405 battery that went bad and needed to be replaced.
- 406 5. The ATA was starting to run out of storage space on its office server, so Ben found
407 what hard drives were needed for the server and ordered two 2TB drives to add to
408 the system. He installed them. He made sure that everything was configured
409 and working properly so that the marketing staff had the additional storage
410 space that they needed.
- 411 6. The Excel templates that the ATA offer to clubs that don't use a shooting
412 software were limited in the number of shooters that could be added to them.
413 The ATA sometimes gets shoots sent to them that have more shooters that
414 participate than the Excel Template will allow, so Ben worked with Todd Albers to
415 get this increased to accommodate over 4,000 shooters.
- 416 7. The backup device was having problems verifying the backups and needed to
417 have all the servers rebooted to resolve the issue. In the late evening to prevent
418 downtime in the middle of the day, he powered off all servers and rebooted the
419 host machine and then ensured all servers came back up and were working as
420 intended. He ensured that this reboot resolved the issue with backup
421 verifications on the backup device.

422 **ATA Fixes/Enhancements To-Do List:**

423 There are still a few potential items on the "To-do" list:

- 424 1. There is a bug in the code for the AIM section of the website that will delete AIM
425 teams, and then Ben needs to manually restore the team for the coach. Ben has
426 done extensive testing to try to replicate the issue and has not been able to do it.
427 To fix it would require a rewrite of the code for the AIM section. There are also
428 some aspects of the AIM Grand registration process that need to be modified,
429 and these changes could be made during this time also.

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431 Executive Director Gipson continued his Administrative Report with the *Trap & Field*
432 Report. The following items were discussed:

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AVERAGE BOOKS

436 Most of the people renewing have been ordering the Average Book. All the Delegates will
437 also get a book, and there are extras ordered for anyone who wants to purchase one after
438 mailing next year for \$14.00 plus shipping. The postage may go up on that for next year due
439 to the USPS postage increases.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

442 The subscription numbers have increased since *Trap & Field* decided to send renewals out
443 two months ahead of cancellation instead of one month. Many people are renewing for 2-5
444 years at a time and few for 7 years.

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DIGITAL ACCESS

446 The ATA has seen an increase in its digital subscriptions. A few people signed up for new
447 digital subscriptions because of mail problems with their magazines. The ATA sent out two
448 email blasts inviting members to a free preview of the June digital issue.

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NEW EMPLOYEE

450 Khylee Kurtz has been hired as a *Trap & Field* administrative assistant. She grew up in
451 Cutler, Illinois, which is about fifteen minutes from Sparta.

452 Executive Director Gipson continued his Administrative Report with the Marketing
453 Report. The following items were discussed:

Social Media Stats

454 AIM Facebook –

455 Followers: 8,675

456 In the past year, AIM had a total reach of 461,494 up from 186,535 last year.

457 In the past year, AIM had 52,461 up from 25,921 Facebook page visits.

458 ATA Facebook –

459 Followers: 15,972

460 In the past year, ATA had a total reach of 747,001 up from 299,754

461 In the past year, ATA had 48,088, up from 28,287 Facebook page visits.

462 ATA /AIM Instagram –

463 Followers: 7,159 up from 6,442 last year

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466 **Website**

467 Last year the ATA averaged around 37,494 visitors per month to its ATA website and 243,728
468 page views per month.

469 The AIM Website averages 2,721 visits per month and 7,852 page views per month.

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471 **Satellite Grands**

472 Satellite Grands have gone well again this year. The ATA has two programs pending to finish
473 2024, which are the Northeastern and Autumn. The ATA is collaborating with sponsors and
474 hosts on the 2025 Satellite Grands now.

475 **Social Media**

476 Kait Giacomo continues to do an excellent job with social media and keeping the ATA's
477 pages up-to-date and relatable. She also takes care of all email blasts, both from the ATA
478 and sponsors. This has proven to be a great benefit to our sponsors.

479 **Google Campaigns**

480 The marketing department is excited to announce the addition of Google ad campaigns for
481 ATA/AIM recognition and membership. The Google ad campaigns allow the ATA to target a
482 specific geographical area with a specific message.

483 **2024 Grand Preparations**

484 The marketing team has been working hard in preparation for the 2024 Grand American. All
485 signage for the grounds has been ordered and is currently in the process of being
486 displayed. Social Media and emails are updated every day with added information sent out
487 to the members.

488 Executive Director Gipson continued his Administrative Report with the AIM Report.
489 The Following items were discussed:

- 490 ▪ Total AIM membership for 2024 is 7,346 compared to 7,117 for the prior year.
- 491 ▪ There was a total of 2,142 new members to AIM in 2024.

492 Executive Director Gipson continued his Administrative Report with the Trophy
493 Report. The following items were discussed:

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496 **Satellite Grands**

497 The 2024 Satellite Grand American trophy packages were approved and ordered November
498 2023. Again, this year the ATA sent three custom buckles to each of the Satellite Grands
499 displaying their logo as awards to the winners of championship events.

500 **Suppliers:**

501 Wendell August

502 Sterling Cut Glass

503 Shamrock Leather

504 Prize Possessions

505 All American Wood Working & Awards

506 Molly's Custom Silver

507 **State & Provincial**

508 For the 2024 State and Provincial shoots, the state leadership was given the option to use
509 the ATA standard Trophy package or receive a credit for \$920.00 per ATA supplier. The
510 Suppliers are selected from ATA sponsors. The 2024 State and Provincial suppliers are
511 Wendell August, Sterling Cut Glass, Monarch Trophy Studios and Prize Possessions. The
512 ATA had 57 State and Provinces that trophies are supplied to, out of those 57, eight chose
513 the credit and selected their own awards.

514 The ATA experienced some shipping and product delays this year, but it was much
515 improved over last year.

516 **Canadian Champions**

517 The Canadian Championship was not registered as an ATA shoot for the 2024 Target year,
518 so the ATA did not supply any awards.

519 **U. S. Open**

520 The 2024 U. S. Open trophy process was a success, the ATA had no issues, and the awards
521 turned out great.

522 **Zone Trophies**

523 The ATA will donate trophy packages to each of the five zones: Eastern Zone, Western
524 Zone, Southwestern Zone, Central Zone, and Southern Zone. The awards from these
525 events will be drop shipped to the winners after the event except for the Eastern Zone. The
526 Eastern Zone awards will be sent to the club before the shoot. The 2024 Zone trophy

527 suppliers are Wendell August, Sterling Cut Glass, Shamrock Leather, Monarch Trophy
528 Studios, and Prize Possessions.

529 **2024 Grand American**

530 The Grand American Trophy order was completed earlier this year The ATA is currently
531 waiting for the shipments but expects no issues. The 2024 Grand American Trophy
532 suppliers are Wendell August, Sterling Cut Glass, Shamrock Leather, Monarch Trophy
533 Studios, and Prize Possessions.

534 **2024 AIM Grand National**

535 The AIM Grand National Trophy package is ready to go. The ATA is excited to have some
536 novel items to offer the young shooters. The suppliers are Wendell August, Sterling Cut
537 Glass, Shamrock Leather, Monarch Trophy Studios, Price Possessions, and Molly’s Custom
538 Silver.

539 Secretary Galloway initiated a discussion on increasing the trophy budget after
540 talking with the Past Presidents and ATA members. It appears that many of these aforesaid
541 individuals want better quality trophies. Secretary Galloway presented a Trophy Budget
542 Assistance Proposal to the Executive Committee for their consideration. The aforesaid
543 budget increase would come from the ATA financial portfolio.

544 Subsequent to review and discussion and upon Motion of Vice President Costanti
545 with Second of Vice President Rhoads and following the President’s Call of the Question,
546 with no response, it was unanimously resolved to accept the following Trophy Budget
547 Assistance Proposal:

548 **TROPHY BUDGET ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL**

549 **AS PROPOSED BY Hunter Galloway**

550 **50%**

551 **Proposed**

| 552 | | 2024 Budgets | Increase | 2025 Budgets |
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| 553 | Grand American | \$135,000 | \$67,500 | \$202,500 |
| 554 | AIM Grand | \$ 32,667 | \$16,334 | \$ 49,001 |
| 555 | Satellite Grand | \$114,975 | \$57,488 | \$172,463 |
| 556 | State Shoots | \$220,020 | \$110,010 | \$330,030 |
| 557 | Zone Shoots | \$ 37,625 | \$18,813 | \$56,438 |

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| 559 | U. S. Open | \$ 19,440 | \$ 9,720 | \$29,160 |
| 560 | | \$559,727 | \$279.864 | \$839,591 |

561 \$280,000 increase to come from ATA financial portfolio.

562 Any increase in trophy expenditures as a result of this increase in trophy
563 budgets will be credited to the basis used for the annual computation of any
564 existing employee compensation incentives.

565 Executive Director Gipson continued his Administrative Report with the U. S. Open
566 Report. The following items were discussed:

- 567 ▪ Attendance at the 2024 U. S. Open was 3,202 compared to 3,212 for the prior
568 year.
- 569 ▪ Profit from the 2024 U. S. Open was \$33,784 compared to 14,252 for the prior
570 year.
- 571 ▪ All one hundred targets in an event were shot on the same field. There were no
572 complaints.
- 573 ▪ Most of the shooters were from Missouri and Illinois.

574 Executive Director Gipson continued his presentation with the Participation Report.
575 The following items were discussed:

- 576 ▪ Total registered targets shot from September to June in 2023-2024 were
577 34,480,035.
- 578 ▪ Total registered targets shot last year were 50,020,295.

579 Executive Director Gipson passed out to members of the Executive Committee the
580 final consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 as
581 prepared by Dale L. Guebert, Certified Public Accountant. It was determined that the ATA is
582 in excellent financial shape.

583 Executive Director Gipson continued his Administrative Report with the Grand
584 American Report. The following items were discussed:

- 585 ▪ The 2024 Grand American staff was announced:

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| 587 | Executive Director | Lynn Gipson, IL |
| 588 | Tournament Director | Jim Moody, OK |
| 589 | Personnel Manager | Jody Goetting, IL |
| 590 | Data Services Manager | Sandra McAllister, KS |

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| 591 | Shootoff Manager | Dan Wood, IA |
| 592 | Logistics Manager | Brad Mayberry, IL |
| 593 | Cashiering Manager | Vickie Wathen, IL |
| 594 | Squadding Manager | Caroline Bauer, IL |
| 595 | Trap Line Manager | Penny Gibson, IL |
| 596 | Trophy Room Manager | Liz Lloyd, IL |
| 597 | Trap/Target Setting Manager | Petey Chambless, AR |
| 598 | Scoresheet Annex Manager | Lana Foster, IL |
| 599 | Special Events Manager | Em Beckman, IL |

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- 601 ▪ ATA Grand American and AIM sponsorship commitments for 2024 were
- 602 announced. It was pointed out that the previously mentioned commitments
- 603 continue to grow each year, and they help make the Grand American a success.

604 President Cook called for a recess at 15:00 HRS.

605 The Meeting resumed at 8:00 HRS on July 31, 2024.

606 President Cook announced that the next items on the Agenda are the committee
607 reports, and he requested that Ex-Officio Wehking, chairman of the Rules Committee, give
608 his report. He stated that his committee is looking at making changes to the following
609 Official ATA Rules:

- 610 1. Expansion of the alcohol and drug impairment rule (Section IV., J.) to include
- 611 shootoffs, checking in for shoot offs and gun club personnel(Rule XII., B., 2., a.)
- 612 2. Clarification of All-American Points awarded at Satellite Grands, State/Provincial
- 613 Tournaments, and other Major Tournaments when using the actual attendance
- 614 of the previous year to determine the competition factor.
- 615 3. Clarification of Rule Section IV, J., in regard to resting the muzzle of the gun on
- 616 the shooter’s toe or ground.
- 617 4. Changing the age requirements for the Veteran and Senior Veteran categories.

618 Vice President Rhoads, Chairman of the Marketing and Communication Committee,
619 was next on the Agenda to give his report. He stated that his report has already been
620 covered in this Meeting by Executive Director Gipson.

621 Vice President Barnett, chairman of the All-American Team Committee, was next on
622 the Agenda to give his report. He stated that he wanted to table his report until later in the
623 week. President Cook granted his request.

624 President Cook and Ex-Officio Wehking, Co-chairmen of the Human Resources
625 Committee, were next on the Agenda to give their report. Ex-Officio Wehking stated that his
626 committee and the ATA staff have made significant improvements in the human resources
627 documentation over the past couple of years. All the employee exit interviews were good.

628 Vice President Costanti, chairman of the Gun Club Support and Communications
629 Committee, was next on the Agenda to give his report. The following items were
630 discussed:

- 631 ▪ The requests for gun club grants will be given to all the Vice-Presidents next
632 week to consider.
- 633 ▪ A report will be given on raffle ticket sales beginning tomorrow.
- 634 ▪ It was noted that Executive Director Gipson has been instructing clubs on how to
635 hold registered shoots. He also gives them information on the AIM programs.
- 636 ▪ It was noted that Winchester has provided clubs with reduced price ammunition
637 for their AIM programs.

638 President Cook was next on the Agenda to give the Gift Acceptance Committee
639 Report on behalf of the Executive Committee. He stated that no action has been taken by
640 his committee since the last Executive Committee Meeting.

641 Ex-Officio Wehking, a member of the Real Property Advisory Committee, was next
642 on the Agenda to give his report. He stated that no action has been taken by his committee
643 since the last Executive Committee Meeting.

644 President Cook called for a recess at 9:00 HRS.

645 The Meeting resumed at 8:00 HRS on August 1, 2024.

646 President Cook recognized Executive Director Gipson who talked about the internet
647 failure at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex last night. It was noted that the
648 ATA staff could use Executive Director Gipson's T-Mobile device to get the internet if this
649 situation happens again.

650 President Cook announced that the next items on the Agenda were the After-Action
651 Reports. Vice President Costanti gave the first report on the Spring Grand which was held at
652 the Tucson Trap and Skeet Club, Tucson, Arizona on February 25 through March 3, 2024.
653 The following items were discussed:

- 654 ▪ The facilities were impeccable, and the staff did a fantastic job of keeping up the
655 grounds.

- 656 ▪ The Tucson Trap and Skeet Club changed over to SOS Clays for cashiering and
657 shoot management. It was a significant improvement over the previous system.
658 Classification and handicapping were much smoother and more efficient than
659 previous years because of the SOS Clays System.
- 660 ▪ The Spring Meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Board Room at
661 the club. Everyone seems upbeat and happy with the direction of the ATA at the
662 present time.
- 663 ▪ There were numerous questions about the targets, but they were within the ATA
664 specifications and no action was taken or needed.
- 665 ▪ Attendance was up 10% from last year.

666 President Cook gave the next After-Action Report on the Southern Grand which was
667 held at the Silver Dollar Shooters Club, Odessa, Florida on March 10-17, 2024. The
668 following items were discussed:

- 669 ▪ All the traps worked well, and the grounds were in excellent shape.
- 670 ▪ President Cook met with Diane Foster and Bill Miller daily to discuss all aspects
671 of the tournament.
- 672 ▪ Dan Ryan of the Central Handicap Committee took care of classifying and
673 handicapping. The Alabama Delegate, Wayne Startwell helped Dan Ryan the
674 first four days.
- 675 ▪ One shooter wants the ATA to list in the Average Book any shooter that has shot
676 250,000 registered targets.
- 677 ▪ Several shooters were pleased that the ATA signed a new ten year lease on the
678 World Shooting and Recreational Complex.
- 679 ▪ One Shooter suggested that all one hundred targets of an event be shot on the
680 same field.
- 681 ▪ The weather was perfect, and everyone was happy just to be shooting.

682 Vice President Sissano gave the next After-Action Report on the Empire Grand which was
683 held at the New York State ATA Homegrounds, Cicero, New York on May 8-12, 2024. The
684 following items were discussed:

- 685 ▪ Due to heavy rains at the beginning of the tournament, shooters were standing in
686 two to three inches of water. As the week progressed, the standing water
687 dissipated.
- 688 ▪ The Empire Grand program does not mention any maximum penalty yardage.
689 After Vice President Sissano talked with Central Handicap Committee Chairman
690 Townsend, it was determined that the maximum yardage is twenty-five yards
691 according to the rule book.

- 692 ▪ Fluorescent green targets were used at the shoot. After taking a survey, 70% of
693 the shooters were not in favor of the color. Once the targets left the trap house,
694 they disappeared into the sky.
695 ▪ Shoot attendance was down 17% due to the rain.

696 Vice President Barnett gave the next After-Action Report on the Great Lakes Grand
697 which was held at the Michigan Trapshooting Association Homegrounds, Mason, Michigan
698 on May 21-26, 2024. The following items were discussed.

- 699 ▪ The grounds were in good condition, and the trap machines and targets were
700 excellent with few resets.
701 ▪ Classification was managed by Central Handicap Chairman Dean Townsend and
702 ATA Delegate J. B. Lewis. They both did an outstanding job.
703 ▪ Various discussions were held concerning Michigan Trapshooting Association's
704 push to diversify shooting opportunities beyond trap. The facility will add a new
705 sixteen station sporting clays course, ten skeet fields, a 5-stand, and shooting
706 helices.
707 ▪ A shooter from New York complained that the Empire Grand did not rotate banks
708 in a 200-bird singles event as required by the Satellite Grand contracts. The
709 Great Lakes Grand would prefer not to rotate given their consistent trap
710 background along the entire shooting line.
711 ▪ Total entries were up 13.8% for 2024 vs. 2023. Total entries for 2023 were up 35%
712 over 2022. Great weather plays a significant part in the attendance figures.

713 Vice President Costanti gave the last After-Action Report on the Western Grand
714 which was held at the Vernal Rod and Gun Club, Vernal, Utah on May 28 through June 2,
715 2024. The following items were discussed:

- 716 ▪ The facilities and trap machines were top notch and in great working order. The
717 weather was exceptional.
718 ▪ Vice President Costanti met with Host Club manager Sean Hawley every
719 morning and evening, and he offered his help if needed. The Host Club really
720 had the shoot under control with a great staff.
721 ▪ Classification, handicapping, and cashiering went well.
722 ▪ The only real issue that arose during the shoot was a contestant who had been
723 drinking while shooting. Ex-Officio Wehking approached the alleged person and
724 asked him if he had been drinking. He admitted to it, and he was removed from
725 the shoot for the remaining events. The person who reported the incident was
726 not willing to file an official complaint.
727 ▪ Attendance was similar to last year.

728 President Cook called for a recess at 9:05 HRS.

729 The Meeting resumed at 8:00 HRS on August 2, 2024.

730 President Cook introduced Mac Elliott of the National Aviation Academy. He
731 thanked Mr. Elliott for being the Signature Sponsor of the Grand American. His company
732 provides training in aviation and avionics, and it gives its graduates a rewarding career and
733 future. Mr. Elliott announced that he would extend his Signature Sponsorship of the Grand
734 American. Mr. Elliott praised the well-trained and friendly staff at the U. S. Open. He noted
735 that one lady score keeper was great on his field, and she immediately picked up shells
736 when his squad completed their round. President Cook was given credit for the original
737 meeting with Mr. Elliott when he committed to be Signature Sponsor. The scholarships to
738 students at the National Aviation Academy by the ATA were discussed. Mr. Elliott made it
739 clear that his sponsorship was not dependent on the previously mentioned scholarship,
740 but he thanked the ATA for providing them. Executive Director Gipson was given credit for
741 doing an outstanding job for the ATA.

742 Executive Director Gipson passed out the gun club grant applications for review.
743 Once the final members for the grants have been determined, Executive Director Gipson
744 requested that the applications be returned to him. It was noted that the raffle ticket sales
745 are ahead of projection.

746 President Cook recognized Ex-Officio Wehking who has the final report from his
747 committee on rule changes to be submitted to the Board of Directors at their annual
748 meeting on August 7, 2024. He stated that his committee does not want to change the age
749 requirements for Veteran and Senior Veteran categories.

750 Subsequent to further discussion and review and upon Motion of Vice President
751 Rhoads with Second of Vice President Sissano and following the President's Call of the
752 Question, with no further response or comment, it was unanimously:

753 **RESOLVED**, that the following rule changes be presented to the Board of Directors
754 for their consideration on August 7, 2024:

755 **Section IV ATA Tournaments**

756 A. Registered Shoots

757 1. The ATA governs the conduct of all shoots registered with it. Only clubs affiliated
758 with their State/Provincial Association will be permitted to hold registered
759 shoots. There is no minimum number of trap houses required to hold a shoot.

760 J. Safety

761 2. Alcohol and drugs impair judgment and the ATA Rules pertaining to the usage
762 of alcohol and/or drugs must be enforced by Shoot Management. This Rule
763 shall be complied with and shall apply to practice shooting as well as

764 registered and tournament events, shoot-offs and checking in for shoot-offs
765 (Rule XII, B.,2.,a.). The rule shall also apply to gun club personnel.

766 18. While not prohibited, the practice of resting the muzzle of a shotgun on a
767 shooter's toe is not advised and discouraged. At no time, should the muzzle
768 of the gun be rested on the shooter's toe or ground rest while the action is
769 closed.

770 President Cook called for a recess at 8:55 HRS.

771 The Meeting resumed at 8:00 HRS on August 3, 2024.

772 President Cook recognized Todd Albers who talked about a glitch in the ATA software
773 in regard to classification. Shooters were being advanced more than one class. The
774 Central Handicap Committee was told that if this problem occurs, they should see Todd
775 and he would get Sandra McAllister to fix the problem instead of someone from their
776 committee.

777 President Cook recognized Executive Director Gipson who stated that reloads were
778 found on a field during a handicap event. It could not be determined whether the reloads
779 were left over from a singles Event. The line personnel are very vigilant on making sure
780 factory shells are used in all handicap events.

781 Executive Director Gipson stated that ATA Delegate Jon Slinker from Nevada will
782 make a sponsorship presentation tomorrow on TRAP TALK(a social media channel) . The
783 cost of the sponsorship would be \$3,900 a month for eighteen to twenty-four months plus
784 30% of net revenue brought to the ATA by TRAP TALK. Executive Director Gipson stated the
785 ATA is already doing what TRAP TALK is proposing. Terry Heeg's daughter can do the same
786 thing. It was also noted that Josh Buchiere from Trapshooting U.S.A. will be hired on a full
787 time basis January 1, 2025.

788 Executive Director Gipson continued his comments by stating the officers from the
789 Illinois Department of Natural Resources are now writing tickets if someone speeds in the
790 parking lot. He also reminded the Executive Committee to be in front of the Event Center
791 tomorrow for the playing of the National Anthem of Brazil. A similar event will occur on
792 August 5 for Australia and August 7 for New Zealand.

793 President Cook recognized Treasurer Wagner. He stated that he wants the Executive
794 Committee to start a search for a new Treasurer until his replacement is found. President
795 Cook thanked Treasurer Wagner for his service to the ATA.

796 President Cook called for a recess at 8:50 HRS.

797 The Meeting resumed at 8:00 HRS on August 4, 2024.

798 President Cook introduced Nevada Delegate Jon Slinker who gave a presentation
799 for his TRAP TALK podcast. Zach Nannini and Richard Marshall Jr assisted Delegate Slinker
800 in his presentation, and Terry Heeg and Ellissa Harding from *Trap & Field* magazine were
801 also present to hear the talk. It was pointed out that there are over 250,000 quarterly views
802 across TRAP TALK, social media channels. A TRAP TALK Premier Sponsorship will cost the
803 ATA \$10,000 per season. A partnership with the ATA would provide collaborative input into
804 ad placement, branding, and social media posts. Special promotional episodes would be
805 provided for the Grand American, Satellite Grands, ATA or AIM initiatives, raffles, or special
806 announcements. They ended their presentation by stating that an ATA in kind promotional
807 could be provided for the TRAP TALK proposal. As they left the meeting room, President
808 Cook thanked them for their presentation.

809 President Cook recognized Executive Director Gipson. He stated that the Trap &
810 Field personnel could accomplish in house what is proposed by TRAP TALK at no
811 additional cost to the ATA. He also noted that it would be impossible to put a money value
812 on what they are giving for an in kind promotional. No action was taken by the Executive
813 Committee on this matter at this time.

814 President Cook called for a recess at 8:50 HRS.

815 The Meeting resumed at 8:00 HRS on August 5, 2024.

816 President Cook stated that the next item on the Agenda was the final committee
817 report, and he requested that Dean Townsend, chairman of the Central Handicap
818 Committee, give his report. The following items were covered:

- 819 ▪ 2,472 shooters have been classified so far at the 2024 Grand American.
- 820 ▪ Chairman Townsend recommends Don Williamson from Laveen, Arizona, to
821 replace Garry Hill on the Central Handicap Committee for the 2024-2025 Target
822 year.
- 823 ▪ Chairman Townsend also recommends Wayne Sartwell from Pike Road,
824 Alabama, to replace Dan Ryan on the Central Handicap Committee for the 2024-
825 2025 Target year.
- 826 ▪ Members of the Central Handicap Committee were told that the Canadian
827 Nationals (week of July 4) was a PITA shoot and could have effected ATA shooter
828 yardages (Rule VI, U., C., 4).
- 829 ▪ His committee was also told that penalty yardage is waived for shooters 70 years
830 of age and to be careful of Lady II shooters that don't have a birthdate in the
831 computer system.
- 832 ▪ He stated that there is a problem with pre-classification when you have scores
833 of a particular shooter that are between the pre-classification date and
834 classification at the Grand American.

835 President Cook called for a recess at 8:55 HRS.

836 The Meeting resumed at 8:00 HRS on August 6, 2024.

837 President Cook announced that ATA Past President Dr. Tom Arvas will not be able to
838 speak to the Executive Committee this year on behalf of the National Rifle Association
839 (NRA). Dr. Arvas is recovering from a bad fall. President Cook introduced David Coy, NRA
840 Board member, and asked him to talk about what is happening with the NRA. The following
841 items were covered:

- 842 ▪ Mr. Coy thanked the ATA for their support of the NRA.
- 843 ▪ The NRA has gotten rid of many of the distractions it has had to endure over the
844 past seven years.
- 845 ▪ Lawsuits were filed in New York and Washington, D. C. against the NRA
846 Foundation. It went to trial, and fault was found with the CEO and Executive Vice
847 President, Wayne La Pierre, who was fined. No fault was found with the NRA
848 Board of Directors except for some minor things. The Attorney General wanted
849 the NRA to be monitored indefinitely, but the trial judge said no. The NRA
850 currently collaborates with a consultant.
- 851 ▪ The Whittington Shooting Center in New Mexico has been expanded.
- 852 ▪ The NRA is moving its corporate charter out of New York. It is also moving its
853 headquarters and museum, which will be a challenging task.
- 854 ▪ A search is now being made to find a new CEO and Executive Vice President to
855 replace Wayne LaPierre.
- 856 ▪ The NRA currently has 3.5 million members which is down from five million
857 members in 2018.

858 President Cook thanked Mr. Coy for his presentation, and he called a recess at 8:55
859 HRS.

860 The Meeting resumed at 8:00 HRS on April 7, 2024.

861 President Cook thanked the Executive Committee again for the buckle he received
862 at the EC/CHC dinner last night. Vice President Rhoads then presented President Cook
863 with a plaque that recognized his service to the ATA as President for the 2024 Target year.

864 The rest of the meeting was spent on developing an Agenda for the Board of
865 Directors Meeting tonight at 19:00 HRS.

866 President called for a recess at 8:50 HRS.

867 The Meeting resumed at 8:00 HRS on August 8, 2024.

868 President Cook advised the Executive Committee that he wanted to
869 congratulate President-Elect Rhoads on being elected President of the ATA for
870 the 2025 Target year. President-Elect Rhoads announced his official
871 appointments at the 2024-2025 Reorganization Meeting, to wit:

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2024-2025 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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| 876 | President & Vice President | David Rhoads, Southwestern Zone | Manhattan, KS |
| 877 | Vice President | Joe Sissano, Eastern Zone | Leonardo, NJ |
| 878 | Vice President | Jason Barnett, Central Zone | Indianapolis, IN |
| 879 | Vice President | Ryn Costanti, Western Zone | Medford, OR |
| 880 | Vice President | Dan Ryan, Southern Zone | Richwood, KY |

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| 882 | Ex-Officio | Billy Cook, Southern Zone | Jackson, TN |
| 883 | Treasurer | Wayne Morris | Lady Lake, FL |
| 884 | Executive Director | Lynn Gipson | Sparta, IL |
| 885 | Secretary and In-House Counsel | Hunter Galloway, III | Greensboro, NC |
| 886 | Director of Finance & Controller | Michael Howell, CPA | Sparta, IL |
| 887 | Marketing Manager | Liz Lloyd | Sparta, IL |

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| 889 | Central Handicap Committee | Dean Townsend, Chair | Thornville, OH |
| 890 | Central Handicap Committee | Ray Greb, Eastern Zone | Baltimore, MD |
| 891 | Central Handicap Committee | Robert (Bob) Felber, Jr, Central Zone | Sioux Falls, SD |
| 892 | Central Handicap Committee | Don Williamson, Western Zone | Laveen, AZ |
| 893 | Central Handicap Committee | Wayne Sartwell, Southern Zone | Pike Road, AL |
| 894 | Central Handicap Committee | Jesse Secrest, Southwestern Zone | Pleasanton, KS |
| 895 | Central Handicap Committee Assistant | Don Nielson, Jr., Eastern Zone | Audubon, PA |
| 896 | Central Handicap Committee Assistant | Phil Vasquez, Western Zone | Casper, WY |

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| 898 | Rules Committee | Ed Wehking, Chair | Salt Lake City UT |
| 899 | Rules Committee | Ray Greb | Baltimore, MD |
| 900 | Rules Committee | Dean Townsend | Thornville, OH |
| 901 | Rule Committee | Robert (Bob) Felber, Jr. | Sioux Falls, SD |
| 902 | Rules Committee | David Rhoads | Manhattan, KS |
| 903 | Rules Committee | Lynn Gipson | Sparta, IL |
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| 907 | Marketing & Communication Committee | David Rhoads, Chair | Manhattan, KS |
| 908 | Marketing & Communication Committee | Dan Ryan | Richwood, KY |
| 909 | Marketing & Communication Committee | Jason Barnet | Indianapolis, IN |
| 910 | Marketing & Communication Committee | Lynn Gipson | Sparta, IL |
| 911 | Marketing & Communication Committee | Liz Loyd | Sparta, IL |
| 912 | Marketing & communication Committee | Terry L. Heeg | Litchfield, MI |
| 913 | [REDACTED] | | |
| 914 | All American Team Selection Committee | Jason Barnett, Chair | Indianapolis, IN |
| 915 | All American Team Selection Committee | Kathy Key | Vandalia, OH |
| 916 | All American Team Selection Committee | Elissa Harding | Indianapolis, IN |
| 917 | All American Team Selection Committee | Scott Hoover | Mesquite, NV |
| 918 | All American Team Selection Committee | Paul Shaw | Collingwood, ON |
| 919 | All American Team Selection Committee | Danny Ryan | Richwood, KY |
| 920 | [REDACTED] | | |
| 921 | Human Resources Committee | Billy Cook, Chair | Jackson, TN |
| 922 | Human Resources Committee | Ed Wehking | Salt Lake City, UT |
| 923 | Human Resources Committee | David Rhoades | Manhattan, KS |
| 924 | Human Resources Committee | Ryan Costanti | Medford, OR |
| 925 | Human Resources Committee | Lynn Gibson | Sparta, IL |

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927 Investment & 501(c)(3) Advisory Committee Wayne Morris, Chair Lady Lake, FL

928 Investment & 501(c)(3) Advisory Committee David Rhoades Manhattan, KS

929 Investment & 501(c)(3) Advisory Committee Ed Wehking Salt Lake City, UT

930 Investment & 501(c)(3) Advisory Committee Jason Barnett Indianapolis, IN

931 Investment & 501(c)(3) Advisory Committee Lynn Gipson Sparta, IL

932 Investment & 501(c)(3) Advisory Committee Michael Howell Sparta, IL

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934 Accountable Plan Compliance Committee Phil Wright, Chair Hudson, NH

935 Eastern Zone

936 Accountable Plan Compliance Committee Rob Lamont, Brandon, MB

937 Central Zone

938 Accountable Plan Compliance Committee Ted Kronebusch Conrad, MT

939 Western Zone

940 Accountable Plan Compliance Committee Robert Schultz Hendersonville, NC

941 Southern Zone

942 Accountable Plan Compliance Committee Steve Ricketts Edgerton, MO

943 Southwestern Zone

944 Accountable Plan Compliance Committee Michael Howell Sparta, IL

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946 Independent Auditing Firm Dale Guebert Red Bud, IL

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948 Outside Legal Council Findley Law Office Sparta, IL

949 (as referred by Secretary) Clay Finley, Esq., Alan Farris, of Counsel

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951 Gun Club Support &

952 Communication Committee Ryan Costanti Medford, OR

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| 953 | Gun Club Support & | | |
| 954 | Communication Committee | Joe Sissano | Leonardo, NJ |
| 955 | Gun Club Support & | | |
| 956 | Communication Committee | David Rhoads | Manhattan, KS |
| 957 | Gun Club Support & | | |
| 958 | Communication Committee | Jim Jones | Butte, MT |
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| 961 | Real Property Advisory Committee | Mike Herman (1yr remains) | Payton, CO |
| 962 | Real Property Advisory Committee | Paul Shaw (2 yrs remain) | Collingwood, ON |
| 963 | Real Property Advisory Committee | Darryl Hayes (3 yrs remain) | West Bloomfield, MI |
| 964 | Real Property Advisory Committee | Ed Wehking (4 yrs remain) | Salt Lake City, UT |
| 965 | Real Property Advisory Committee | Billy Cook (5 yrs remain) | Jackson, TN |
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| 967 | Gift Acceptance Committee | Voting Members of the Executive Committee | |
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970 President Cook stated President-Elect Rhoads' committee assignment,
971 appointment of Corporate Treasurer, appointment of Corporate Secretary and In-House
972 Counsel, appointment of Independent Accountants and other appointments, assignments,
973 or acknowledgments as described in the previously mentioned Minutes at the 2024-2025
974 Reorganization Meeting on August 8, 2024 needs to be approved by the Executive
975 Committee.

976 Subsequent to further review and discussion and upon Motion of Vice President
977 Barnett and with Second of Vice President Sissano and following the President' Call of the
978 Question, and with no further response or comment, it was unanimously:

979 **RESOLVED**, that the committee assignment appointments, appointment of a
980 Corporate Treasurer, appointment of a Corporate Secretary and In-House Counsel,
981 appointment of Independent Accountants and outside Legal Counsel, and any other
982 appointment, assignments or acknowledgments as described in the Minutes of the
983 Reorganization Meeting on August 8, 2024 are hereby ratified, adopted and/or confirmed,

984 as required for the annual term beginning September 1, 2024, and until their successors
985 are duly qualified.

986 President Cook then introduced Doug Sims who represents the Tucson Trap and
987 Skeet Club which is the Host Club for two satellite grands. The following items were
988 discussed:

- 989 ▪ He needs to review the Autumn Satellite Grand program. Executive Director
990 Gipson stated that he would provide him with a copy.
- 991 ▪ His Host Club will now allow shooters to use a credit card, however, the shooter
992 must pay a fee for the service.
- 993 ▪ No bank selection will be allowed in pre-squadding at his satellite grands.
- 994 ▪ It was noted that the orange paint on White Flyer targets needs to be better.

995 President Cook thanked Mr. Sims for his service to the ATA at the end of his
996 presentation. He then recognized Executive Director Gipson who stated that Past
997 President Wayne Morris would like to assume the office of ATA Treasurer if it was offered to
998 him.

999 President Cook called for a recess at 8:30 HRS.

1000 The Meeting resumed at 8:45 HRS.

1001 President Cook began a discussion on offering Past President Morris the position of
1002 ATA Treasurer. It was noted that he served the ATA as Delegate, Vice President, President,
1003 and Ex-Officio. He is also a retired Certified Public Accountant who now lives in Florida.

1004 Subsequent to further discussion and review and upon the Motion of Vice President
1005 Sissano with Second of Vice President Rhoads and following the President's Call of the
1006 Question, with no further response or comment, it was by majority:

1007 **RESOLVED**, that Wayne Morris be appointed and confirmed as Treasurer of the ATA
1008 to begin immediately and until his successor is duly qualified.

1009 President Cook called for a recess at 9:00 HR.

1010 The Meeting resumed at 8:00 HRS on August 9, 2024.

1011 President Cook introduced Terry Heeg and Elissa Harding of *Trap & Field* magazine.
1012 The following items were discussed in their presentation:

- 1013 ▪ It is the goal of *Trap & Field* to increase advertising revenue. Amanda DuVardo
1014 will lead this effort.
- 1015 ▪ A YouTube account has been established, and *Trap & Field* will begin producing
1016 videos.

- 1017 ▪ A survey was done with *Trap & Field* subscribers, and they are happy with what is
- 1018 being reported.
- 1019 ▪ An update is being done on the Trap & Field website.

1020 After the *Trap & Field* presentation, President Cook announced that the gun club
 1021 grants funded by the raffle would provide each ATA Zone \$15,160. The gun grants for this
 1022 year are as follows:

| 1023 | <u>Gun Club#</u> | <u>Gun Club</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1024 | 400098 | Bethesda Farmers & Sportsmen's | \$4,500.00 |
| 1025 | 570150 | Muscoda Sportsman's League | \$2,500.00 |
| 1026 | 180000 | Indiana Trapshooters Assoc | \$3,660.00 |
| 1027 | 270185 | Munith Rod & Gun Club | \$2,500.00 |
| 1028 | 470007 | Estevan Trap Club | \$2,000.00 |
| 1029 | | | |
| 1030 | 440185 | North End Rod & Gun Club | \$8,460.00 |
| 1031 | 370000 | New York State Amateur Trapshooting | \$2,500.00 |
| 1032 | 370129 | Richburg Rod & Gun | \$2,000.00 |
| 1033 | 600022 | St Johns Rod & Gun Club | \$1,500.00 |
| 1034 | 440305 | West Penn Sportsmen's Club | \$ 700.00 |
| 1035 | | | |
| 1036 | 010005 | Dixie Trap & Skeet Club | \$2,500.00 |
| 1037 | 130049 | Palatka Skeet Club | \$2,000.00 |
| 1038 | 130027 | Hurlburt Clay Target Sports Club | \$2,500.00 |
| 1039 | 380001 | North Carolina Homegrounds | \$2,000.00 |
| 1040 | 500035 | Morristown Trap Club | \$3,160.00 |
| 1041 | 540001 | Arlington-Fairfax Chapter IWLA | \$1,500.00 |
| 1042 | 540005 | Fairfax Rod & Gun | \$1500.00 |
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| 1044 | 510055 | Fort Worth Trap & Skeet | \$1,000.00 |

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| 1045 | 510080 | Iowa's Park Trap Club | \$5,500.00 |
| 1046 | | | |
| 1047 | 310025 | Billings Trap Club | \$4,800.00 |
| 1048 | 040010 | Casa Grande Trap & Skeet | \$5,000.00 |
| 1049 | 580040 | Rocky Mountain Gun Club | \$2,500.00 |

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1051 President Cook called for a recess at 8:50HRS.

1052 The Meeting resumed at 8:00 HRS on August 10, 2024.

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1054 President Cook announced that Grand American attendance through yesterday is
 1055 28,391 compared to 28,149 for 2023. This represents a .86% increase in attendance with
 1056 one event yet to be completed.

1057 President Cook stated that an Exit Meeting would be held with the World Shooting
 1058 and Recreational Complex (WSRC) Director Skip Klinger. The following items were
 1059 discussed:

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- 1061 ▪ **Internet Service** – Reliable uninterrupted internet service is critical to the
 1062 management of the Grand American. Service was interrupted at least four times
 1063 during the Grand, sometimes for several hours. In each instance the ATA was
 1064 told that the issue was with Frontier Communications, the internet provider. It is
 1065 common knowledge in this area that Frontier is unreliable. The ATA suggests
 1066 that the state consider a different internet option, perhaps a wireless solution.
- 1067 ▪ **Grounds Maintenance** - Excellent condition, however, it was observed that
 1068 there is overgrowth on the walkways that hides the yardage indicators on many
 1069 trap fields.
- 1070 ▪ **Campgrounds** – Response to the needs of campers was excellent.
- 1071 ▪ **Event Center** -The maintenance and cleanliness was excellent
- 1072 ▪ **Restaurant** – Native Restaurant is very well received by the shooters.
- 1073 ▪ **IDNR Staff** – Excellent communication and coordination
- 1074 ▪ **Signage** – Revisions to signage were appreciated and the ATA looks forward to
 1075 additional future revision.
- 1076 ▪ **Trash Service** – It was much appreciated this year.

- 1077 ▪ **Portable Toilets** – There have been incredibly positive comments regarding
1078 Henson’s outstanding customer service to the property, however, Henson’s
1079 contract with the state for this service was not finalized by procurement until just
1080 a few days in advance of the Grand American.
- 1081 ▪ **Cart Path** – A wider cart path would be safer between the Event Center and the
1082 East trap line and should be given serious consideration.
- 1083 ▪ **Vegetation Growth** - Eradication of a volume of vegetation north of the trap line
1084 and in the line of sight of shooters should be considered. This has become a
1085 source of many negative complaints by the members. This has been mentioned
1086 to IDNR over several years with no action taken.
- 1087 ▪ **Trap House flooding** – Several trap houses still take on water, even days after
1088 heavy rain due to broken underground electrical conduit that channels water
1089 into the trap houses. In the past the ATA has purchased at its own expense at
1090 least twenty-four portable sump pumps. Either more pumps or replacement of
1091 the broken conduit and resealing of the trap houses should be considered. This
1092 has been mentioned over recent years.
- 1093 ▪ **General Repairs and Maintenance** – At the age of 18 years, it’s inevitable that
1094 the facility will require an increasing need for a higher level of general
1095 maintenance very soon. The air conditioning in the Event Center seems to need
1096 attention every year. Budgets and response times for some items have become
1097 more critical.
- 1098 ▪ **Public Address System** – In need of extensive repairs or replacement. This has
1099 been mentioned over the past several years. The system is rarely ready for full
1100 operation at the beginning of the Grand. The system is not performing as
1101 designed or expected and is becoming more of a nuisance to shooters and
1102 attendees. The ATA needs a reliable PA system not only for shoot management,
1103 but also to make announcements concerning emergency conditions, such as
1104 severe weather.
- 1105 ▪ **Event Center Entry** – Birds and their nests are a nuisance and unsanitary in the
1106 overhead main entry to the Event Center. Deterrence steps should be taken.
- 1107 ▪ **Shade Shelters** – Some additional shelters would be appreciated.
- 1108 ▪ **Exterior Lighting** – There are many lights on the exterior of the Event Center that
1109 are not working. Also, none of the light in the east parking lot are working.
- 1110 ▪ **Additional Camp Sites** – More sites are needed which would help with
1111 attendance.
- 1112 ▪ **Need On-Off switch** for the lights in the Executive Committee meeting room.

1113 After the Exit Meeting, President Cook introduced Mike Hampton, who is the
1114 Remington/Federal representative at the Grand American. The following items were
1115 discussed:

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I, Hunter H. Galloway III, Secretary of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) and the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America (ATAA) recording for the Executive Committee hereby certifies that the foregoing Minute Record is substantially accurate and complete, subject to edification of the Executive Committee as a whole.

The undersigned, duly appointed Secretary of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) and the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America (ATAA) further certifies:

- Notice of this *Regularly Scheduled and Continuing Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) and the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America (ATAA)*, commencing on July 29, 2024, at Sparta, Illinois was properly given.

- At this *Regularly Scheduled and Continuing Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) and the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America (ATAA)*, a quorum was constituted in accordance with said Notice.

By: _____(Secretary)
Hunter H. Galloway III
Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) and the
Amateur Trapshooting Association of America (ATAA)

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