

## Youth Shooting Sports Association April 2019 Monthly Meeting

Sunday, April 14, 2019

1:10 PM

Minutes from the April 1, 2019 Board Meeting held at the YSSA Indoor Range & Academy in Moline, IL.

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Members in attendance: Bill Peterson, Tim Baldwin, Victor Cincola, Eddy Boggs, Mike Trudell, Kimberly Stickell, Brian Alman, Joe Janz, Kimberly Alman

Minutes from the March 4, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes were read. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Tim Baldwin and Seconded by Victor Cincola. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report for March 2019 was distributed by Victor Cincola and read by those present. A questionable charge was taken care of and the YSSA organization received the funds in full. The only loss was the overnight charge for wiring the money. The board was fine with the \$40.00 loss. Bill Peterson declared that "Under NO circumstances will YSSA EVER overnight any payments." The board approved and agreed with his statement.

Victor Cincola brought his laptop and was able to answer any questionable payments. The treasurer's report was very detailed and easy to see where the money is being spent.

Victor Cincola will begin to get invoice for fees owed to YSSA, but is having some difficulties with TeamSnap, it may be best if YSSA considers making individual accounts in quick books for now. More on that at next month's meeting. Victor may need to make each family an individual client in Quick Books to make this work. (How will "clients" be able to see their running balance?)

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written was made by Tim Baldwin and seconded by Joe Janz. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Raffle Tickets - continue to encourage the athletes to sell and turn in money to coaches.

Archery: Still dealing with the backstops? Distributor shows that there has not been an order. Follow up has been slow to get answers. Still no definite answer. Need targets but they are still missing. The outdoor targets for archery will be delivered to Fastenal. Fastenal will then deliver the outdoor targets within a 20 mile radius. When Bill Peterson talked with them, they seemed surprised about the delivery to Bi-State. Bill Peterson will send them the invoice with the statement about delivery. Still need to get the stands built for the outdoors.

If we can't get the backstops resolved we may need to find another company willing to work with a non-profit group. Bill Peterson has a company in mind and they offer 10% off the product along with no shipping costs.

Thermostat: Brian Alman received approval from the board for the chosen thermostat. Unfortunately, when taking the thermostat off the wall, an issue was encountered and further investigation needs to be done prior to installing of a new one. Due to the fact that this is a commercial building, the wiring needs to be verified prior to installing a new device. Brian Alman will continue to follow up on this issue to resolve it.

Trivia Night: Kimberly Stickell was present to answer some questions. The committee is looking at doing a Trivia Night in the fall - August or September. The board asked that she work around some of the major competitions so all disciplines can attend the event. Kimberly appeared to be understanding and accommodating to the suggestion. Coaches are to get calendar and dates to her to better plan this event. The committee is looking at hosting it at The Rock just like last year. Other suggestions were offered up for a larger venue - Heritage Center in Hampton, IL, Land Doit's Lake in Joslin, IL (very generous to non-profit charities), or Knights of Columbus in Davenport, IA. It was also suggested that Kimberly Stickell consider doing a "Rock 'n' Roll Bingo" event as that seems to be the "new" fundraising theme. It also appears that it would move the night along quicker. As the date gets closer, Kimberly Stickell will have a better handle on what she will need for volunteers.

**New Business:**

HomeSchoolAPalooza - May 18 at the Spirit, Mind, & Body Center  
1811 53rd Street  
Moline, IL

Bill Peterson paid for YSSA to have a table to represent our club. Coaches are encouraged to attend and represent their disciplines. Bill Peterson may not be there due to the SCTP Regional Shoot in Sparta, IL. His attendance will depend on who attend the shotgun and pistol shooting event.

Set up for this event begins at 9:00 am.

Coaches are to get materials to Joe Janz about their disciplines and what credentials the coaches hold to be seen as certified instructors. Joe Janz will design and get flyers printed for this event. Include the cost and any additional expenses. Reinforce that each discipline has strict safety guidelines and they are openly posted and presented at each and every practice.

Eddy Boggs and Bill Peterson may want to extend this "open house" to the local Illinois school districts. It would be best to meet and invite the athletic directors, principals, and associate principals and ask if YSSA can "advertise" this event to interested students in alternative activities. See if the schools will at least consider putting this information in their daily announcements. May want to approach the middle schools also. Present this information to the FFA clubs too.

Coaches: Be sure to fill out Bill Peterson's spreadsheet concerning your up to date certifications. Also include any upcoming training that you might be interested in.

Returning College Athletes to YSSA: College athletes will have 2 options this year when they return to YSSA.

- OPTION 1: You are welcome to pay your \$100.00 to participate in YSSA and continue to get the benefits from being part of this organization.
- OR
- OPTION 2: You are welcome to pay as you go, but all expenses are on you. This way you can shoot under a team for awards, but you will not need to pay fees to YSSA.

You will need to look closely at both options and make the financial decision that best fits you and your family. Just let your coach know what you decide.

4-H Ammunition Grant: YSSA was awarded a 4-H ammunition grant. If the shotgun shooters are interested in getting another box of ammunition at practice, they must join 4-H at the cost of \$20.00. (This is a maximum of 2 boxes per practice - 1 BOX FROM YSSA AND 1 BOX FROM 4-H. YOU MUST BE A PRACTICE TO RECEIVE YOUR AMMUNITION. IF YOU ARE NOT AT PRACTICE THEN YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AMMUNITION.) Please see Bill Peterson for the paperwork and bring a \$20.00 check if you are interested in this opportunity. If you decide, not to participate in joining 4-H that is fine, but as a shotgun shooter, you will only receive 1 box of ammunition and when that runs out, the ammunition will be your responsibility to bring to practice.

**NEW SHOTGUN/PISTOL/AIR RIFLE/ EXPECTATION:** Beginning September 1, 2019 **ALL** of the shooting ammunition disciplines will be required to pass either a state hunter education course OR take the NRA Home Safety Course. More information will be available later this summer prior to the beginning of the 2020 season. (Which is September 1, 2019) Tim Baldwin, Bill Peterson, Eddy Boggs, & Mike Cockerill are all certified NRA Home Safety Course Instructors. They will look to see when they can host a class. It will be minimum fees to cover book costs and test fees for the NRA class. This would be a great class for the entire family to take with his or her athlete new to shooting sports. It will address gun safety and how to store the "gun" within your household.

**Muzzle Loading Discipline:** New to YSSA. Bill Peterson has been approached by an individual who is interested in teaching and educating new shooters in the art of muzzle loading. The board has approved the adding of this new discipline. It appears that this can be taught at the Milan Shooting Range. This individual is part of the National Muzzle Loading Organization in Illinois and the head instructor at Milan Shooting Range.

### **Coaches Corner:**

Archery: Hosting a PIN Shoot

Thank you to Mike Caleo for his contribution. The archery group is having a fun shoot and will be serving a pot luck this Saturday, April 6, 2019. There will be a challenge and shoot off. It will be fun to make teams shoots and see where the coaches and the athletes fall.

Rifle: The athletes are coming and going. Not a consistent group of shooters. Would like to promote personal achievements and marksmanship awards. Work on growing this team.

Shotgun: Working on instilling a new mindset. Coach Brian Alman is trying to get the athletes to fall into a routine when coming to practice and getting signed in.

- Key Differences:
  - Athletes must come into the club house at the beginning of practice to sign in for attendance
  - Athletes can only obtain their ammunition after sign in for better control of disbursement
  - Athletes cannot shoot without going over safety rules and expectations
  - Athletes cannot shoot without a coach present on the line
  - Athletes are to shoot as a team and learn one another's names
  - Trying to practice as a team with full squads instead of several individuals running their own agenda
  - Want to begin focusing on skills and areas of inconsistencies
  - Want to develop good habits and mutual respect among athletes and coaches
- The ATHLETES voted on March 28, 2019 to be a competitive group of shooters.
- YSSA Coaches will continue to uphold the mission statement below no matter the skill level of the participant:  
**The mission of the Youth Shooting Sports Association is to introduce and promote amateur shooting sports to youth by educating them in safety, sportsmanship, competition, and the ethical use of firearms, archery and other shooting sports equipment.**

At 7:37 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Eddy Boggs and seconded by Joe Janz. Motion carried.