

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
General Membership Meeting Minutes
22 April 2007

1. President Wayne Ross convened the meeting at 0833 hours, upon determination of a quorum.

2. The minutes from the October 2006 show were accepted by unanimous consent.

3. Robert Hall delivered the treasurer's report. We have \$6,316 in the general account, \$3,000 in the gaming account and \$490 in the Youth Day account. We bought a trailer for show tables for \$9,000 that will replace the two dead trucks now used. The money came out of the savings account, and will be reimbursed from later show proceeds. The report was accepted by unanimous consent, but for the BPMNV.¹

4. Old business:

a. Gary Lodoen reported on purchase of the new table trailer, as shown above. As of yesterday, we collected \$6,200 at the gate, which is slight down from the last show. One reason for this is the fact that the Fairbanks show was held on the same dates. We tried to coordinate with the Fairbanks club, but that didn't work, as they changed their dates. Free admission to active military also contributed. Gary thanked the volunteers, particularly Marie Williams, Jeanne Palinski and Barbara Ross.

b. Ray Tomory suggested that we hold a single show in February, with nothing else. With discussion this was referred to the show committee. Gary Lodoen again said that calendaring was difficult because of conflicting information from Fairbanks.

5. New business:

a. Wayne Ross reported on the planned 35th Anniversary Show, which is set for 28-29 July. The AGCA was formed in 1972. Though it has slowly grown, we are not attracting young people. How about a special of life memberships for the 35th anniversary show if you bring in a junior life member? Wayne said that he advertised our show at the recent NRA gathering in Milwaukee. The show will incorporate a banquet at the Marriott Hotel in Anchorage. The menu will include prime rib and salmon. There are only 60 tickets at \$60 each, and dinner will start at 1900.

b. Gary Lodoen then spoke about the summer show, preparation for which is well under way. There will be door prizes at both the show and the banquet. The FNRA will donate prizes for the show. Chuck Talsky has the advertising planned, and Anchorage Chrysler Dodge is sponsoring the show, with \$5,000 donated for advertising. To encourage Outside participation, we will donate table space to anyone coming from Outside. Commemorative table covers will fit either a six- or eight-foot table, and will cost us \$50 each, or \$10,000 for 200. We will sell them for \$60 each. Table fees and the gate rate are going up—we have insufficient volunteers and must start paying for both security and the parking lot shuttle service. Doug Norman moved to purchase 200 table covers for \$10,000, or \$50 each, and Paul Palinski seconded. Someone asked if the covers will make any difference. Paul commented that it takes money and manpower to stage a

¹ Beecher Pierce Memorial Negative Vote

show, and we don't have enough volunteers. There was a motion and second to amend the motion to buy 100 table covers, with a suggestion that we conduct a poll for interest and set the purchase number accordingly. The amendment was accepted, and the vote to approve passed with two dissenting votes. The board will conduct a poll and buy table covers in accordance with the results of the poll.

c. Ray Tomory said that we need to attract young people, and higher fees will drive them away. We don't have a high population, such as Dallas, and must cater more to the crowd we have. Gary Lodoen responded by saying that costs have tripled over the past ten years, and we must do something. Anchorage Chrysler Dodge is helping with advertising, but we are still spending \$4,500, and the money must come from somewhere. Anchorage Chrysler will pay \$5,000 for summer show advertising. This is a business—we either raise rates or reduce costs, and costs are as low as we can keep them

d. The Tanana Valley Sportsman Association reported a devastating fire that destroyed their range facility, and they asked for a donation to aid in rebuilding. There was a motion and second to contribute \$500 to TVSA for their range, and the motion carried. BPMNV.

e. Joe Koss reported on the pending passage of Senate Bill 59, which would allow raffles to be advertised over radio and TV. Passage would aid our raffles.

f. President Ross asked Norm Grant to leave the room. He then explained that Norm, one of the founders of AGCA, is leaving the state on 18 May and moving to Washington State, to be near family. Wayne proposed a resolution to award to Norm an NRA Gun Collector medal. Paul Palinski moved, with second from Doug Norman, that this be done. BPMNV. Harry Kadel said that there should also be a plaque, and Wayne said that he would take care of that. Norm should be back for the summer show.

g. We must raise table fees for the summer show, for the Sullivan Arena rent is higher. Gary Lodoen moved, with second from Doug Norma, to charge \$60 for summer show tables and \$55 for other shows. BPMNV. Jon Morse said that he realizes that costs are high, but table fees and membership fees are already higher than those charged by others, and suggested that we keep the table rate at \$50 per table. Gary Lodoen commented that some of the costs for the 35th anniversary show will be amortized over three shows. Paul Palinski noted that the membership requirement gets our insurance and, as Gary said, the insurance cost is spread over the number of tables rented. We also give tables away—display tables are free, and we give tables to various groups, such as NRA and youth sports and shooting teams.

h. Tasha Meyer reported on Friends of the NRA banquets. The various organizing committees around the state need volunteers to get donations and grants, and to assist with various banquet arrangements.

[i] Roger Wakelam announced the display awards, which are as follows:

Best in Show: “‘Quick Kill’ Prepares the Troops for Combat”, by Ray Tomory

Best Long Gun: “Guns of the Plains”, by Steve Haas

Best Handgun: “Mountain Man Weapons Other Than Long-Guns”, by McKinley Mountainmen Muzzle Loading rifle Club

Best Individual Gun: “Trapdoor Fencing Musket”, by Joe Koss

Best Non-gun: “Graphic Training Aids for the M2 Carbine”, by Robert Chancey

People's Choice: “A Wood Nut”, by Candy Caraway

Honorable Mention: “Official Alaska Purchase Centennial Carbine”, by Scott Inglis

“Accuracy Done Cheap”, by Randy Cler
“Alaska 49ers Cowboy Action Shooting Club”; self-titled
“Alaska Machine Gun Association”; self-titled
“Bill Fuller .376 Caliber Muzzle Loading Under Hammer Bench Rifle”, by Pat
Reed and Robert Chancey
“A Collection of Vintage Shotgun Reloading and Cleaning Equipment”, by Mike
Harrell
“Custom guns”, by Mark Moffitt
“Long Throw Lever Guns”, by Jon Morse
“WW II Small Arms”, by Bill Livingston

6. There being no further business to conduct, and with motion from Paul Palinski and second from Methea Doyle, we adjourned at 0930 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr
Secretary

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc
General Membership Meeting Agenda²
14 October 2007

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of April 2007 meeting
3. Treasurer's report
4. Old business:
 - a. Summer gun show—35th Anniversary Show wrap-up report
 - b. Other
5. New business:
 - a. Fall gun show
 - b. Youth Day volunteer need
 - c. Other
6. Adjourn

² Membership meetings are held in conjunction with the spring and fall gun shows. Board meetings are normally held at the Alaska Trooper [FOAST] museum on 5th Avenue at 1900 hours on the third Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend.