

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc  
Board of Directors Meeting<sup>1</sup> Minutes  
20 January 2009

1. President Ross called the meeting to order at 1905 hours, upon determination of a quorum. Present were Stevan Cady, Robert Hall, CW Floyd, Barry Ingalls, Joe Koss, Garry Lodoen Hartley Meyer, Tasha Meyer, Jon Morse, Ken Murdock, Suellyn Novak, Paul Palinski, Don Rogers, Wayne Ross, Warren Taylor, Roger Wakelam and Dwight Walker. Troy Crow was excused. Absent were Jim Killeen, Jack Murray and Greg Ross. Also present were members Steve Cuin, Jeanne Palinski, Barbara Walker, and our NRA Field rep for Alaska, Brad Krüger.

2. Minutes were moved for acceptance, seconded and accepted unanimously before the secretary was ready to record. BPMNV<sup>2</sup>.

3. Treasurer's report: We have \$28,171 in the general account, \$5,078 in the Youth Day account, and \$15,016 in CDs. Per Don Rogers, we have \$1,018.95 in the gaming account. We will write \$2,200 in checks to buy a commemorative rifle for the collection and two Cricket rifles for raffle prizes. Paul Palinski moved, with second from Hartley Meyer, to move \$10,000 from the general account into CDs. With discussion, we decided to approve the intent of the motion but let the treasurer decide the precise amount to transfer. CW Floyd moved to accept the treasurer and gaming reports, and Paul seconded. The vote to accept the reports was unanimous.

4. Suellyn Novak recapped the March 1977 board meeting minutes.

5. Old business:

a. There will be a meeting on 29 January of the Gun Collectors Seminar committee at Wayne Ross' office at 1700. The Dallas Arms Collectors and the Ohio Gun Collectors have some 50 people coming. CW Floyd is working on a reception at Birchwood Shooting Park. A dinner cruise is in the works, as well. Wayne Ross and Mike Hawker will co-host a progressive dinner-dessert, and there will be a banquet on the Saturday of the gun show. We miss Marie Williams, who resigned from the board when she moved to New Jersey, but she will continue to assist as she can via email and the web.

b. There was no other old business.

6. New business:

a. Garry Lodoen reported.

(1) All expenses from the last show have been paid and we realized a profit of \$11,500. Because of our sponsors, our advertising expense was only \$100. Arrangements have been made for catering at the spring show in Palmer, which will be on 28-29 March. Only about 25% of the tables have been sold as yet; per Warren Taylor, we normally have 50% sold by now. There was some confusion on the date at the October show, so there were only Sunday reservations then, as a result. Things are picking up, now, though.

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<sup>1</sup> Meetings are open to all members and are held at the FOAST Museum, 245 West Fifth Avenue, Suite 113, Anchorage, Alaska, at 1900 on the third Tuesday of the month.

<sup>2</sup> Beecher Pierce Memorial Negative Vote.

(2) The Anchorage Daily News ads will run for two weeks before the show, with emphasis placed on the last week. Flyers are ready to go.

(3) We do not have dates yet for the October show for Ben Boeke, and we may be back at Raven Hall. We are still fighting soccer and hockey scheduling—any sporting event can bump us. We want to move the fall show back to Anchorage to stop competing with the Valley shows, but getting firm dates from the Municipality is difficult. Jon Morse moved, with second from Suellyn Novak, to commend the show staff for the last show. BPMNV.

(4) Barry Ingalls noted that we should post notice of guns stolen from members at the show entrance. This could also go in the newsletter.

b. With Marie Williams' resignation, we need a replacement for the board. Robert Hall nominated Brian Vanderwood, who has helped considerably with Youth Day in recent years. Don Rogers nominated Eliud Delgado, a member of his Rotary Club, who is a gun dealer. President Ross decided to appoint Mr Delgado to the position, pending a regularly-scheduled election to fill the vacancy. Paul Palinski moved, with second from Joe Koss, that the board relay our great appreciation to Marie for all that she has done [and does] for the club; the vote to approve was unanimous—even Beecher agreed.

c. The Libertarian Party wants to rent a table at each show to expound on protection of Second Amendment rights. Under current show rules, all partisan activity is restricted to the NRA table. Do we want to change this? Per Wayne Ross, providing a political platform is not NRA's job. Paul Palinski asked how we can limit access to those who are pro-gun. Per Wayne, the show committee can rent space to whomever it feels would benefit us—we reserve the right to refuse anyone. Garry Lodoen said that that is what the committee has been doing, but we don't want a flood. Wayne opined that political tables are better than empty tables. CW Floyd observed that gun show rules say that candidate permission resides with the board members present at the show. Per Wayne, put all such applicants on a list to receive any remaining empty tables. Will we charge for them? Garry suggested that we tie political activity to the NRA table, but, because NRA isn't directly involved, collocate them all. Wayne will research this and develop language to amend show rules. Warren Taylor observed that the table rental agreement, Article 10, allows us to reject exhibits as we see fit.

d. Paul Palinski reported that Ron Cooper has a wall tent to donate to Youth Day. Ron is destitute, and there is no change in his condition. He is in a VA hospital in upper New York State, and no longer needs the tent. CW Floyd moved to accept the donation, and Ken Murdock seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous. The board therefore accepted Ron's kind offer and wished him a speedy recover. Garry Lodoen suggested that we buy the tent from Ron and give the funds to him. Paul Palinski will study this and report at the next meeting.

e. Joe Koss displayed a set of four locally-produced belt buckles, as requested at the last meeting. The buckles are of high quality and could easily serve as door prizes, raffle prizes or display awards. Roger Wakelam liked the idea and mentioned again that he has access to a statehood coin [or medallion] that could be used for display awards—possibly a silver for best in show and a bronze for others. Tasha Meyer wondered if the buckles or coins might also be used for Youth Day, and Jon Morse noted that they seemed a better idea than a certificate for a display award. Wayne Ross appointed a committee to consider the best use of belt buckles and coins. The committee members are Jon Morse, Roger Wakelam, Garry Lodoen and Paul Palinski; Robert Hall will be a consultant for the committee.

f. CW Floyd said that Youth Day has grown well over the years since Randy Smith died. He and Robert Hall put much effort into it, but now they both need replacements.

Brian Vanderwood has worked on it in the last few years and will take over, but he will need help; volunteers, as always, are welcome. Paul Palinski noted that the program is working well, especially with help from Birchwood Shooting Park. BSP strongly supports Youth Day, but does not want to be on the Youth Day committee. CW said that he is no longer on the BSP board, which led into the next topic.

f. CW Floyd announced that he has a new job. He now heads military and veterans affairs for Senator Begich. He noted that Senator Begich is a friend—he has an A+ rating from NRA and is a long-term life member.

g. Brad Krüger next spoke. He has been our NRA Field Rep since November 2005 and has received strong support from Wayne Ross, Tasha and Hartley Meyer, and AGCA in general. He came up from Homer just for this meeting, and he wanted us to know how much he appreciates our help. He then went into the reasons for his visit.

(1) Many areas in Alaska don't have access to a range. How about starting chapters of AGCA around the state? These chapters could give a state-wide flavor to AGCA [and we've long said that we are not the Anchorage Gun Collectors Association]. The chapters could work on getting local ranges, as well as keep members informed of state-wide issues. Roger Wakelam noted that we could start with one and build slowly, one by one. Brad is willing to advertise for it at FNRA meetings.

(2) Alaska should have its own version of the NRA Whittington Center in New Mexico.

(a) This range complex, nominally to be known as the Alaska Sports Shooting Center [AKSSC] or AX, would be located within an hour to an hour and a half of Anchorage, be on the road system, and be central to the majority of the state's population. The AX would be the venue for statewide competition and shooting by individuals.

(b) Local ranges established in conjunction with local AGCA chapters could host qualifying competitions.

(c) The AX would be housed, ideally, on at least 5,000 acres, and would cater to all of the state's various shooting groups.

(d) FNRA is the largest supporter of shooting sports in the country, and the Alaska chapter of FNRA fully supports the concept—last year, it took on a legacy project to support development of the AX. FNRA will donate 10% of its annual funds raised for the next ten years.

(e) Besides an array of shooting ranges, the AX would contain a museum, classrooms and an admin building. The museum would allow members to put up long-term displays that now last for only the weekend of a gun show.

(f) There will be an organizational meeting on Saturday, 24 January, at the UBS Building at Benson and C Street, starting at 0900.

g. Wayne Ross announced that Norm Grant plans to attend the summer show.

h. Wayne and the board thanked Jeanne Palinski, once again, for her kind donation of cake and brownies for the meeting.

i. The next meeting will be on 17 February 2009 at the FOAST museum.

7. With no further business to conduct, Paul Palinski moved to adjourn and Don Rogers seconded. By acclamation, we adjourned at 1948 hours.

Joseph P Koss, Jr  
Secretary

Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc  
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1. Call to order
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. Historian's report
5. Old business:
  - a. NRA Gun Collectors Seminar in 2009.
  - b. Gun shows
  - c. Ban on political activity at gun shows—committee report.
  - d. Belt buckles—committee report.
  - e. Ron Cooper tent report.
  - f. Other.
6. New business:
  - a. Gun shows.
  - b. AGCA scholarship request—Kenny Kroecker.
  - c. Other.
7. Adjourn