

**New Hampshire Trapshooting Association
Annual Winter Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2019
Hill Memorial Library Building, Hudson, NH
Executive Committee in Attendance: Wright, Szczechura, Green**

After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for members lost who had passed away since our last meeting, Secretary Wright called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Executive committee members in attendance were Wright, Szczechura & Green.

Minutes from the annual winter meeting on 12/14/2018 and the annual summer meeting on 7/7/2019 were read and approved (M: Gary Littlefield, S: Mike Capozzi, Passed Unanimously).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Madden was unable to attend the meeting, so no president's report was given.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cannon was unable to attend the meeting, but provided financials to Phil Wright for an abbreviated report.

There was a net loss of approximately \$650 for 2019. Attendance at the state tournament was about the same as last year. Contributions from the raffles run by Steve Grady, and good management on trophy expenses from Edie Allyn-Page helped to minimize the shortfall.

Treasurer's report was approved (M: Al Smigelski, S: Doug Whiton, Passed Unanimously).

As an aside to the treasurer's report, Secretary Wright discussed that the financials for the AIM youth program are being temporarily "handled" within the NHTA's books, but are in the process of transitioning to their own books of account.

DELEGATE'S REPORT:

Delegate Wright presented his report.

It was another great year for weather at the Grand American. Attendance was up, and seems to be gathering steam. The tournament still suffers from light attendance out of the Eastern Zone. Large events held at Ohio and Pennsylvania shooting venues satisfy the needs of eastern shooters which adversely affects the Grand American. Continued improvements were seen at classification desk due to more participants bringing updated average cards printed from the ATA website and updated with recent shoot scores.

Paul Shaw re-elected vice-present for 2020.

Phil Wright was re-elected as Eastern Zone representative to the Accountable Plan Advisory Committee. This committee monitors and audits expense reimbursements of the ATA Executive Committee and ATA Central Handicap Committee. Phil reports that these expense reimbursements are well under control and well supervised.

No major rule changes were instituted for 2020.

AIM REPORT:

AIM4NH Director Edie Allyn-Page was unable to attend the meeting, so Team Liaison Melissa Foley-Riley gave the report.

The AIM4NH youth program has been very active. Melissa thanked the NHTA membership for being so welcoming to the student athletes of the program. The shooters had a blast at the 2019 state tournament, and plan to camp at the 2020 state tournament to be more immersed in the experience.

AIM4NH has partnered with New Hampshire Fish & Game and Operation Game Thief for an event in the spring. AIM student athletes will compete against New Hampshire Fish & Game Conservation Officers from the television show "North Woods Law". AIM4NH and Operation Game Thief will split the proceeds. A similar event is planned with the New Hampshire State Troopers.

Edie Allyn-Page and Hailey Riley attended and presented at the conference of New Hampshire Physical Education teachers in November.

There will be another gun raffle this coming year, sponsored by a generous donation from Cole's Gunsmithing in Harpswell, Maine.

The youth program currently has 10 members, with 3 additional members anticipated in the near future.

Secretary Wright thanked Melissa and Edie for their hard work with this new program, and added that Mike Blaisdell has been coaching the athletes that practice at Cheshire County Fish & Game which is a sponsoring club.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Jason Green reported that the committee had solicited candidates, and all currently serving Executive Committee members were willing to serve again for 2020. The committee presented the following candidates for consideration:

Dan Madden	President
Jim Giarrusso	Vice-President
Phil Wright	Secretary
Jack Cannon	Treasurer
Edie Allyn-Page	Director-at-Large
Steve Szczechura	Director-at-Large
Jason Green	Director-at-Large

REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Steve Szczechura reports there is nothing new to report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

No Report

STATE TEAM:

The State Team for 2020 was announced. Members will be recognized and pins presented at the 2020 State Tournament.

OLD BUSINESS:

Last year's state shoot went smoothly. It was the first state shoot with the new Pat Traps at Minute Man. Secretary Wright relayed President Madden's thanks to all NHTA members for their participation, as well as NHTA volunteers with their assistance with classification, handicap & officiating of shoot offs. Also, thanks to Steve Grady for running two successful raffles, and Edie Allyn-Page for a great job selecting and presenting trophies.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Grady offered to run another raffle at the state shoot in 2020.

Input on the location and dates for the 2020 state tournament were discussed, including a possible "Memorial Day" date and a "late July / early August" date. Minute Man would like to avoid Memorial Day due to their current commitments and to maintain harmony with neighbors. Date and location will be discussed among Executive Committee, and a decision would be announced when finalized. Preliminary dates look to be July 3, 4 & 5, 2020.

A brief discussion was had regarding the recognition of past shooters and history of our sport as it related to the "education" portion of the AIM program. The webmaster and the AIM4NH leaders will work together on this in the future.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

There were no additional nominations beyond those made by nominating committee. Secretary Wright cast a vote for the slate as presented.

MEETING RAFFLE:

Jason Green won the Kittery Trading Post Gift Card Raffle and donated it to the AIM program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM (M: Susan Wright, S: Doug Whiton, Passed Unanimously).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Green
Director