OHIO STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2026
Cardinal Shooting Center — Marengo, Ohio

Call to Order and Roll Call

President and N.E. Zone Director Jennifer Schwartz called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. Secretary Patti Jacob called the roll.

The following Officers and Directors were present:

Jennifer Schwartz, President and N.E. Zone Director; Jim Stevens, Vice President and N.W. Zone Director; Roger McNamer, Past President, S.E. Zone Director and 2nd Alternate A.T.A. Delegate; Lisa Caplinger, Treasurer; Craig Denlinger and Mark Arnold, S.W. Zone Directors; Walter Mader, N.E. Zone Director; Dennis Wilcox, S.E. Zone Director; Brad Nester, N.W. Zone Director; Matt Catri, Director-at-Large; Austin Jacob, A.T.A. Delegate; Bobby Caplinger, 1st Alternate A.T.A. Delegate; Rob Kinsella, Foundation Chairman and Youth Director; and Jennifer Kuhar, Museum Director.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Patti Jacob distributed meeting folders to the Board members.

On September 5, Patti mailed a letter to Ohio gun clubs reminding those that had not yet paid their annual dues to submit their payment. A copy of the letter was provided to the Board.

Patti also prepared a new spreadsheet listing gun clubs throughout Ohio and distributed copies to the Board. Incoming Zone Directors were encouraged to contact the clubs in their respective zones and introduce themselves.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lisa Caplinger provided the Board with a comparative balance report showing financial figures for 2026, 2025, and 2024. The financial reports had also been emailed to Board members prior to the meeting for review.

The Association's current total worth was reported at $582,721.00. The 2026 income and expense report showed a net of $24,591.00. Lisa reported that it had been a very good year for the Association and commented that, looking back over past years in comparative, it would be difficult to find a better year.

The following financial information was reported:

- **Ohio State Shoot:** Income totaled $77,932.00, a slight decrease from the previous year. Expenses totaled $78,580.00.
- **State Shoot Attendance:** Attendance from Tuesday through Sunday increased by 675 shooters compared with 2025.
- **Checking Account:** The Association's checking account balance was $258,939.92.
- **Zone Shoots:** Income was $1,260.00, slightly below the previous year, while expenses were $6,288.00, also slightly lower than the previous year.

The Board was reminded that the Association does not expect to make a profit on the events it offers.

Craig Denlinger moved to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A.T.A. Delegate's Report

A.T.A. Delegate Austin Jacob reported on his first experience attending the Central Zone meeting and the A.T.A. meeting at the Grand American this year.

Austin reported that the Central Zone Shoot is similar to the situation with the Zone Shoots in Ohio as far as expenses outweighing results. The possibility of increasing the Central Zone Shoot to a four-day event was discussed, although there was concern that doing so might worsen the financials and attendance. For the upcoming year, the Central Zone Shoot is scheduled for the weekend before the Grand American July 30th - August 1st.

The Grand American is scheduled to begin August 4, 2027.

Austin reported that A.T.A. membership is increasing, with the current average member age reported at 38 years.

He also shared his observations regarding Randy Moeller taking over for Lynn. Austin noted that Randy had been Larry Potterfield's right-hand man in the development of the MidwayUSA Foundation and has been a valuable addition to the A.T.A. team. He also mentioned the tribute paid to Lynn and expressed hope that Randy would continue in his role and is a great asset to the sport and has great ideas and visions for the A.T.A.

Austin reported that Ohio received specific recognition during the A.T.A. meeting for its endowment with Midway USA.

At the time of this report, Austin Jacob was working on putting together the 2027 All-Ohio Team.

2027 Ohio State Shoot

Secretary Patti Jacob reported that work had begun on the 2027 Ohio State Shoot program. Quotes and ideas for the upcoming program were being gathered.

The 2027 Ohio State Shoot is scheduled for **June 22–27, 2027**, with the SCTP competition scheduled for June 21, 2027.

Mark Arnold moved to approve the State Shoot dates. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Roger McNamer also moved that, moving forward, the Ohio State Shoot always be scheduled for the week following Father's Day. Craig Denlinger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board continued its discussion of plans for the 2027 State Shoot. It was decided that Tad Johnson would serve as the announcer on the microphone during shoot-offs. Jennifer Schwartz and Austin Whited of Cardinal Shooting Center will work together on the morning announcements. The Board of Directors will be responsible for the squadding and running of the shoot-offs.

Jim Stevens made a motion to approve a trophy budget of $35,000.00. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Sponsorship Updates

Director-at-Large Matt Catri reported that he was working to secure returning sponsors, with several new sponsors also being considered. He emphasized the importance of promoting sponsors through social media, the O.S.T.A. website, and other available outlets.

Matt noted that sponsors are interested in understanding their “point of impact” and provided *Trap & Field* magazine as an example, reporting that it has more than 5,000 subscribers and between 50,000 and 60,000 digital downloads.

White Flyer will again sponsor the All-Ohio Team, an ongoing contribution that is greatly appreciated by the Association.

Matt also reported that Quality Inn is willing to serve as the hotel/motel sponsor for the State Shoot, offering a rate of $139.00 per night. He provided Patti Jacob with a QR code and information about the hotel so that it could be added to the O.S.T.A. website as soon as possible.

Finally, Matt asked whether the Board would support obtaining a sponsor for the 141st Ohio State Shoot program. The Board unanimously supported pursuing this opportunity.

2027 State Shoot Committee Assignments

President Jennifer Schwartz assigned the following committees and responsibilities for the 2027 Ohio State Shoot:

Committee or Responsibility	Assigned To
Tournament Director	Austin Jacob
Assistant Tournament Directors	Robert Caplinger and Craig Denlinger
Program	Jennifer Schwartz and Patti Jacob
Advertising	Patti Jacob
Golf Carts	Lisa Caplinger
Classification, Scoreboard, Earned Yardage and Reclassification	Austin Jacob, all Delegates and Directors
Shoot-offs	Board of Directors
Trophies	Jennifer Schwartz and Austin Jacob
Office Procedure	Patti Jacob and Lisa Caplinger
Elections	Craig Denlinger, Jim Stevens and Patti Jacob
Zone Team Race, Singles Category Winners on Saturday, and Champion of Champions on Thursday	Austin Jacob
SCTP Youth Day	Rob Kinsella
Hall of Fame Chairman	Past President Roger McNam er
N.E. Zone Hall of Fame Representative	Ron Smith
N.W. Zone Hall of Fame Representative	Pam Castor
S.E. Zone Hall of Fame Representative	John Evick
S.W. Zone Hall of Fame Representative	Dan Schock
O.S.T.A. President Hall of Fame Representative	Jennifer Schwartz
Website	Patti Jacob
Special Promotions	Matt Catri and Robert Caplinger
Monday Programs	Robert Caplinger, Jim Stevens and Jennifer Schwartz
Safety and Security	Craig Denlinger and Mark Arnold
Daily 50/50 Foundation Raffle	Lisa Caplinger and Patti Jacob
Target Setting	Austin Jacob, Robert Caplinger and Craig Denlinger
Museum	Jennifer Kuhar

Gun Club Trophy Package

The Board discussed the annual Gun Club Trophy Package and the fact that many clubs do not use the items provided in previous years for their local club trophies.

Following discussion, the Board considered providing clubs with a $150.00 rebate or reimbursement toward trophies instead.

Patti Jacob will prepare a letter advising eligible gun clubs that continued participation in the Annual Meeting during the State Shoot qualifies them to receive a $150.00 rebate or reimbursement to be used toward trophies for their club.

Jim Stevens moved to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2027 Zone Shoots

The 2027 Zone Shoots are scheduled for **May 15–16, 2027**. The Board reviewed the applications and discussed the hosting arrangements for each zone.

The following locations were selected:

- **S.E. Zone:** Marietta Gun Club will continue to host the event.
- **N.W. Zone:** The shoot will continue as a split event at Williams County and Newport Sportsman's Club.
- **S.W. Zone:** Middletown will remain the host club.
- **N.E. Zone:** North Lawrence was selected to host the event.

There were no changes to the nominating committees for the zones. The committee information is available on the O.S.T.A. website.

Zone Shoot costs will be determined at the January meeting. Patti Jacob is preparing a draft of the 2027 program to present at the next meeting.

The following candidates were reported for the upcoming Zone Director elections:

- **N.E. Zone Director:** Jennifer Schwartz
- **N.W. Zone Director:** Jim Stevens
- **S.E. Zone Director:** Roger McNamer

Patti will send each of the five host gun clubs a Zone Shoot Agreement and information regarding the required insurance coverage.

The Board also discussed hats for the Zone Shoots. Jennifer Schwartz and Patti Jacob are gathering information for consideration.

Additional and New Business

Heritage Open Program

Bobby Caplinger reported that Michael Wengerd and Merlin were interested in continuing the Heritage Open program at the State Shoot. The handicap program includes Events 4, 6, 8 and 11 and is intended to help increase both resident and non-resident attendance.

Further details will be provided as plans develop. The Board was advised of their interest in participating again this year.

Board of Directors Apparel

Jennifer Schwartz proposed an alternative to the current Board of Directors vests due to rising costs and the fact that some Board members have vests displaying outdated positions.

She suggested purchasing three polo shirts for each Board member, with the member's name and current position displayed on the shirts. This option may provide savings for the Association while ensuring Board members have updated apparel.

Jennifer Schwartz and Patti Jacob will work together to obtain shirt designs and pricing for presentation at the next meeting.

Annual Stipends

The Board reviewed the annual stipends. Craig Denlinger moved that the stipends remain at the same amounts as in 2026. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Cardinal Center Maintenance

The Board was presented with two (2) invoices from the Cardinal Center for trap maintenance. Under the terms of the agreement between O.S.T.A. and the Cardinal Center, the Association is responsible for 50% of the total maintenance costs.

The Board was advised that the 2025 invoice had not been presented previously, so invoices for both the 2025 and 2026 shooting seasons were submitted this year. The O.S.T.A. portion of the maintenance costs is as follows:

- 2025 Shooting Season: $5,536.00
- 2026 Shooting Season: $6,875.00

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Jim Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia "Patti" Jacob
Secretary
Ohio State Trapshooting Association & Foundation