

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc  
Board Meeting Agenda  
18 January 2005

1. President Ross called the meeting to order at 1907 hours upon determination of a quorum. Present were Don Burrows, Ron Cooper, Robert Hall, Harry Kadel, Jim Killeen, Joe Koss, Hartley Meyer, Jon Morse, Jack Murray, Ken Overvold, Paul Palinski, Don Rogers and Wayne Ross. Troy Crow was excused. CW Floyd, Bill Hanson, Bob Lochman, Doug Norman, Gary Ostendorp, Roger Wakelam and Dwight Walker were absent. Also present were members Tasha Meyer, Suellyn Novak and Jim Anderson, and Steve Tucker from the Rabbit Creek Range.

2. In deference to our guest, the agenda was modified to let him speak first. Steve Tucker talked about the range improvements that the Rabbit Creek Range staff seeks to make with proceeds from a series of raffles. They want to heat the handgun range, and funds for this are not in the state budget. They have applied for an NRA grant, and they also have some guns to raffle—the Sportsman’s Warehouse provided five guns at cost. They need an estimated \$25,000 to \$27,000, to provide heat for twelve stations. Raffle proceeds will not go into the state general fund. Paul Palinski asked if any state funds are available for this project; Steve said there are some, but not nearly enough. Paul then moved to donate \$1,000 to the range project; Harry Kadel seconded. Don Rogers suggested that the motion be amended to buy \$1,000 in raffle tickets, and the amendment was accepted. The vote to approve was unanimous. We then returned to the agenda.

3. Paul Palinski moved to approve the minutes of the October and November 2004 minutes, with second by Hartley Meyer. The vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Robert Hall presented his written treasurer’s report, and said that we have money. We are current on our bills, and insurance is ready for the next show. Wayne Ross suggested that we place dues from life memberships in a special account to provide funding for membership. How many life members do we have? Bob said that we have \$20,000 in savings, but that he was not aware that the savings account was for life memberships. That was their original purpose, per Joe Koss.

5. Old business:

a. Coastal trail: Joe Koss noted that there has been little mentioned about the trail lately, but that the project still lives. Several months ago, Mayor Begich seemed willing to let it die for lack of funds, but then the Rasmussen Foundation promised a substantial sum, and a recent bill signed by President Bush gives some \$4 million for transportation and trails, with the coastal trail mentioned as a possible recipient. However, the Ship Creek end was discussed, without current mention of the southern extension. Any new developments will be placed on the agenda for further consideration. President Ross appointed Joe Koss to monitor trail developments and report as needed.

b. Exempt status: Joe Koss reported nothing new in our effort to obtain exempt status. He must arrange a meeting with John Pratt, a member who has been through the process, for assistance.

c. Youth Day: Suellyn Novak reported on planning status. The demonstrations will stay where they are in the schedule—after lunch. We need to count those who leave after

lunch, with a view to adjusting procedures to keep the participants interested and busy. We want them to stay for the entire day. We may also reschedule the demonstrations with the data on departures. She is still working on getting high school rifle coaches to help the Alaska Rifle Club as instructors. We will institute preregistration this year and have forms available at guns shows and the Sportsman's Show; we will continue to allow registration on-site. Preregistration will qualify us for increased NRA support, including free hats. She plans for 300, but will buy 200 hats to cover attendees above 300. There will be blocks of safety training for late arrivals, who will miss one or more stations, but will still receive the required safety briefing. Roy Hartz will run archery again. Tasha Meyer said that the NRA grant applications have been filed. Suellyn has a list of needs:

[1] Canopies for the lunch area. Can Roger Wakelam or Paul Palinski help with that?

[2] Point of contact for bleachers which Paul Palinski can haul. Paul will check on this.

[3] Eddie Grasser to check with CAP for use of their hanger for the Eddie Eagle program.

[4] Point of contact for volunteer coordination.

[5] Volunteers for registration, lunch monitors, chaperones, safety officers and instructors.

[6] Point of contact for coordinating donations—who has been contacted for how much.

[7] More instructors from the Alaska Rifle Club.

Jim Killeen asked about having a raffle at Youth Day; to be determined.

d. Gun show:

e. Gaming permit:

[1] The 2000 Annual Financial Statement has not yet been filed, and there can be no gaming activity while it is delinquent.

[2] The 2005 renewal application has not yet been filed.

[3] We need a bylaws amendment to conform to gaming permit requirements.

With motion from Joe Koss and second from Hartley Meyer, the draft amendment will be up for approval by the membership at the next show

#### 6. New business:

a. Laser range system acquisition: Check with CW Floyd on this. Birchwood may have a complete laser range set that was donated to it. We may be able to arrange use at gun shows.

b. Collection Committee:

[1] With Roger Wakelam, the acting chairman, absent, there was no report. We must decide what we ultimately want to do with the collection. Do we want to add the Fairbanks Centennial rifle at Great Northern Guns for \$750 [as of November]? Don Burrows will check on this. Can Roger Wakelam provide an inventory of the collection at the next meeting? What guns don't fit the collection that can be sold or raffled? Wayne asked where we intend to go with the collection. Is it a drain on our assets?

[2] Paul Palinski noted that we raffled one gun deemed not to fit the collection and used the money to fund Youth Day last year. Does Wayne want to dispose of the collection? Wayne said that the collection is NRA property. Ron Cooper observed that we have added to the collection since talking with NRA about donation, and the status of the new guns is undecided. Paul said that, when we offered the collection to NRA, we

were told that NRA did not have space to display the collection, and that we should keep it and display it, until such time as NRA could do something with it. [That was in Anaheim.]

[3] Wayne Ross delivered the NRA certificate to accompany the club's Smith & Wesson revolver that won a best gun award at the 2003 Annual Meeting in Orlando. Paul Palinski will place it with the gun.

c. Site for February meeting: Wayne Ross offered to host the next board meeting at his home, and the board agreed, after motion by Paul Palinski and second by Jim Killeen. Contact Wayne or Brenda Smart for a map, if needed. Don Rogers will inform the Sunrise Grill that we will not meet there in February.

e. Gun Show banquet: We used to hold banquets, often in conjunction with gun shows, and we should consider having them again. Jim Sepica, a major gun dealer, and Phil Schrier, of the NRA Museum, are possible speakers if we have a banquet in September, when the NRA board will be in Anchorage. We can poll the membership at the spring show, and possibly in the newsletter. We would need a site for such a dinner; one suggestion was the Bella Vista restaurant in Chugiak, which has a large banquet room.

f. Club historian: Do we have any volunteers to become club historian? The club has been around for more than 30 years, and we need to preserve our history. Anyone interested should contact Wayne Ross. We can also ask for volunteers at the next membership meeting, and in the newsletter.

g. NRA Board Meeting: The NRA board will meet in Anchorage on 29 September through 1 October, with an estimated 125 to 150 people attending. Wayne Ross announced that the organizing committee will meet at his office on Monday, 24 January, at 1730 hours. Anyone interested in helping is invited to attend.

h. Newsletter: This item was postponed becauseCarolynn Tomory, the editor, could not attend. Nevertheless, we decide, by general agreement, that we want to continue the newsletter and that we want Carolynn to continue as editor. Will [board] members support it with contributions?

i. Gun Show: The gun show item was postponed.

j. We need name tags. Can Dwight Walker address this item at the next meeting?

k. Wayne Ross said that Don Rogers should be honored with the title "President Emeritus. Paul Palinski so moved, and Harry Kadel seconded; the vote to approve was unanimous. Congratulations, Don! Wayne then said that the term really means "has been". "Um, thanks", said Don.

l. Paul Palinski announced that he must step down as co-chair of the gun show committee because his business demands more time now. Jon Morse agreed to take the position. By acclamation, the board confirmed the appointment. Don Rogers then announced a gun show organizational meeting after the close of this meeting.

7. There being no further business to conduct, Paul Palinski moved to adjourn, and Ron Cooper seconded. All present approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 2002 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr  
Secretary

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15 February 2005

1. Convene
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. Old business:
  - a. Youth Day
  - b. Gun show:
    - [1] Seminars
      - [a] Beginning a Collection
      - [b] Youth Firearms Safety
      - [c] Ted Smith's Adult Firearms Safety
      - [d] Reloading
      - [e] Women and Firearms
    - [2] Birchwood Laser Range use
  - c. Gaming permit:
    - [a] 2000 Annual Financial Statement
    - [b] 2005 Renewal application
  - d. Gun show banquet—volunteer[s] to arrange?
  - e. Club historian—volunteer[s]?
  - f. NRA board meeting
  - g. Other
5. New business:
  - a. Collection committee
  - b. Newsletter
  - c. Other
6. Adjourn