

ILLINOIS TARGET ARCHERY ASSOCIATION (ITAA)
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2016 at
CHICAGO BOW HUNTERS (BOLINGBROOK, IL)

List of Attendees:

Brent Harmon (BH); Tony Kaap (TK); Demetrio Mascarenas (DM); Kathy Miller (KM);
Randy Rutledge (RR); Gabe Querol (GQ); Dennis Timpanaro (DT)

Agenda

Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes from 2015 Summer Meeting
Interim Financial Report
New Business
 Bids for 2016 ITAA Summer Celebration
 Bids for 2016 ITAA Outdoor State Championship
 Date for 2017 ITAA JOAD Indoor Championship
 Dates for 2017 ITAA Indoor Championship (North/South)
Open Forum

6:36 p.m. Convene on TK motion

Agenda: approved on GQ motion, DT second

Minutes: 2016 Summer Meeting Minutes approved on GQ motion, DT second

Finances: GQ presents interim financial report, primarily Indoor Championship and estimates, without current bank statement, declaring as of 2/6 ITAA has \$10,082.91, which is slightly up (~\$800) from last year due to improved turnout at tournaments, but USAA rebates down. GQ theorizes that youth division new membership “flattening” accounts for this shortfall. GQ suggests that recent one-time expenditures were worthwhile and awards are better. GQ avers that overall ITAA is on a “sound track” financially. GQ mentions Restatement of USAA 3Q rebate, anticipated 4Q rebate and Town Hall deposit. TK stresses continued increase in quality of awards or other wise use of fees, or just reduce entry fees. DT wonders about cost comparison of recent awards. GQ states award expenditure up 50%. RR declares that ITAA took over donated awards. DT seeks feedback on backdrop, banners and awards. Financial Report approved on DT motion, RR second.

New Business Discussion Period:

First Topic: 2016 ITAA Summer Games Celebration/Site

TK sets forth bid from Strictly for the new event in June. GQ wonders if Strictly needs help. TK wants to ensure that they have an appropriate level of staffing. DT asks after any prior experience of Strictly in hosting events. TK opines that Strictly is a good venue for a new format, and that Strictly is expanding to site borrowed from the Park District. RR wants to keep a handle on the event all things considered. GQ forwards ITAA oversight for event. TK wants ITAA to reserve such right, and DT suggests qualifying bids with having hosted previously a low-level event. RR doubles down and wants to stay on top of preparation, with occasional meetings between stakeholders. TK wants formal contracts to go along with newly-formalized bidding process. RR wants to ensure formality does not preclude awarded bidder from feeling comfortable approaching ITAA for assistance. TK mentions vendors as another facet. TK calls for an up/down vote on Strictly as site for 2016 ITAA Summer Games Celebration on 6/25-26, accepted on GQ motion, DT second, unanimous AYE.

TK introduces idea of having the event recognized by USOC as an official Olympic Day. TK states that he submitted application to USOC from KM's information.

Second Topic: 2016 ITAA Outdoor Championship/Site

TK announces Chicagoland JOAD/Mission bid at Mooseheart, and that Strictly also bid with the idea of serving as an emergency back-up site. Chicagoland JOAD/Mission bid accepted on GQ motion, DT second, unanimous AYE. RR cautions to not move date.

Third Topic: 2017 ITAA JOAD Indoor Championship/2017 ITAA Indoor Championship

GQ questions about holding before Vegas. TK highlights the downside of too much, too soon. BH inquires as to takeaway from 2016 event and potential for splitting 18M/25M weekends before deciding on dates. RR counters that too many tournaments already, so keep on single weekend. DT ponders how to improve event then and 25M capacity. RR sets forth plan, pending refinements, of scheduling 2 archers every 13 minutes and grouping classes, suggesting that overall it is a registration issue. TK seeks to block off Friday for additional 18M lines. TK presents 1/14-15 for 2017 ITAA JOAD, 1/28-29 for downstate 2017 ITAA Indoor, and 2/3-5 for upstate 2017 ITAA Indoor. Dates approved on DT motion, GQ second, unanimous AYE, except RR who opposes dates on principle.

Open Discussion Period:

GQ backdrop at ITAA tournaments was good. DM thought awards display was commendable. RR believes that ITAA could do tremendously better with awards, especially given entry fee increase. TK wants to form a Competition Committee, and admits that wires were crossed for recent events. RR reiterates suggestion that host club and ITAA meet (face to face) at times before event. TK thought

feedback on events was overall positive. RR strongly encourages more spending on kids' awards. RR asks if KM can revisit Indoor WA Combined Round rule or have Mark Miller reinvestigate. TK declares that he contacted Sheri Rhodes, National Event Manager of USA Archery, who in turn contacted World Archery seeking a clarification on combined round order, which contact being the first step in having it amended.

TK and RR raised in February in conversations the idea of an ITAA Competition Committee. RR ponders how to ensure quality of event and management of logistics, especially for outdoor events, and contemplates guidelines. TK stresses scale of events, and that ITAA Competition Committee might be static or evolving of members or non-members. RR wants regular meetings as necessary with host club and a clear contract of responsibilities. GQ considers implementation of an ITAA Competition Committee to be valid only if done sooner rather than later. TK volunteers Tom Havel, RR volunteers and BH volunteers, with the understanding that TH/RR/BH correspond within the next two weeks in order to have a plan in place by April for oversight of Strictly and the 2016 ITAA Summer Games Celebration in June. TK moves for a vote to form ITAA Competition Committee of BH/TH/RR, unanimous AYE.

TK mentions discussions with Lori Janiec about an email list of stakeholders from each club in order to look ahead for purposes of coordination and solicitation of volunteers to help with new clubs and their events as necessary. RR recollects bi-annual Northeast Illinois meeting. TK mentions possible "Welcome Package" for new USAA JOAD clubs.

TK revisits expanding the board to include a parent or two in order to get their perspective. RR counters that they are always welcome to come so no need is being addressed by expansion.

DT broaches end of tournament survey. TK mentions possible inclusion in newsletter. BH advises rather not waiting so long post-event to solicit feedback.

TK brings up the ITAA By-Laws and reactivating them. GQ wants board to vote on bids. TK wants to weight clubs over shops, cautions on prospect of sites being voted in en masse by partisans, and ensuring bid award based on income need versus buying an event.

RR wants to know about what is the plan for the money in the bank.

GQ wonders about new registration system. TK admits shortcomings of current system and not modern enough, and advises that ArcheryEvents is being tested for 2016 ITAA Collegiate Indoor Championship, with further experimenting to follow in order to bring ITAA into realm of modern commerce and introduce additional functionality.

8:08 p.m. Adjourn on DT motion, GQ second.