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Minutes of Sept, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Peter at 6:25 p.m. in the home of Peter Henschel, Lincoln, CA.

Roll call:

Present at meeting, President Peter Henschel, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Bob Conover, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. James Garbolino, Secretary/Treasurer Sydney Myers, Director at Large Sherree Worrell, Past President, Leland Myers, Jr., Jim Boatman, Rob Charny, Fred Farnsworth, Warren Price, Marc Valencia.

Excused: Don Black, Karen Blackman, Ernie Blattner

Absent: Steve Bjork, Phil Hall, and Jack Simoni.

**Minutes (0:1:50)**

Leland Myers, Jr. moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was second by James Garbolino.

Minutes approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report: (0:2:14)**

Checkbook balance as of May 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	\$42,479.47
Checkbook balance as of Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	\$36,381.01
Liabilities: (Charles Humberger Estate)	\$10,000.00
Available funds:	\$26,381.01

Future costs are:

Series Awards expenses

Jim Boatman asked about any returned checks. Sydney explained that there had been two from the State Shoot and that one check had been paid along with the returned check fee. There was still one check that has not replied to the letter mailed to them. The account is still open and Sydney will check on the funds the first of the month to redeposit the check at that time. The discussion then turned to what we can do to collect the returned check fee. We can send a letter to P.I.T.A., A.T.A., C.G.S.T.A. and clubs to let them know that funds have not been paid for the returned check and that the shooter should then be suspended until they do pay the balance owed. A copy of the letter will then be mailed to the shooter.

**(0:10:25)** Sydney then discussed what she had found on investing the Charles Humberger money. With the US Bank they said that a money market account only pays .30% which would only give us \$30.00 after one year. With a CD the US Bank can get a higher interest rate. With their CD's and that when the CD has matured the Bank then puts the funds into an interest account and will leave it there until we tell them what we want done with the funds. Most other CDs only give you a 10 day grace period. Since we have not invested this money in June of 2008 there would not be as much interest earned on the money by the time we reach the State Shoot of 2009 and Sydney suggested that we add some money from the general funds to help kick start the funds to use for the youths at the State Shoot.

Leland Myers, Jr. asked how we would use these funds for the youth shooters. There had not been a decision as to what we would do. There had been some discussion on using the interest money to pay the entry fees for the juniors at the State Shoot. Another way to use the money would be to use it as a scholarship for the juniors. Sydney then said that she would not want to see what happened at the P.I.T.A. when they first started out. The juniors were handed the money and then they spent in on whatever they wanted and it was not for school. Sydney did mention that the local V.F.W. in Fortuna would give the recipient a certificate that they could turn in along with a receipt from the collage or trade school. At that time the V.F.W. would sent them the scholarship money that they had been awarded. Marc Valencia commented on the way that this is handled by the colleges and that he believed that it would be easy to keep track up. Marc stated that maybe we should put the money into an interest bearing account and do something throughout the year to kick start this program to build it up. We then may have one or two scholarships and after 5 years and the interest earned would pay for the scholarships. James Garbolino asked if the money was given to us with a special request that the money be used for something special. Sydney said that she thought it was for preserving our shooting rights. James felt that there are legal issues in the use of this money. James agreed with Marc that if we started giving scholarships now looking at the age of the kids now, 13, 14, that the money would be in an interest account and in a few years the interest would be compounding we could be in a situation that we would have more money than we thought. At some time we could even do a fund raiser. Rob Charny would like to see the wording on this money. The wording needs to be reviewed. Sydney did contact the attorneys and asked if we would be audited when we used the money from the estate and the response was no. Sydney felt that we needed to look at what we wanted to do and then make sure that our verbiage worked for what we wanted. James felt that Charles had a specific use for the money and that we should use it in the spirit that he intended. Sherree felt that we could attach Charles name to whatever we do. Peter Henschel asked if we should have a committee to work on the Estate and how to handle it. James Garbolino and Marc Valencia will work on together on how we should award the scholarships. This needs to be worked out. Sydney gave Marc a copy of the Y.E.S. guidelines as a reference. Peter asked that a copy of the Humberger estate be sent to James and Marc. Sydney will mail a copy to Rob, Marc, Peter and James. James asked if the kids eligible for a scholarship should be a P.I.T.A. member. Sherree said that they should be and a California resident. Peter Henschel asked that the \$10,000.00 be put into a CD at the highest rate we can get that is secure. The one request that everyone had was that it be FDIC secured.

**(0:29:52)** Sydney passed out two reports on Series Awards 2007 and 2008. This was requested by the Series Chair Bob Conover so that he could see our income and expenses. On both reports it shows that the Series does not pay for itself, but, it was never set up so that it would.

**(0:33:55)** Sydney handed out a report for the 2008 State Shoot. The report shows all the Income/Expenses broken down by categories. This information is for all the directors to review.

Jim Boatman motioned that we accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Seconded by Warren Price.

**Communications: (0:37:55)**

Peter Henschel had an invoice from the Web Master to be paid. Peter asked Rob Charny when this was originally set up we used two names. Peter wanted to know if we could eliminate one of the names. Rob said that we will need to use both at this time and the next time we will be able drop one of the names. Sydney Myers is to pay this invoice.

Leland Myers reminded everyone that he had mailed information from P.I.T.A. on due dates and new P.I.T.A. fees. Leland said that he would continue to pass on communications from the P.I.T.A. as he received them.

**Committee Reports: (0:41:45)**

There are no reports at this time. Peter Henschel asked for directors to Chair and directors to work on committees.

Peter talked about Series Awards and trophies. Bob Conover has a call into Tilden Trophies. Sydney recommended that they also contact Champion Awards and make sure that the request is identical for each trophy company. Jim Boatman asked if Bob had a budget yet. There was not a budget set up. The cost of gold seemed to be a stumbling block. Jim Boatman motioned that a budget of \$4,000.00 be used for the trophy budget. Leland Myers seconded. James Garbolino asked if we are going to subsidize the Series Awards trophies by approximately \$1,700.00. This is in addition to the income that we have already received for this event. Jim Boatman explained how the Series Awards was setup. Peter Henschel reminded everyone that the By-Laws said that we were to promote shooting and the only two events are the Series Awards Shoot and the State Shoot. Motion was approve for the \$4,000.00 to be spent on the Series Awards trophies. There was one ostentation.

Leland Myers, Jr., talked about that we need to be going to businesses and other ad or sponsors now. Business have their budgets already figured out buy January of each year. We do not have a ways and means committee and in the past it was the program committee that did this. Leland felt that everyone could work on this. Sydney Myers has given Sherree a list of past sponsors and advertisers. Sydney also said that there are some trophy sponsors that want to sponsor certain trophies. That is okay but it would be okay to just ask for a monetary donation. Sydney asked that directors contact her and she will then keep track of who will be contacting who. Leland talked about trophy sponsorships. We need to start now and we need to ask others to sponsor trophies that have not done so. Jim Boatman stated that we should not forsake the donor sponsorships. This gives us more support and sponsors feel really good in helping. Sydney asked that we talk to the Clubs that we are shooting at. The Clubs should be participating in the trophies, Del Norte and Eel River and Livermore have always supported the trophy package. Leland said that he would help in putting together a letter to go to all the clubs for this. Rob Charny our webmaster said that we could list out sponsors and advertisers on the website for the year. Sydney talked about having three to four categories for sponsors. Each category would be for certain dollar amount donations. Sydney and Sherree will work on what the categories could be called and for how much money.

(1:06:45) Peter Henschel has selected a Director at Large. Sherree Worrell

**Old Business: (1:07:08)**

Central rules and handicap, rule proposals from the Grand Pacific

Jim Boatman went over all the proposals to let us know which ones passed and which ones failed.

CA1: failed, CA2: failed, Hi1: passed, OR1: passed, OR2: passed, OR3: failed, WA1: passed, WA2: withdrawn, WA3: passed. Jim Boatman felt that we should have Jim Garbolino look at rewriting the WA2 proposal re: returned checks and resubmit this with the correct wording.

**C.S.T.A Memberships (1:17:35)** Peter Henschel said that we had a proposal to restructure our membership fees. Leland Myers, Jr. asked what we would do with all of our life members. Peter Henschel said that Life Members by default would still be Life Members. The newer Life Members can have their fee prorated and refund the unused years. This would be for Life Members that have paid Life Member fees during the past ten years. Peter said that we would be eliminating the \$5.00 yearly membership fee and the \$1.00 per day per shooter for the series shoots. We would be increasing the daily target fee from .01 cents to .02 cents per target. Peter had questions about how our delegate count would be figured if we do not charge membership fees. It was explained that it is figured on the number of P.I.T.A. memberships that are residents of California. There was discussion about keeping the Series Daily fee or not. It was decided not to keep it. Jim Boatman brought up that the one problem that we will have is the way that the shoot programs are printed. It is misleading to the shooters if not written correctly. Jim Boatman talked about in 1988 the Grand Pacific was held in Stockton. It was voted on to buy an annuity or retirement program for the executive secretary who at that time was Dick Stoner. How it was financed was up to the executive committee. So they put \$1.00 per shoot to go towards this. California lost approx. 25% to 30% of their shooters, and this was when they use to have 100 to 150 shooters a day. This was due to the way that this was sold to the shooters. Leland thought that maybe this should be decided at the General Meeting and put it into the shooters lap. Peter said that in the By-laws it was up to the directors to determine the fees. Sydney feels that we as directors should be talking to the shooters when they are handicapped. Peter stated that once we eliminate the state membership fee we will also eliminate the cost of printing up membership forms and stickers.

Bob Conover motioned that we drop the State Membership fee and drop the Series Daily fee and change the Daily fee to .02 cents a target. We also need to instruct the clubs on the presentation of that .02 cents per target. It was then recommended that we generate a half page flyer that can be given to the shooter this then goes with the shooter. We also need to generate a half page explanation about the no membership and the daily fees that can go into the clubs programs. Leland seconded the motion. He also stated that the make or break will be how we present this. Motion passed.

(1:40:06) Discussion of how do we deal with the Life Memberships. There are probably less than twenty that have signed up over the past ten years. Shooters that have been life members for ten years or more they would not be eligible for a refund. Refund would go to shooters that have been life members for less than 10 years. Warren Price talked about what Livermore went through when they ended Life Memberships. There would no longer be a life membership status for the shooter. C.S.T.A. is not looking to take the title of Life

Member away from the shooters. Sydney read a section of the C.S.T.A. By-laws that relates to memberships. It tells us that the Directors set the membership fees. James Garbolino asked how you would become a C.S.T.A. member. At the time a California resident joins the P.I.T.A. they would then automatically be a member of the C.S.T.A... The question then came up as to do we have to change any part of the By-laws. If so we would then have to wait until the General Meeting. James Garbolino then read Article III Memberships Section 1 "This association shall be composed of any individual who may become a member upon such terms and conditions as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors". With this we would not need to make a change to the By-laws. Jim Boatman talked about contacting the Life Members and asking them if they want a refund or if they would like to donate it to the C.S.T.A... He also talked about having a plaque made up with the Life Members names listed.

**(1:52:07)** Jim Boatman motioned "that we make the C.S.T.A. membership fee be taken to \$0.00, and that the shooter must be a resident of California and a current member of the P.I.T.A. member and will then automatically become a member of the C.S.T.A.". Bob Conover seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jim Boatman motioned that "Life Members newer then 10 years will be contacted and asked if they would like to donate the remainder of their money to go towards a Life Member plaque". Leland Myers, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Life Member plaque can possibly travel from State Shoot to State Shoot. Details can be worked out later.

Rob Charny asked if a shooter asked if they could be a Life Member, how would be handle it. Rob wanted to know if there was any value in being a Life Member. The answer was no. So we will not promote Life Membership to the C.S.T.A.

Jim Boatman will be putting a list together and making calls or sending Life Members a letter.

**(2:03:43)** Leland and Peter will be putting a letter together to give to the clubs on how to handle the C.S.T.A. daily fees that will be .02 cents per target starting Nov. 1, 2008 and about the memberships and Series daily fees no longer being charged.

Bob Conover wanted to know how to handle a shooter that joins in October. Sydney explained that a new shooter who joins P.I.T.A. in October their membership will be good for October and then for the new target year that starts that November. Sydney will have Sue email Peter letting him know that this is how to handle new P.I.T.A. memberships.

#### **New Business:**

Leland Myers, Jr. reminded everyone that we needed to start looking at possible candidates for directors for the C.S.T.A. It is good to be looking know and not just before the State Shoot.

Sydney passed out a list of directors for everyone to review and let her know if there are any corrections.

Sydney passed out the new Series rules.

Sydney passed out the list of shoot dates for C.S.T.A., P.I.T.A. club shoots.

Jim Boatman mentioned that there have been changes with the Auburn Club. They are doing their own cashiering and handicapping. They have told Karen Beckman that they did not want her help and they would do things themselves. There is a possibility that they will not be holding P.I.T.A. registered shoots next year. The directors that are attending their shoot next week end will try to find out what the club is going to do.

**(2:15:35)** - Assignment of committee chairs.

Central Handicap: Jim Boatman, Chair, Don Black  
Finance: Bob Conover, Chair, Warren Price  
Handicap: James Garbolino, Chair, All Directors  
Office: Sydney Myers, Chair, Karen Beckman, Sherree Worrell  
Nominating: Leland Myers, Jr., Chair, All Directors  
Parliamentarian: Don Black, Chair, Jim Boatman  
Program: Rob Charny, Chair, Peter Henschel, Co-Chair, Sherree Worrell, Syd Myers, Joan Ahart, Bob Conover  
Rule/Grievance: Jim Boatman, Chair, Karen Beckman, Don Black, Bob Conover, Leland Myers, Jr., Sherree Worrell,  
Series: Bob Conover, Chair. Karen Beckman  
Shoot Offs: Steve Bjork, Chair, All Directors  
Site Selection: James Garbolino, Chair, Leland Myers, Jr., Sherree Worrell  
Special Events: Jim Garbolino, Chair, Steve Bjork  
Target Setting: Leland Myers, Jr., Chair, Warren Price, Sherree Worrell  
Trophy: Sherree Worrell, Chair, Karen Beckman  
Website: Rob Charny, Master, Sherree Worrell, Chair, Peter Henschel, Co-chair

**(2:31:02)** Sydney Myers brought up that the Bonus Series Day of the State Shoot, in the past it use to be the Clubs Shoot and they purchased the trophies. The past three or so years C.S.T.A. has been buying the trophies. If C.S.T.A. is going to continue to purchase the trophies this should then be part of the State Shoot. This way the shooters only have to go through the handicap line once. Peter asked if that day would have to be part of the HOA. No the program will show which events will be part of the HOA. The Bonus Series Day events can be labeled Event A, Event B, and Event C.

**(2:35:47)** Jim Boatman motioned that we include the Bonus Series Day as part of the State Shoot. All penalties will be included and will not be included as part of the HOA. Bob Conover seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sherree asked if it would be a Bonus Series or a preliminary day and not a Series. Jim Boatman said that it would remain a Series Day and a preliminary day. This will eliminate the need for a 300 day in the HOA and only having 200 targets on Friday. The doubles on Friday was added to let shooters have another doubles. The only doubles we had was the Championship doubles. Sydney asked if we could change one of the Handicaps the day prior to the doubles championship.

**(2:39:02)** Peter Henschel presented Bob Conover with a certificate and pin for reaching his 50,000 targets. Congratulation.

Rob Charny talked about the Website. The Toys 4 Tots shoot date are on the P.I.T.A. website and not on the C.S.T.A. Peter sent it to Sue and did not give it to Rob.

Rob asked for Director Materials, briefcase and supplies etc. Peter will make sure that directors needed supplies, briefcases etc gets them.

James Garbolino talked about the State Shoot General Meeting Dinner. He said that at Livermore that night was just drudgery. James suggested that we bring in cal camp to serve the dinner. Bob Conover said that George Ahart talked to him about that night. George has planned the special event and is bringing in a band. Peter said that we need to have the dinner and meeting earlier and shooters earlier. Events can start on all days at 9:am.

Rob Charny would like to add value to all our members by have e-news. We should develop one or two newsletters a year.

**Meeting Closed (2:46:04)**

Fred Farnsworth motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Conover seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

Meeting closed at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sydney K. Myers

Secretary-Treasurer