

Amateur Trapshooting Association of America Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors August 11, 2003

IN RE: RELOCATION

This **Special Meeting** of the **Board of Directors** of the **Amateur Trapshooting Association of America (ATA)**, called pursuant to **Article IV, Section 4**, of its **By-Laws**, and pursuant to legal **Notice**, was held **August 11, 2003**, at **19:30 Hrs., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)**, in the **Central Entry Building** at the **Amateur Trapshooting Association's** Corporate premises located at **601 West National Road, Vandalia, Ohio 45377-1096**.

Members of the **Executive Committee** in attendance were:

- " **President and Central Zone Vice President Thomas E. Acklin, from Ohio;**
- " **Western Zone Vice President and ATA Director David R. Kaiser, from Alaska;**
- " **Southwestern Zone Vice President and ATA Director Dr. Thomas P. Arvas, from New Mexico;**
- " **Southern Zone Vice President and ATA Director Kenneth P. Duncan, from North Carolina;**
- " **Eastern Zone Vice President and ATA Director D. Ray Greb, from Maryland;**
- " **Ex-Officio, Immediate Past President and ATA Director Phillip C. Wright, from New Hampshire;**
- " **ATA Treasurer Thomas G. Burkey, from Pennsylvania;**
- " **ATA Executive Director John R. Norris, from Ohio; and**
- " **ATA Secretary G. Mike Seitz, from Indiana.**

Roll Call and Seating of Delegates

ATA Secretary G. Mike Seitz called the Roll of the States and Provinces, and was pleased to report that all Directors or their legally constituted Alternates were in attendance and answered the Roll Call except:

- British Columbia;
- Colorado [refer to amended Roll Call];
- Hawaii; and
- Quebec.

Fifty (53) three recorded Directors or their recognized Alternates were noted and seated for Record purposes.

Subsequent to completing the Roll Call and certifying that a quorum was present, Secretary G. Mike Seitz called this **Special Meeting of the Board of Directors** to order at **19:32 Hrs., EDT**.

Colorado Director Gus Bradshaw arrived subsequent to the original Roll Call and the Record was amended as follows:

Fifty (54) four recorded Directors or their recognized Alternates were noted and seated for Record purposes.

President Thomas E. Acklin assumed the Chair and reminded the Board of Directors that this **Special Meeting** has been called to accept and review proposals pertaining, singularly, to **Relocation Issues** from the:

- " **Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR - World Shooting Complex);**
- " **Las Vegas, Clark County Shooting Park Committee, Nevada; and**
- " **City of Shelbyville/Shelby County, Indiana.**

The President advised that questions or comments from the Directors will be encouraged subsequent to each Relocation Proposal but all debate and voting procedures - pertaining to the relative issues - will be deferred until the Annual Meeting scheduled for **August 14, 2003**, at 20:00 Hrs., pursuant

to prior Notice. President Acklin added that the order of presentation, this evening, will be as follows:

- **Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR - World Shooting Complex);**
- **Las Vegas, Clark County Shooting Park Committee, Nevada; and**
- **City of Shelbyville/Shelby County, Indiana.**

q At 19:34 Hrs., IN RE: IDNR (Sparta), Mr. Mike Hampton, Project Consultant

President Thomas E. Acklin introduced Mr. Mike Hampton, Project Consultant, from San Antonio, Texas, representing the interests of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Mr. Hampton thanked the Board of Directors for the opportunity to appear before them and formalize the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' proposal for including the ATA in the establishment of the World Shooting Complex to be located near the City of Sparta in Randolph County, Illinois. Mr. Hampton summarized the various discussions and concepts that have been discussed and/or offered as of this presentation date:

- The ATA will be granted exclusive use of the facility during the Grand American and any other shooting events that they care to arrange.
[Up to thirty (30) annual shooting days have been preliminary discussed]
- The Illinois Department of Natural Resources will construct all roadways, parking areas and buildings, as required.
- The Illinois Department of Natural Resources will arrange (with the assistance of Peabody Energy) for land (in fee simple) should the ATA - or any other national organization - desire to locate their corporate headquarters adjacent to the World Shooting Complex.
- Phase I Construction will include six hundred (600) RV spots with full hook-up along with twenty four (24) trap & skeet overlays.
[Refer to expanded terms as offered during the Board of Director Annual Meeting]
- A Three (\$3.00) Dollar user fee, per event and per participant, will be the only charge to use this facility.
- A primary ten (10) year lease agreement is necessary to allow full potential for sponsorships, donations and vendor agreements.
[Lease terms and ATA options or other directives are at the ATA's sole discretion]
- The cost of camping, vendors, food, drinks and other services will be at the present rates (as currently used in Vandalia) with future increases based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
[Pricing protection will be incorporated into all appropriate legal documents]
- The State of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources understand and agree that the ATA will have the right to terminate all contracts and/or leases for "cause." "Cause" shall be determined during the contract/lease negotiations but shall include, but not be limited to, legislative and/or judicial rulings that impact the ATA's ability to conduct or sponsor shooting events.
[Non-performance terms and conditions will also be incorporated]

Mr. Hampton next reviewed a summary of the pertinent features of the Illinois Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

- [Secretary Seitz has reduplicated the MOU for Record purposes]**
- # 1. IDNR will own all land, buildings and any improvements. Peabody Energy will hold the title to 12 to 15 acres that they will donate - fee simple - for organizational headquarters.
- # 2. Lease will be 10 years with option to renew (ATA will write working agreement). ATA has the right to terminate this contract/agreement for cause, as well as, legislative and/or judicial rulings that materially impact the ATA's ability to sponsor shooting events.
- # 3. The use of lead shot and target residue, including pitch, as well as any other environmental issues, are the sole responsibility of the IDNR, on the IDNR Property.
- # 4. A maintenance/use fee of \$3.00 per event per participant will be charged by the IDNR for all ATA managed tournaments. No other charges/fees will be assessed (re: parking, gate entry, etc.).
- # 5. There will be 12 to 15 acres set aside for National Associations to relocate their headquarters and/or museums. A portion of this land will be given at no charge to each of

- these associations whereas they will own this property.
- # 6. ATA's use of premises - During any ATA managed tournament, all areas will be reserved for the ATA, except where additional shooting and/or recreational events will be offered or promoted during these ATA tournaments.
 - # 7. Camper/RV areas - Phase I construction will allow for 600 RV spaces with electric, water and sewer to be built. In addition, 900 more RV spaces will be plotted for future use if necessary. Single room cabins will be built along the east end waterway. For those wishing to purchase a reservation for a particular campsite a charge of \$3,500.00 will allow for that site to be reserved during any shooting event for 10 years.
 - # 8. Those Vendors who have been a part of the ATA's Grand American will be given first opportunity to locate to the new facility. The price of \$25,000. to \$30,000 for construction of a 20' by 40' building will be charged and allow for a 5 year lease on this area. Criteria for locating vendors will be established by IDNR and the ATA. We will also establish a vendor mall to allow others to participate. Other events and vendors will be able to use wall tents or trailers as appropriate to an event.
 - # 9. Concession/food service - Each vendor building will have restroom and a concession stand. In all areas, where food and drink are sold, the present prices in effect for 2003 (at Vandalia) will remain substantially similar, subject to CPI (Consumer Price Index) increases. Additional food and beverages above and beyond standard staple products, such as hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, beer, etc., may be offered at reasonable prevailing prices.

Mr. Hampton noted that the Illinois DNR Memorandum of Understanding was a collaborative effort among the State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Peabody Energy (Peabody Recreational Lands), and the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America. The MOU was qualified to the extent that Mr. Hampton stated that it was a continuing work-in-progress. "The MOU is intended as a preliminary document for negotiating purposes, only, and should not be construed as a final document."

Jerry Beverlin, Director, Land Management & Education Office (IDNR) was next introduced by Mr. Hampton. Mr. Beverlin stated that the administrative officials of the State of Illinois and the citizens of his great State look forward to enticing the ATA to relocate to the State of Illinois and the World Shooting Complex. "Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich is committed to the development of a world class shooting facility in southwest Illinois and he believes that the ATA's Grand American will be a flagship event at this site," quoted Mr. Beverlin. The Directors and Officers of the ATA were also informed that Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvold, Illinois State Representative Dan Reitz and Sparta Mayor Randy Bertetto will be in attendance on Thursday (08/14/2003) evening to clarify any points - covered in this evening's presentations - that the ATA officials desire to address. Mr. Beverlin also introduced Bob Roads (Capital Development IDNR), Larry Kennedy (Chief of Planning IDNR), and George Camille of the Illinois Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, who were in attendance. Wilbur Engelhardt, General Manager, of Peabody Recreational Lands, was also recognized and in attendance. Mr. Beverlin advised that "Wilbur has been involved in the Sparta efforts, almost from day one."

Illinois Land Management Director Beverlin reiterated that the Illinois representatives will be circulating through the audience (at convenient and appropriate times) during the meeting and the Directors were encouraged to ask any questions that come to mind.

Mr. Beverlin concluded his remarks by thanking the ATA Directors for their attention and, again, encouraged them to offer comments or ask any questions of the Illinois representatives in attendance. Upon returning to the microphone, Mike Hampton thanked Land Management Director Beverlin for his comments and introductions.

Consultant Hampton informed the ATA Officials and Directors that he has been retained by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as the project manager for the World Shooting Complex. He anticipates that he will have continuing personal involvement for a period of three (3) to five (5) years from this time forward. Before proceeding with the IDNR **PowerPoint** presentation, Mr. Hampton stated that he wanted to review the "historic progress" that has been made since August 2001 & 2002, Board of Directors meeting(s). During the Executive Committee meetings of August 2002, Mr. Hampton reminded that Representatives Reitz and Brunsvold stated that they would continue their efforts to create a shooting

complex in Randolph County, Illinois, and that they would be back with a renewed offer for the ATA to relocate to this site. Mr. Hampton added that they “are back and that they have addressed the financial concerns that resulted in the Board of Director Resolution” that essentially reversed the prior year’s (2001) directive that was predicated on Sparta passing the due diligence process. “The State of Illinois has kept their word and they will continue to do so during any renewed negotiations,” stated Mr. Hampton.

The State of Illinois by and through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is committed to this project with two (2) principle dictates in mind:

- to increase tourism for the State of Illinois, and
- to create full-time and part-time jobs in the area.

Mike Hampton continued by stating that “at some point in time they [IDNR] want to get their money [return on investment] back but not in the first fifty (50) years.” As a forty (40) year Grand attendee, Mr. Hampton stated that he wanted “what was best for the ATA - and nothing less.” “As Directors of the ATA you are faced with a decision as to whether you want to lease/rent or own your homegrounds.” “Ownership is almost always preferable, but at what price and at what peace of mind?” “It appears to me,” stated Mr. Hampton, “that leasing is the less risky option.” “Illinois is going to build this project and it is going to be bigger, and more expansive, than the present ATA property as currently exists in Vandalia,” related Mr. Hampton.

..... At 19:47 Hrs., **A Marketing Binder was distributed to all Directors and Officers**

The Illinois representatives next presented a **PowerPoint** presentation consisting of numerous aerial and site pictures depicting the proposed layout and the surrounding areas. It was noted that the site will contain [subsequent to all land purchases] approximately one thousand six hundred (1,600) acres of which two hundred fifty (250) acres consist of various lakes. Due to the cost of filling some of the larger water areas, it was decided (for the most part) to leave the water in its natural form and create camping and/or RV spots - including cabins - for participant use year-round.

An Illinois map with Interstate access to the Sparta area was displayed for the audience. The Illinois representatives also reviewed other pertinent Illinois statistics (i.e., population of 13,000,000 and major classifications of business and industry). Various points of interest (less than 50 miles from Sparta) were also detailed as follows:

- Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site;
- Carlyle Lake (largest man-made lake in Illinois);
- Chester (the home of 'Popeye');
- Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site;
- Illinois Caverns State Natural Area;
- Pyramid State Recreation Area;
- Rend Lake Fish & Wildlife Area and Resort;
- Shawnee National Forest;
- St. Clair Square Mall (the only super-regional mall in Southern Illinois);
- Wayne Fitzgerald State Park; and
- Super Wal-Mart (24-hour) Center is only 3 minutes from the World Shooting Complex;
- More than 6,000 hotel rooms within 50 miles of World Shooting Complex (WSC); and
- More than 250 local restaurants are also located within 50 miles of the WSC.

ILLINOIS GUN LAWS

- **Spring of 2002:** The Illinois Department of Natural Resources worked to pass **SB 397** specifically for the ATA. **SB 397** allows non-residents who are 18 years of age to obtain or purchase rifles, shotguns and ammunition for using them, for lawful sporting purposes.
- Illinois also passed **SB 874** which allows a greater range of disabled hunters to qualify for a permit to hunt from a standing vehicle and clarifies that hunters with a license or permit can lawfully carry a firearm on their person while engaged in the licensed or permitted activity.
- **Spring of 2003:** Acknowledging a strong desire by sportsmen; the Illinois Department of Natural Resources supported **HB 1096** which would create a Handgun Hunting Season in Illinois.

- In recent years, Illinois has solidly **struck down** proposed legislation that would have: 210
- ~ Outlawed the possession of many popular sporting firearms including AR-15s, 211
- ~ M1As, FALs; 212
- ~ Raised the Illinois Firearm Owner's Card (FOID) from \$5.00, to \$125.00; 213
- ~ Prohibited the transfer of more than one handgun in a 30 day period; 214
- ~ Prohibited Private Sales of firearms at Firearm Organization events; 215
- ~ Required gun-owners to register with the state. 216

[Secretary's Note: The Secretary and Executive Director John R. Norris continue to monitor the following Bills that are pending in the Illinois Legislature at this time:

SB 1195 (Semi-Auto Ban - Amends the Criminal Code of 1961 - Last Action dated 07/01/2003 - Senate Floor Amendment No. 2, Tabled Pursuant to Rule 5-4(a)). 217-221

HB 2532 (Firearms Dealers License - Creates the Firearms Dealer Licensing Act - Last Action dated 05/21/2003 - Third Reading - Standard Debate - Lost 050-067-000). 222-223

HB 2356 (Firearms - Gun show - Dealers - Amends the FOID Act - Last Action dated 04/08/2003 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee). 224-225

Mr. Hampton requested that it be noted for the Record that Representative Dan Reitz and Illinois DNR Director Joel Brunsvold stand willing and able to correct and/or support any perceived difficulties or deficiencies that might exist in the Illinois Code that would stand as an impediment to the ATA in reaching an affirmative decision to relocate the Grand American to the State of Illinois. It was further expressed that the Illinois Representatives would appreciate receiving a single brief or memorandum from the ATA's Executive Committee and legal counsel as to what changes, corrections and/or amendments are required in order to address any current laws or pending legislation that would negatively influence the decision to locate to the World Shooting Complex, Sparta, Illinois. It is their desire to legislatively address all issues, at one time, before the respective Illinois bodies. 227-235

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 236-237

The following **information** was presented with specific reference to the IDNR: 238

- Annual budget of \$300 million; 239
- Manages more than 450,000 acres; 240
- Manages the conservation of land resources, water resources, wildlife resources, mines and minerals, the state museum, and scientific surveys and provides outdoor recreation and preservation of open space; 241-242
- 2,000 employees; 243
- More than 300 sites; 244
- Sites with more than 42 million visitors; 245
- 780,000 fishing licenses sold; 246
- 300,000 hunting licenses sold; 247
- 600,000 white-tail deer permits; and 248
- Largest urban fishing program in the nation. 249-250

IDNR - Most Visited Sites: 251-252

- Illinois Beach State Park 253
- Carlyle Lake (close to World Shooting Complex); 254
- Eagle Creek State Park; 255
- Giant City State Park; 256
- Pere Marquette State Park; 257
- Starved Rock State Park; and 258
- Wayne Fitzgerald - Rend Lake Resort (close to World Shooting Complex). 259

WORLD SHOOTING COMPLEX, Sparta, Illinois 260-261
(Presented by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources) 262

FACILITIES SUMMARY: 263-264

- 124 trap fields over 3.5 miles;
[The trap line will be facing 1 degree East or West of true North] 265
- 48 skeet overlay fields; 266
- 2 sporting clay courses; 267
- 300 position rifle/pistol range; 268
- 3D - Archery range; 269
- ATV trails; 270
- Permanent exhibitor buildings; 271
- [Buildings will be 20' X 35' - with a 5 year lease ... anticipated pricing in the range of \$25,000. 272
- to \$30,000., depending on build-outs, etc. ... it is anticipated that the permanent exhibitor 273
- buildings will be arranged similar to that which is used at the National Shooting Complex in 274
- San Antonio, Texas ... there will be no sub-leasing ... if the ATA relocates to the World 275
- Shooting Complex, they will be granted the right to use a placement system of their own 276
- design and making] 277
- Wall tent and trailer vendors will be encouraged and welcomed. The pricing levels will be 278
- the same, or less expensive, as currently used in Vandalia 279
- Recreational center building; 280
- Large pavilion; 281
- Scenic lake for water sports; 282
- 1,500 RV camping, with electric/water/sewer adjacent to lake; 283
- [600 to be installed during Phase I construction ... ATA members leasing a camping area will 284
- be charged a one time, 10 year lease fee of \$3,500. ... this fee will cover all ATA sanctioned 285
- and/or arranged shooting events with no other charges applying ... it is anticipated, at this 286
- time, that prorata refunds (subject to death or disability) will be considered, or contractually 287
- arranged, subsequent to the expiration of the first 5 year period of the lease document - 288
- negotiations are pending. Lessees will also have the right of first refusal on their specific spot 289
- for non-ATA related venues at pricing established for the unrelated venues] 290
- Multi-purpose, multi-use recreational facility. 291
- Environmental [issues] will be, and shall remain, the sole responsibility of the State of 292
- Illinois and the IDNR. The ATA will negotiate appropriate legal documents and be 293
- indemnified and held harmless, accordingly. 294

FINAL THOUGHTS ... (concluding remarks from the Illinois Representatives) 295

- Only facility of this type in the State of Illinois; 296
- Multi-purpose facility (e.g., shooting, camping and traditional outdoor recreational elements); 297
- Collaborative effort (IDNR, City of Sparta, local legislators and area businesses); 298
- Economic benefits to local economy; and 299
- Preservation of open space in Illinois. 300

Upon the conclusion of the **PowerPoint** and verbal presentations the Illinois Representatives 301

opened the floor for questions. 302

At 20:14 Hrs., IN RE: QUESTIONS FROM THE DIRECTORATE 303

- **Tennessee Director Charles I. Morrison** approached the microphone and inquired if the Illinois 304

Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) was going to build the entire 124 trap fields. 305

IDNR Consultant Mike Hampton replied that the ATA will be 306

responsible for building and financing the fields that are needed for 307

their use that are excess of the original 24 fields as has been proposed. 308

Mr. Hampton stated that he feels that there are state associations and 309

individuals who would donate Ten Thousand (\$10,000.) Dollars - fixed 310

amount established by the IDNR for field construction - to construct 311

individual fields. The IDNR is anticipating a total contribution of One 312

Million (\$1,000,000.) Dollars to help defray the actual cost to 313

construction the extra one hundred (100) fields. 314

[Refer to Presentation changes (with reference to the trap 315

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fields) as contained in the Board of Directors' Annual Meeting Minutes - not published as of August 26, 2003]

Director Morrison questioned "what happens to the funds (to be donated) if the ATA has to move prior to the lease expiration?"

Mr. Hampton responded that the issue is negotiable but he assumes that provisions can be made which would provide for a prorata return of the donated funds assuming that the ATA leaves for "cause" and a "minimum stay in service has been met."

- **Virginia Director Pat Ireland** sought clarification as to who would own the trap machines and what type of machine is planned for installation.

Consultant Hampton explained that he has much experience in this area and that he has some novel approaches that would make the issue acceptable to all parties concerned. At this particular point in the planning stages, Mr. Hampton favors a "no cash layout" scenario. He would like to explore either:

- **rent to purchase, or**
- **straight rental, only.**

Either option would negate having to spend Five Hundred (\$500,000.) Thousand to Eight Hundred (\$800,000.) Dollars at the inception. He strongly feels that due to market pressures inherent in the present system; that many of the suppliers would be willing to rent a sufficient number of machines and even provide personnel to make certain that they are in proper working condition during any of the scheduled tournaments that the ATA cares to sponsor and/or arrange.

- **Minnesota Director Neil M. Winston** rose and was recognized. Director Winston advised that he would like to know who is going to manage the ATA tournament(s), at the Sparta location, and how is the ATA assured of a reasonable monetary return on their invested efforts.

Consultant Hampton responded that the ATA will have exclusive control over management activities at all ATA sponsored or sanctioned shoots. Further, all monies will revert to the ATA for conducting the shoot, except for the Three (\$3.00) Dollar per event, per participant charge.

Director Winston, returning to the microphone, requested clarification as to who will be providing and/or selling targets and shells.

Consultant Hampton advised that all provisions pertaining to targets, shells and other related necessities for conducting the shoot(s) shall remain within the sole province of the ATA. Neither he, as premises manager, nor the IDNR will interfere with the ATA in the conduct of their shoots. He expressed confidence that the legal staff of the IDNR and Secretary Seitz will reach an acceptable agreement that more than adequately protects the anticipated interests of the ATA and its membership.

- **Connecticut Director T.K. Ford** approached the microphone and expressed his concerns with the current status of the various gun laws that have been under debate for the past several years. He further stated his desire to have clarification as to which laws have been successfully defeated and/or amended and their impact on the ATA membership and in particular those under the age of eighteen (18) years of age.

As previously noted, Mr. Hampton reiterated that the IDNR's preference is to address all of the gun laws, including pending legislation, during the due diligence process. "It will be much more efficient and expeditious to address all of the issues at a single point in time,"

advised Mr. Hampton. Strong indications have been given that the IDNR has the legislative support to change and/or amend any of the current laws that are - or appear to be - onerous to the pursuits of the ATA relocating to the World Shooting Complex. Any and all efforts will be expended to change or amend these Illinois Code provisions and, yet, remain consistent with current Federal law, as applies.

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- **Iowa Director Phil Thyer** sought further clarification as to proration of camping fees if - for whatever reason(s) - the ATA commits to relocate to the Sparta area and subsequently decides to vacate the Complex (WSC) prior to the end of the lease period.

Consultant Hampton first responded that there would be no proration of camping fees in that event but subsequently qualified his statement to the effect that after the first five (5) years if there is a death or disability in the family or if the ATA leaves for "cause" then, and in that event, he believes that we will be able to negotiate acceptable terms to the ATA membership. Mr. Hampton stated that this position is consistent with present negotiations that are in progress with Executive Director John R. Norris and Secretary G. Mike Seitz.

- **Illinois Director James Matteson** rose and requested information pertaining to lead and target debris and how the ATA is going to be protected, therefrom, so that we (ATA) don't have environmental issues (in Sparta) as presently exist in Vandalia.

Consultant Hampton advised that the State of Illinois by and through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be entirely responsible for lead and target debris and any other environmental issues that might be present or arise on the World Shooting Complex site. Mr. Hampton also referenced his earlier comments with regard to similar - if not the same - issues that he reviewed with the Directors.

Mike Hampton addressed the Directors and asked if there were any other questions or comments from the audience. There being none, Mr. Hampton encouraged the Directors to seek out any of the Illinois delegation to answer or clarify any further thoughts that might come to mind. He also encouraged the Directors to do some "soul searching" before the Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 14th. Their decision will directly impact the future viability of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America. Mr. Hampton also wanted it known that he will still be a Grand American attendee - and participant - whatever the decision is and wherever the Grand ultimately relocates.

Mr. Hampton reintroduced Jerry Beverlin, Director of the Land Management & Education Office (IDNR), and asked if he wanted to offer any concluding remarks to the ATA Directors. Mr. Beverlin acknowledged the invitation and returned to the podium and informed the Directors of the State of Illinois' great desire for the World Shooting Complex to be the new home of the ATA and the Grand American Tournament. He concluded by stating that the "bottom line" is, "if the Directors vote to relocate to the World Shooting Complex then contract and lease negotiations will begin in earnest."

Director Beverlin, on behalf of himself and all the Illinois representatives, thanked the Officers and Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association for their attention and kindness.

..... **The IDNR concluded their presentations at 20:42 Hrs.**

..... **President Thomas E. Acklin called a Recess as indicated (August 11, 2003) RECESS AT 20:42 HRS. (August 11, 2003) SPECIAL MEETING RESUMED AT 20:58 HRS. All Officers and Directors answered the Call at the resumption of the Meeting.**

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President Thomas E. Acklin introduced Nevada Director Linda Hand to review the letter proposal from the Clark County Shooting Park Committee, Las Vegas, Nevada. Upon taking the podium, Nevada Director Hand wanted it known that it is her desire to have the best decision made on behalf of the ATA, wherever that decision takes us. She will fully support the majority decision of the Board of Directors. She stated that presenting the Clark County Shooting Park Committee's proposal response was not her intention but due to the unavailability of any other committee members; she has accepted the responsibility.

Director Hand referenced many provisions from the letter proposal that has been submitted to the Directors, Officers and Executive Committee of the ATA.

[For clarification, Secretary G. Mike Seitz has included the complete text as follows]

To: **ATA Delegates**
Vandalia, Ohio
From: **Clark County Shooting Park Committee**
Las Vegas, Nevada

We are quite excited that the ATA is considering Las Vegas and our planned world class shooting facility as the new home of the "Grand American Event."

As most of you are aware, Las Vegas is known as the "Entertainment Capital of the World" and has approximately 35 million visitors annually. Las Vegas has an unlimited array of family entertainment. The city offers attractions like shopping, family shows, spas, amusement/water park and championship golf. You can also take a short trip and visit Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, the Grand Canyon or Mount Charleston. Since Las Vegas entertains over 100,000 visitors a day, you can find some of the best prices on airfare, any of the 125,000 hotel rooms, dining and entertainment.

The following is a brief description of the new facility:

- ~ **A \$30 million complex;**
- ~ **2,880 acre facility;**
- ~ **120 trap fields;**
- ~ **24 skeet fields;**
- ~ **60 covered armadas [shelter structures], approximately 15' X 25;'**
- ~ **4, 13 station sporting clay courses;**
- ~ **Long range rifle fields;**
- ~ **Pistol range;**
- ~ **2 Olympic bunker fields;**
- ~ **3-D archery course;**
- ~ **Archery target range;**
- ~ **Air gun facility;**
- ~ **Convention facility;**
- ~ **Necessary amenities for vendor buildings;**
- ~ **Walkways that are golf cart accessible;**
- ~ **Food facilities.**

Major points of progress made on this project:

- ~ **A 50 page conceptual design is complete, as well as an operations and management manual.**

[Secretary G. Mike Seitz has requested copies of the referenced 50 page conceptual design and the operations and management manuals in order to expedite the negotiation processes]

- We are expecting to receive the title from the BLM no later than early October. [Secretary G. Mike Seitz has, likewise, requested copies of the title to expedite the investigative and negotiation processes]
- Clark County has completed the first of several funding applications for \$15 million.
- \$500,000., has been raised with the help of Senator Reid and there is another million available if needed.

All worthwhile projects take time, thought and money. As you can see, we have a well thought out design and we have started the funding process. Senator Reid wants this park as bad as any shooter wants another chance at the one target they missed for a hundred straight.

Right now our biggest obstacle is time. If you choose our facility as the new home for your "Grand American Event," we are prepared to incorporate your organization's design requirements into our facility and can do it with no money from the ATA. Our request is that the time frame be adjusted in a manner that is agreeable to all parties. If time is of the essence, we are prepared to meet all event requirements and we would seek your organization's assistance in raising the funds.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to the opportunity to host the "Grand American Event" in Las Vegas.

This solicitation is endorsed by:

- /S/ Gary Reese, Mayor Pro-Tem
- /S/ Chuck Musser, Shooting Park Committee Chairman [Dated: August 08, 2003]
- /S/ John Lee, Shooting Park Financial Committee

Director Linda Hand informed the Directors that "it is hot in August and that we would probably want to consider moving the Grand American Tournament to September or October." Nevada Director Hand concluded her remarks with the following note: "Las Vegas is beautiful that time of the year."

At 21:03 Hrs., IN RE: QUESTIONS FROM THE DIRECTORATE

There were no questions raised by the Directors and Nevada Director Linda Hand thanked them for their attention and consideration. She further advised that she will keep all of the Directors advised of new developments as they occur with the Clark County project.

..... President Thomas E. Acklin called a Recess as indicated
 (August 11, 2003) RECESS AT 21:03 HRS.
 (August 11, 2003) SPECIAL MEETING RESUMED AT 21:12 HRS.
 All Officers and Directors answered the Call at the resumption of the Meeting.

Q At 21:13 Hrs., IN RE: Shelbyville, Indiana, Proposal/President Thomas E. Acklin

President Thomas E. Acklin advised that, due to his personal involvement with the entire Shelbyville/Shelby County investigatory process and development, "he will be presenting most of the proposal by himself." President Acklin acknowledged that Shelbyville and Shelby County, Indiana, are represented, tonight, by a delegation of prominent officials and interested members of the public. Mr. Dan Theobald, Executive Director of the Shelby County Development Corporation will address the Directors later in this presentation, advised President Acklin.

President Acklin began his PowerPoint presentation with a slide titled:

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A Member Owned World Class Venue

Developed for the Future of Trapshooting

What is Included in Site Development Cost

Site Grading	Water and Sewer
Roadways & Camping Sites	Earthworks
Utilities	Trapline Amenities
Buildings	Grass Seed
Parking Areas	Landscaping
Engineering	Power Distribution
Restrooms & Showers	Communications
Pavilions	Shoot-off Stadium

..... **PowerPoint Presentation Continued and Summarized As Follows:**

CAMPING

- Premium Camping Sites (30' X 50') with Water, Electric and Sewer (similar to **Area B**, in Vandalia);
- Standard Camping Sites (30' X 50') with Electric and Water (similar to **Area A** and **Area C**, with sewers available at a later date);
- When Fully Developed There is Sufficient Room for 1,000 Plus Camping Sites.

SHOOTING FACILITY

- 90 Trapfields (all one line) - on 90 Foot Centers;
- Expandable to 140 Traps (total) Using the Dual Line Concept;
- Labor Saving Pit Loading of Traps;
- All Sky Background;
- 6 Separate Practice Traps;
- Shoot-off Stadium with 10 Lighted Fields.

AMENITIES WITHIN 30 MINUTES OR LESS

- 6 Motels Just 7 Minutes Away. 8 More Motels 15 Minutes Away;
- More Than 4,000 Motel Rooms Within 30 minutes;
- Over 75 Restaurants;
- Indianapolis Airport is 30 Minutes Away;
- 6 Miles from I-74 and 15 Miles from I-70;
- 25 Minutes to Downtown Indianapolis;
- Zoos and Museums;
- Amusement Parks;
- Shopping;
- Family Entertainment;
- Historic Sites;
- Major League Sports.

WHAT WILL IT COST TO DEVELOP THE SITE WITH LAND AND TRAP LINE COSTS INCLUDED?:

\$11,359,000.00

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LAND COST (1,142 ACRES):

\$ 4,085,000.00

**TOTAL PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION COSTS
FOR
TRAPFIELDS AND CAMPING SITES AND SUPPORT BUILDINGS:**

\$13,879,000.00

THE FUNDING SIDE (HARD MONEY)

—	Sale of ATA Vandalia Property	
	Estimated Net Subsequent to Environmental Remediation:	\$ 1,500,000.00
—	Land Contingency Fund and Relocation Fund:	\$ 1,425,000.00
—	Governmental Assistance (Shelbyville & Shelby County, IN): *	<u>\$ 5,100,000.00</u>
	* [Requires moving the ATA office to Shelby County (for TIF financing purposes). It is anticipated that the Trapshooting Hall of Fame will move to the location of the Grand American]	
—	TOTAL FUNDING:	<u>\$ 8,025,000.00</u>

SO WHAT'S THE DEAL?

—	Projected Total Cost:	\$13,879,000.00
—	Projected Funding:	<u>\$ 8,025,000.00</u>
—	Short-Fall:	<u>(\$ 5,872,000.00)</u>

SHORT FALL CAN BE FUNDED BY VARIOUS MEANS ...

WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

- A Capital Funding Drive;
- Member or Organization Donated Trapfields;
- Corporate Support;
- Further Governmental Support;
- Prepaid 550 Camping Sites;
(More to be built if leased sites are over-subscribed)
- Prepaid Leasing of Vendor Buildings;
- Major Donors - Individual or Corporate;
- Support from You ... the Members of the Board of Directors;
- Hard Work on the Part of Your Executive Committee.

POTENTIAL WAYS TO FUND THE SHORT-FALL

ENACT A BUILDING FUND FEE

- Add \$1.00 per Day to Daily Fee;
- Net Effect Could Raise \$400,000., per Year;
- Put in Effect for a Period of 5 Years Would Raise \$2,100,000.
(Close to what we need to cover the short-fall).

ADDITIONAL FUNDING CONCEPTS

- Enact a per Day Homegrounds Construction Fee (Grand American Tournament, only);
- Example of Revenue ...
~ 25,000 Individual Daily Participants Times \$10.00 Will Generate \$250,000., per Year to Reduce the Debt Service.

MEMBER BONDS

- Sell Registered Bonds to Members;
- Paid Off (Down) Over 20 Year Period by Lot.
(Several states have done this with satisfactory results).

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

- Sell Naming Rights;
- Sell Parking Spots on the Trapline(s);
- Long Term Debt.
 (President Acklin read a letter indicating the terms and conditions under which National City Bank, Shelbyville, Indiana, would be willing to extend the needed credit extensions up to an amount of Four Million (\$4,000,000.) Dollars).

ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES

- Recreational Vehicle Shows and Company Sponsored Rallies;
- A Handicap World Series;
- A National State and Industrial Team Shoot;
- PVA/ATA National Championships.

OTHER POTENTIAL EVENTS

- Local Events: Hot Air Balloon Festivals, Equine Events, Field Trials, FMCA (Family Motor Coach Association);
- Other Association Rally(ies);
- State of the Art Teaching Facility;
- Proposed Youth Instructional Summer Camp;
- Women’s Instructional Shooting Clinic

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

LAND AND SITE PREPARATION	Alternate Config. 90 Trapfields
Land Purchase	\$ 4,085,000.
Permits and Fees	\$ 100,000.
Engineering and Construction Administration	\$ 500,000.
NPDES Permit	\$ 500,000.
Land Disturbance Permit	\$ 50,000.
Erosion Control (Ponds)	\$ 250,000.
Erosion Control (Silt Fence & Grassing)	\$ 420,000.
Site Grading (Firing Line)	\$ 672,000.
Site Grading (Camping Areas)	\$ 178,000.
Site Grading (Administration Area)	\$ 105,000.
Construct Firing Line	\$ See Below
Campground Construction, w/Full Hook-Ups	\$ See Below
On Site Roadway Construction	\$ 459,000.
Electrical Distribution	\$ 375,000.
On Site Lighting	\$ 125,000.
Potable Water Distribution	\$ 224,000.
Sanitary Sewer (Line Work)	\$ 360,000.
Sanitary Sewer (Disposal)	\$ 270,000.
Site Storm Drainage (Piping and Structures)	\$ 121,500.

Fencing	\$ 180,000.
Sidewalks and Walkways	\$ 200,000.
Landscaping and Site Grassing	\$ 650,000.
Miscellaneous Equipment (Maintenance, etc.)	\$ 300,000.
..... SUBTOTAL	\$ 10,124,500.
BUILDINGS	
Central Entry Building (CEB)	\$ 462,000.
Shell House	\$ 285,000.
Comfort Stations	\$ 262,500.
Warehouse/Grounds Maintenance	\$ 225,000.
..... SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,234,500.
Total Cost of Construction and Land without Firing Line and Campsites	\$ 11,359,000.
FIRING LINE CONSTRUCTION	
90 Fields @ \$15,000., per Field	\$ 1,350,000.
CAMPGROUND CONSTRUCTION	
650 Sites @ \$1,800., per Site at Cost	\$ 1,170,000.
Total Cost of Construction as Turn Key Ops.	\$ 13,879,000.
HARD FUNDING SOURCES	
Shelbyville and Shelby County	\$ 5,100,000.
Anticipated Proceeds from ATA Property Sale	\$ 1,500,000.
Land Contingency and Relocation Funds	\$ 1,400,000.
Total Hard Funding	\$ 8,000,000.
Presumed Deficit	(\$ 5,879,000.)
Examples and Means of Deficit Funding	
75 Trap Sponsorships @ \$15,000.	\$ 1,125,000.
150 Premium Camping Leases @ \$5,000./10 yr.	\$ 750,000.
400 Standard Camping Leases @ \$3,000./10 yr.	\$ 1,200,000.
ATA Membership Donations	\$ 500,000.
Proposed Deficit with Examples Included	(\$ 2,304,000.)

At 21:30 Hrs., IN RE: **QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTORATE AND OTHER INVITED SPEAKERS**

- **Question from the Directorate (Not Identified)**

Are the trap machines included in the proposed cost structure?

President Thomas E. Acklin responded that the costs of the trap machines are included in the proposed numbers as presented.

- **Georgia Director James Mitchell [Alternate Delegate]** asked if we “can get by on a ninety (90) field trap layout.

President Thomas E. Acklin advised that he believes that we can adequately service a Grand American on ninety (90) fields but that we would have to make adjustments in squadding procedures and perhaps starting times will need to be enforced more stringently. But, “it is doable,” he concluded.

- **Connecticut Director T.K. Ford** was recognized and questioned the field layout(s) with respect to dual line concepts and if such scenarios were taken into consideration. The Connecticut Director also stated that, if such dual line scenarios were taken into consideration, “what are the financial impact(s) of the dual line” concept(s).

President Thomas E. Acklin responded by reviewing several additional site scenarios and depictions that indicated numerous approaches to a split line and also a dual line concept that would be suitable if the land is used that lays both north and south of CR 750. The President advised that one (1) of his favored site scenarios ... favored a dual line ... conceptually having approximately seventy five (75) trap fields north of CR 750 and approximately twenty six (26) south of CR 750. Both lines would have the same sky background and would be easily accessed by the membership and line personnel during any scheduled shoots including the Grand American.

President Acklin also presented an aerial photo detailing a split line concept that has been ‘floated’ with the Directors and membership on prior occasions. The split concept would be necessitated due to the fact that the Batton property is still not reasonably acquirable. Negotiations with the sole heir (Jack Thomas) of the Mary Charles property are on hold pending the final decision of the Board of Directors. The President indicated that he is reasonably certain that similar purchase arrangements can be made with Jack Thomas that would mirror the offers to purchase that have been effected by Rampart Properties, LLC, on behalf of the ATA. President Acklin reminded the Directors that the three (3) “in hand offers to purchase” are - and always have been - contingent upon the final acceptance and approval of the Board of Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association.

The President noted that “due to the complexity of presenting estimated construction numbers for other alternative approaches,” he believes that it is adequate for these presentations to note that “they will - by their nature - be more expensive.” He further noted that, if the other options are ultimately approved, “we will have to expand our operations as we can afford them, subsequent to the purchase of the Shelbyville site.”

The President concluded his remarks by stating that “the cost figures are - and remain - flexible for the line configurations as ultimately chosen.”

- **President Thomas E. Acklin** introduced Jack Gray, P.E., and advised that Engineer Gray offered to make himself available to discuss the cost figures that his engineering firm and that of John L. Maxwell, P.E., prepared in cooperation with each other.

Engineer Gray stated that most of the Directors in the audience know him from his many years of service to the ATA as Chairman, and member, of the ATA Target Setting Committee. He has always been a devoted ATA member and considers his present pursuits, on behalf of the ATA, as “priority number 1.”

Engineer Gray advised that "the site (Shelbyville) has numerous site acceptabilities that make this selection very favorable." The only construction site variables are:

1. site work, and
2. storm work.

The remaining construction expenditures are fixed costs and therefore are easily determinable (which he has done for these presentation purposes). Engineer Gray emphasized that total costs will be between \$8.5 to \$11.0 million dollars. His personal recommendation - with respect to the camping area - is to make certain that the camping area is self-financing. "Don't build them unless you have pre-sold them with dollar commitments in hand," concluded Engineering Consultant Jack Gray.

- **Indiana Director R. Scott Norris** requested clarification as to the actual funding short-fall of the total construction activities, including land acquisition, less hard money estimates and reasonable contributions and presales.

President Thomas E. Acklin stated that "in his best belief that the short-fall, assuming a reasonable response from our membership and vendors, is \$2.3 million dollars."

- **New Hampshire Director Phillip C. Wright** rose and requested recognition while walking to the microphone to address the Directors. Director Wright found it necessary to augment the Indiana presentation and to make certain that the Directors were not lacking in the necessary information to make an informed decision. Director Wright noted - with apparent passion - that it is the duty of all ATA Directors to consider the various and complex fact scenarios and to make a logical - not sentimental - decision on what is best for the future of the ATA and our trapshooting sport. To further that self-imposed responsibility, Director Phillip C. Wright offered the following items and/or issues for continued thought prior to the Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday (August 14, 2003):

U The Directors must remain aware that the current Shelbyville proposal is based on ninety (90) fields, only. It is his opinion that ninety (90) fields will not adequately service the number of shooters at what we have come to know as a typical Grand American Tournament.

U Shelbyville, Indiana, remains on Eastern Standard Time - not Daylight Savings Time, throughout the year. We will loose an hour of shooting daylight (time) during the Grand American Tournament. Director Wright stated that he does not feel that we can successfully encourage the shooters to begin an hour earlier at 07:00 or 07:30 (local Shelbyville time - "it will get darker one hour earlier each day"). To him, it strongly appears that we will loose approximately one (1) hour of shooting time each day - which, "when coupled with ninety (90) traps ... is crucial."

[Subsequent Disclosure: Ex-Officio and New Hampshire Director Wright offered the following information to buttress his preceding statement(s):

Sunset (local time as indicated) on August 15, 2006 is as follows -

Vandalia, Ohio	8:34 P.M.
Shelbyville, Indiana	7:42 P.M.
Sparta, Illinois	7:53 P.M.]

U The Budget as just depicted provides no construction contingency for cost overruns and the like." Director Wright does not feel that a project of this magnitude will proceed so smoothly as not to have some unforeseen difficulties or circumstances arise that will not require more money to resolve. "It just does not appear reasonable," stated Director Wright.

President Thomas E. Acklin acknowledged that the contingency provisions had been eliminated in order to make the presentations more affordable. He stated that he will request that Engineer Gray elaborate on the reasons why the contingency line items were eliminated, subsequent to Director Wright's comments.

U We (the ATA membership) have no concept as to what we are going to loose when (if) we locate to this proposed facility. By necessity, the "taken for granted" amenities will not be included in this new venue (i.e., adequate camping, parking, general locker rooms for the

ATA membership, no special meeting rooms, no delegate rooms, etc.) until they can be reasonably financed and constructed. 835

U New Hampshire Director Wright continued by stating that he finds it “difficult to comprehend” 836
how we can consider entertaining the construction of less camping sites at this proposed 837
location. We currently have approximately six hundred twenty (620) available sites in Areas 838
A, B & C, plus what is utilized in the Primitive Area [approximately 178 campers this year]. 839
And, we still turn away hundreds of applicants. To him, it is not reasonable to enter into any 840
venture where we provide less camping for our membership. We need to encourage the 841
membership to attend - not discourage them. Director Wright strongly feels that entering 842
into this proposed project with the idea of only constructing those campsites that are pre- 843
sold is just an invitation to increased costs after the program has been incepted. The 844
demand for camping will be there in spite of pre-sales and we most probably will have to 845
respond. 846

**New Hampshire Director and Ex-Officio Phillip C. Wright thanked President Acklin 847
and the Directors for the opportunity to state his opinions for the good of the 848
Amateur Trapshooting Association. 849**

- **Iowa Director Phil Thyer** sought recognition and requested clarification as to the proposed short- 850
fall. He has observed short-fall numbers between a low of \$2.3 million and a high of some \$6.5 851
million. He is confused as to “how we can have such a spread after all of this investigation.” 852
*President Thomas E. Acklin acknowledged that “juggling such 853
numbers” has been an ongoing and vexing problem. It basically boils 854
down to how much you think the ATA membership is willing to commit 855
to in the terms of direct financial assistance and how devoted they will 856
be to the fund raising efforts that will be needed if Shelbyville is the 857
chosen site. 858*

- **Dan Theobald, Executive Director, of Shelby County Economic Corporation** was invited to 859
address the Directors on behalf of Shelbyville and Shelby County, Indiana. Executive Director 860
Theobald expressed his desire that none - in the audience - “leave this room without the distinct 861
impression that Shelbyville and Shelby County are committed to attracting the ATA” to their 862
communities. They have gone to great lengths, and expense, to make an ownership site available 863
for the Amateur Trapshooting Association. “The Shelbyville and Shelby County commitment will 864
continue into the future ... we will - all - be good friends and neighbors,” stated Mr. Theobald. To 865
emphasize their interest, Executive Director Theobald introduced approximately seventeen (17) 866
local politicians, dignitaries and individuals that were in attendance to support the Shelbyville 867
proposal. “All of our major elected officials, including Indiana State Senator Bob Jackman, Indiana 868
State Representative Luke Messer, Shelbyville Mayor Frank Zerr, Shelby County Council President 869
Orville Branson, Shelbyville Police Chief Kehrt Etherton and Shelby County Sheriff Tom DeBaun, 870
are in attendance,” stated Executive Director Theobald. Continuing, Mr. Theobald added that they 871
will be in attendance - at various times - throughout the Tournament and including Thursday’s 872
Annual Meeting, in order to address any issues or concerns that the Directors care to address with 873
them. 874
Executive Director Dan Theobald, on behalf of Shelbyville and Shelby County, thanked the ATA 875
Directors for their consideration and support. 876

- **President Thomas E. Acklin** advised that he would like to reintroduce **Jack Gray, P.E.**, to clarify 877
the ‘contingency’ issue (that was raised by New Hampshire Director Phillip C. Wright) prior to 878
closing the meeting. President Acklin prefaced the introductions by noting the reason for removing 879
the contingency cost provisions from his proposed Budget were due to the contract scenarios that 880
Engineer Gray will explain. 881
Engineer Gray took the podium and briefly explained the contractual concepts of “guaranteed 882
maximum pricing.” In essence, it is a contract methodology whereby the invited contractors bid, 883
by using a pre-approved set of plans, and guarantee (both contractually and via surety bonding) 884
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that the premises buildings and site improvements will be constructed in their entirety and at the determined bid maximum.

Upon concluding his remarks and presentation, President Thomas E. Acklin asked if either of the Relocation Committee Co-Chairs would like to speak to the Directors. Co-Chair Ben L. Henson, Enterprise, Oregon, deferred comments and stated that Co-Chair Bradford has been authorized to speak on his behalf. Co-Chair and Past President Bradford approached and assumed the podium and thanked the remaining Relocation Committee members, Thomas G. Burkey and G. Mike Seitz for their many hours of service to the Relocation Committee and the ATA. Co Chair Bradford also stated that he would be remiss not to recognize the efforts of Executive Director John R. Norris and Engineer Consultants, John L. Maxwell, P.E., and Jack Gray, P.E.

Co-Chair Bradford began by stating that he was “not there to tout one site over the other.” He reminded those present that “we are a non-profit organization and we do not generate a lot of cash.” His strong admonition is to adhere to the ATA’s Certificate of Existence and observe the proviso ... “is this what I would do if this was my business?” The Directors are charged with a fiduciary obligation to serve the best interests of the Corporation - at all times and places.

Co-Chair Bradford briefly summarized all of the sites that have been considered and/or visited over the prior three (3) years. He noted that a “most impressive amount of time and effort” has been expended by the Relocation and Executive Committees in attempting to perform their fiduciary obligations to our fine Organization. He asked the Directors to “decide which proposal (location) fits us best ... you need to determine a long term fix ... not short term.”

Co-Chair and Past President Bradford finished his remarks by noting that he has appreciated the opportunity - and has been honored - to serve the Directors and membership through his tenure with the Relocation Committee. Co-Chair Bradford concluded by noting that the “process has been burdensome, at times,” but he “will continue his efforts and remain positive for the betterment of the Amateur Trapshooting Association and its members.”

President Thomas E. Acklin thanked Co-Chair and Past President Bradford for his positive remarks and thoughtful comments. The President also advised the Directors that the various financial issues pertinent to relocation have been referred to the Real Property Advisory Committee in harmony with Article X of the ATA By-Laws. Their written response will be provided to the Directors prior to the start of the Annual Meeting on Thursday (August 14, 2003) evening.

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ADJOURNMENT

FOR THE GOOD OF THE AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION, President Thomas E. Acklin, renewed his call for the presentation of further business, singularly pertinent to Relocation issues, with no response, and subsequent to reviewing the Meeting Agenda and polling the Board of Directors; it was determined that there was no further business to properly come before the Board of Directors at this Special Meeting, and upon the Motion of Connecticut Director T.K. Ford with second of Montana Director Dan Daniels and with unanimous concurrence of all Board Members present, this Special Meeting was adjourned at 22:15 Hrs., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), August 11, 2003.

Respectfully submitted:

Certification:

I, G. Mike Seitz, Corporate Secretary, of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America and recording for the Board of Directors, hereby certify that the foregoing Minute Record is substantially accurate and complete, subject to edification of the Board of Directors as a whole.

The undersigned, duly appointed Secretary of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America, further certifies:

" Notice of this Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America, held on August 11, 2003, at Vandalia, Ohio, was properly given.

" At this Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America, a quorum was constituted in accordance with said Notice.

By:  Secretary
G. Mike Seitz
Amateur Trapshooting Association of America



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