

Chapter use of funds to support local high school shooting teams

1. There has been a long-standing practice of some chapters providing varying levels of support to local trap teams. Control of this by state WWA has been informal and inconsistent, usually through oversight by the Regional Director.
 - This support ranged from allowing teams to set up competing raffles at a WWA event, to WWA-sponsored Class A raffles where the proceeds directly support the chosen team.
 - There is some community PR value to this support, and it can be loosely tied to WWA's education mission.
2. Board has recently approved a policy and procedure by which chapters can apply for forgivable grant (up to \$1000) to support local WWA mission-focused activities. This policy provided a means to ensure funds are used consistent with WWA's 501(c)3 status. And it attempted to balance the incentivizing value for chapters to "retain" some funds they raise without jeopardizing WWA's own fiscal well-being.
3. There was limited discussion about supporting shooting teams during the Board discussion in approving the grant program, but it did not include visibility of the then-running West Allis Class A to support local team, or full appreciation of the breadth of this historical practice. It will be important to reconcile these practices with the recently approved local initiative forgivable grant policy.

ED Proposal:

- Wrap shooting team support (and all such local uses of funds raised under WWA's non-profit umbrella) into the just-approved policy.
- If Chapters wish to support a local shooting team, they can apply through the forgivable grant program which ensures that WWA financial needs are adequately addressed prior to supporting other organizations.
 - Example: If meeting all the criteria (current super goal and adequate WWA funds at end of that year) a chapter could apply for an internal grant to support the local high school team. If approved at Education Committee and Board levels, those funds could be donated directly or be used to purchase and donate an item that the school could raffle off.
 - If a chapter wants to provide space at their event for the team to raffle that item, they could do so.
 - If a chapter wishes to establish a class A raffle for that item, under the State's Class A license, that would be permitted, ASSUMING:
 - The team's intended use of raised funds is consistent with WWA's mission under which the license has been granted, and
 - The burden of selling any raffle tickets falls on the team's members.
 - The net proceeds of such a raffle would not be included towards the current year's budgetary goals for the chapter.