

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc  
Board Meeting Minutes  
17 February 2004

1. President Don Rogers called the meeting to order at 1900 hours upon determination of a quorum. Present were Don Burrows, Ron Cooper, Troy Crow, Bob Hall, Harry Kadel, Jim Killeen, Joe Koss, Hartley Meyer, Bob Olson, Dale Ostler, Paul Palinski, Don Rogers, Ray Tomory and Roger Wakelam. Absent were Bill Hanson, Jack Murray and Dwight Walker. CW Floyd and Carolynn Tomory were excused. Eddie Grasser, Bob Wienhold, Brenda Smart and Natasha Meyer were also present.

2. Hartley Meyer moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting, and Paul Palinski seconded. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous, but for the BPMNV.

3. Bob Hall reported that we have \$5,986 in the general account as of 7 February 2004. We may need to go into savings for adequate funding of the next show; any amount so used will be reimbursed from show proceeds. Paul Palinski asked for the balance of the savings account; Bob said that we have around \$20,000. Paul moved, with second from Troy Crow, to approve the treasurer's report; BPMNV. Paul then moved, with second from Ray Tomory, to withdraw savings for show use. Roger Wakelam asked how much would be needed. Bob said that \$6,000 should be more than enough, and the motion was changed to withdraw no more than \$6,000, to be repaid with show proceeds. The motion was approved; BPMNV.

4. Old business:

a. Coastal trail: Paul Palinski reported that the Assembly accepted the Rasmuson Foundation grant of \$400,000 to "complete" the environmental impact study, but the draft EIS had already been rejected for flaws. Now the Assembly will continue the study to "smooth things over".

b. Exempt status: Joe Koss reported negligible progress. Ray Tomory suggested that John Pratt, with the Mat Valley Sportsmen, may be willing to help.

c. Gun Show:

[1] The dates have been changed to 24-25 April because of a Ben Boeke scheduling error. To compensate, we get the arena for half-price, there will be no charge for parking, and they will reimburse us for the cost of advertising for the original date.

[2] Paul Palinski may not be available that weekend; he based personal scheduling on the original dates and now cannot change plans. We have no word yet from Gereth Stillman about whether or not he accepts election as Master at Arms. Can we find a substitute MA? Hartley Meyer asked about the duties, and Paul explained. Harry Kadel and Hartley will co-chair as Security for this show. Roger Wakelam will arrange with UAA ROTC for security. Ray Tomory and Hartley Meyer will provide overnight security on Friday, and Ron Cooper and Harry Kadel will stand guard on Saturday night.

[3] Roger Wakelam will get the tables, as usual. Paul Palinski will inform the Boys and Girls Club that we will need our tables that weekend.

[4] The Sportsmen's Show is on the first weekend of April. In the past, we held our show on the following weekend, and were thus able to leave collection display cases in the arena in between. With the schedule change, we cannot do that this time, so there

will be no collection display at this show. Resources to provide any sort of display for the Sportsmen's Show are already strained.

[5] Breakfast: As Carolynn Tomory reported previously, breakfast has been a losing proposition in recent years, and we should consider ending it, or at least either serving less or charging more. Roger Wakelam asked if simply ending the "free meal" aspect would save the breakfast. The answer: it may. Further study is needed. If necessary, we may simply cancel it for lack of funds.

d. Birchwood Airport expansion: no change. The range is safe for the moment.

e. Bob Wienhold reported on the status of the effort to open Municipality of Anchorage surplus arms auctions to the non-FFL public. Because of the attendance restriction, the municipality is not getting its money's worth, and AGCA and NRA must intervene. How many annual sales makes a dealer, in the eyes of ATF? Don Rogers said that he talked with Dick Traini about the legal considerations. We should write to Nancy Dahlstrom, Mike Hawker and Fred Dyson; Joe Koss will draft a letter for Don.

f. Bob Wienhold said that our gun show vendors are now mostly dealers, and there is too much of the flea market flavor. We need more collection displays.

g. To date, no ideas for a new logo have been presented.

h. Don Rogers talked with Wayne Ross about gun show insurance liability. We have no information from Wayne as yet.

#### 5. New business:

a. Ray Tomory asked what we plan to give as awards for youth displays at gun shows. We have never decided, and should. Cash? Certificate? Plaque?

b. Gaming: Don Rogers is the alternate member in charge of gaming, and spoke for Bill Hanson, who could not attend. We must spend \$1,600 in gaming net proceeds, and need suggestions for possible recipients. Among possible considerations: Youth Day, high school shooting teams, Joe Foss Foundation, UAF shooting team, Joe Nava's shooting scholarship fund. We will decide at the next meeting.

c. Commemorative collection: Bob Wienhold asked where we intend to go with the collection. There was no formal provision to buy new guns for it when we first decided to start it. We have spent quite a bit on it in the last twelve years, and now we are short of cash. The membership never gave a blank check to buy guns, and there is much else we could do with the money. Paul Palinksi mentioned that we still have an unresolved ownership question. There are the guns that we had on hand when we approached NRA with a donation, and there are the guns we've bought since then. There appears no doubt that NRA owns the first guns, and that we are the custodian of them until NRA can display them. NRA seems content to leave them with us, to be maintained and displayed, pending NRA ability to do anything other than put them in deep storage. Guns purchased since then have never been transferred to NRA. In Bob's opinion, we should put the collection in storage and forget it for a year—even drop the insurance—and then decide what to do and how to do it. Paul noted that we have much in storage besides the collection. He also said that we are the only NRA affiliate with its own collection, and that is distinctive. Roger Wakelam commented that Randy had sort of taken over management of the collection, and that he had felt that we should keep expanding it to maintain its completeness. However, we had never really decided on a direction for the collection, and we may want to go into collecting arms of historical interest to Alaska. Ray Tomory said that he thought we should invest in arms significant to Alaska. Bob noted that we

need a record of the collection—a description of each arm and its history—seller, price, importance, etc. We must also clarify the ownership issue. Along the lines of Alaska history, he would like to see us assemble a complete Alaska Territorial Guard uniform. [Roger noted that we donated a Model 1917 Enfield, one of the rifle types used by the ATG, to the Anchorage Museum of History and Fine Art, and that we have a Model 1903 Springfield that was used by an ATG member.] General Talley's family may have items to loan for a display. Fort Egbert in Eagle is trying to assemble a museum. Bob said that we should have NRA displays like those of other clubs—compiled from the collections of members. Bob is now on the collection committee.

d. Brenda Smart brought up Youth Day.

[1] Her term as Spenard Community Council president is now over, and she can devote significantly more time to Youth Day. She sorted through Randy's materials and gave to CW Floyd the non-Youth Day records. She now has a fifteen-year historical file and a working file. CW was a great help. She is now ready for a committee meeting with CW and Paul Palinski. She has many photos and will assemble wall collages to display at Youth Day and to use in publicizing the event. Ron Cooper has digital photos from the last two years.

[2] Those who provided food services in the past won't be there, and we need a new team. Lisa Lupton was breaking in some new people last year, but CW Floyd knows nothing of them.

[3] Brenda needs membership applications for Youth Day sponsors. Troy Crow noted that the membership application form is available on our web site.

[4] We thought we had a firm commitment to get John Satterwhite for the next Youth Day, but now we aren't sure. He wants to come, but a change at Beretta may jeopardize his trip here. We can only wait to see what happens.

[5] CW Floyd will be out of town until 10 March 2004. Jim Killeen said that he would help with Youth Day arrangements.

e. Board vacancy: Per Ray Tomory, Bob Lockman is willing to serve.

f. Eddie Grasser said that \$6,000 in grant money was locally approved for Youth Day. NRA confirmation is needed, but that should be no problem.

g. The Anchorage spring FNRA banquet will be on 17 April. Volunteers are needed. The banquet will be held at the Egan Center. Thomas Walton is the POC; he can be reached at [nraslaska.com](http://nraslaska.com) or 230-4164 [c].

6. By general acclamation, we moved, seconded and voted to adjourn. We adjourned at 2032 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr  
Secretary