

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
General Membership Meeting Minutes
23 October 2005

1. President Wayne Ross called the meeting to order at 0842, upon determination of a quorum.

2. Paul Palinski moved to approve the minutes of the May 2005 meeting and Norm Grant seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous, but for the Beecher Pierce Memorial Negative Vote.

3. Robert Hall presented the treasurer's report. Norm Grant moved to approve the report, and Paul Palinski seconded. BPMNV.

4. Old business—there was no old business.

5. New business:

a. Wayne Ross raised the question of forming a separate corporation to handle Youth Day. He will provide legal services to establish a Youth Day Corporation, if we want to do it. A YDC would be a separate organization, with its own structure, and it could get charitable status under Internal Revenue Code section 501[c][3]. This would spread the work and avoid burnout of the few volunteers who do things now. Beecher Pierce commented that things like this should take three meetings to do, just to be sure that is what we really want. No decision was made at this time. Wayne will draw up the paperwork for further consideration.

b. We next discussed the question of where to hold our gun shows. One possibility is to have one show annually in Palmer and another annual show in Anchorage. The main problem with this is moving things back and forth each time. Gary Lodoen has three sites in mind in Anchorage which could possibly offer a three-to-five-year commitment. He will research the matter further and report to the membership when he has firm offers. Gary will draft a letter to go to prospective show sites. He and Warren Taylor will develop a checklist of items to be considered in evaluation of new sites. Robert Hall will assist Gary in finding an Anchorage show site. Roger Wakelam also has a possible site, but more work is needed before he can say further.

c. Indian Valley Meats reported that we don't have enough buying breakfast to make it worthwhile. We are paying for 50, but don't have that many paying customers—35 for Saturday, and about 40 for Sunday. If we want to keep subsidizing it, she is willing to continue, but we should know that we are not recovering the cost. This is something else the show committee will consider, and we may drop breakfast.

d. Gary Lodoen held a drawing among those attending the meeting. Wayne Ross and Harry Kadel each won a free table for the next show, and Roger Bower won a one-year membership in AGCA. Robert Hall and Keith Bayha won Leatherman belt tools.

e. Roger Wakelam reported that an Alaska commemorative Model 70 rifle was donated to us which has a lower serial number. We will replace the original with the donation. What do we do with the original rifle—use it as a raffle prize to raise money for the collection?

f. Bob Wiseman reported that the Fairbanks show dates are 22-23 April. Our show dates must consider this. We also want the show as soon after PFD time as possible.

g. Gary Lodoen said that we still have some of the gold vials we prepared for the NRA board meeting in September, and we are selling them at \$20 each. The rifle raffle is proceeding, with a Proof Winchester Model 1892, in .357, as prize. The drawing will be later today.

h. The Southern Extension to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail in Anchorage is still alive, and it still threatens both duck hunting along the bluff and the Rabbit Creek Rifle Range. We must be vigilant to preserve both. The Municipality of Anchorage has been trying to end hunting since 1983. We can't assume that either is safe just because the Municipality says so now.

i. The next Friends of the NRA banquet will be on 12 November at the Lions Club in Eagle River. See Tasha Meyer for one of the 100 tickets. Keith Bayha moved, with second from Dwight Walker, that we donate \$500 to the banquet committee. BPMNV.

j. Gary Lodoen moved to confirm President Ross' appointment of Warren Taylor to fill the board vacancy left because Jon Morse stepped down from his position as co-chair of the Gun Show committee. Joe Koss seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation. BPMNV. Gary said that he would also like to nominate Tasha Meyer to the board, but there are no vacancies now.

k. Roger Wakelam announced the winners of the display awards for this show.

Best in Show:	“South of the Border”, by Wayne, Greg and Tim Ross
Best Long Gun:	“Winchester Trapper Carbines”, by Wally Smith
Best Handgun:	“Alaska 49ers Cowboy Action Shooting Club”, by the [what else?] Alaska 49ers Shooting Club
Best Individual Gun:	“Harpoon Gun M52”, by Pat Reed
Best Non-gun:	“Fifth Generation of Gun Enthusiasts”, by Candie Caraway
People's Choice:	“Fifth Generation of Gun Enthusiasts”, by Candie Caraway
Honorable Mention:	“BSA Target Rifle—International Series”, by Michael Milhollin and Dick Center “Military Surplus Rifles of the World”, by Dave Arieno “Choice or Chance—Why These Five Calibers?”, by the McKinley Mountainmen Muzzle Loading Rifle Club “Official Alaska Purchase Centennial Carbine”, by Scott Inglis

7. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 0922 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr
Secretary