

## Annual Board of Directors Meeting

September 26, 2015

\*A quorum being present, President Jack Tans called the meeting to order at 7:50PM.

\*Roll call of Officers and Executive Committee members: Present; Jack Tans, Donald Kelly, Michael Ferchaw, Andrew Engel, Tom Pavlack, Kenneth Keth, Steve Patke, Gary Mathews, Billy Williams, Stephen Malcolm, Chris Naler, Robert DeFrancesco, Michael Hampton. Absent; John Haugh (With prior notice). All Directors present signed in and received meeting binders.

\*\*Motion by Mary DeFrancesco, second by Andrew Engel to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

\*\*Motion by Al Magyar, second by Jim Decker to approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

\*Presidents report: Jack Tans reported that we are developing an updated media friendly website for NSSA and NSCA. Also our two association magazines are being combined into one new upgraded magazine "Clay Target Nation" with the first issue out in January 2016.

Sherry Kerr has joined our staff as a full time Director of Communications. She is responsible for the coordination of Clay Target Nation with our publisher, Target Talk and a number of other communication tasks.

Skeet targets are down slightly for the year to date, and in an effort to bolster membership and grow the skeet program, Jack is going to form an NSSA/NSCA Youth Development Committee to help coordinate the development of youth shooting and membership.

Jack reported that the development of the World Shoot program is an eighteen month process that takes careful planning, coordination and communication. In the case of the 2016 World Shoot, the World Shoot Advisory Committee was charged with the task of creating something new and different that would attract more participation in the shoot.

The result of their work, and with the approval of the Executive Committee, is the Wayne Mayes Championship for 2016, an inclusive rather than exclusive championship that is open to everyone. The Wayne Mayes Championship will be held on Monday of the Main World Shoot. It will be a recognized World Championship with 10 places in each class. The winner will receive a specially designed ring—presented Monday evening at the hall of fame banquet. There will also be a blind 3 person team event—another chance for the class shooter to be part of a world championship.

Jack pointed out that our NSSA Bylaws, Article 7, Section 4 states the following: "The Executive Committee shall exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors when such Board is not in

session.....it shall specifically arrange and conduct the annual World Skeet Shooting Championship by whatever name called”.

Jack concluded with “your Executive Committee believes the new format should be tried and tested. If it does not work or is poorly attended the Executive Committee will change the format to make the shoot better.

Because the planning timeline is long, last minute changes are detrimental to the membership and association. If you have ideas and suggestions on the shoot format, please talk with us, your EC member or me. We want to hear about your needs and desires”.

With that Jack opened the floor for 15 minutes of comments and discussion: A number of Directors spoke in opposition to, or supportive of, the 2016 Wayne Mayes Championship. Jim Tiner objected to the additional cost for a non-registered event. Don Snyder suggested that the World Shoot; either use the 4<sup>th</sup> box from each event or add one rotation each day. Brian Trapp objected to adding another day, citing travel time and additional cost. Michael Vickers asked for quicker and better communication on proposed changes. John Snyder suggested the W.M Championship be moved from Monday to Saturday. Al Magyar indicated that traditionalists did not object to adding a day, but would prefer more 12 gauge targets. He cited the benefits; Another recognized World Championship with class awards to 10 places, a blind 3 person team event—another opportunity for the class shooter; he concluded that “the positives outweighed the negatives” and asked that everyone accept and support the advisory committee’s recommended format for the 2016 World Shoot.

\*Officer and Zone Reports: See Section C in binder for Zone Reports.

\*NSSA Updates: Michael Dowling reported that the pre-shoot had 32 participants. A number of members from overseas like the opportunity for additional targets. The 4x50 shoot had 49 participants. See Section D in binder for metrics to date and World Shoot registration numbers.

\*Budget/Finance: Louise Terry gave the Finance Committee and Long Range Planning Committee reports (see Sections E. and F. in binder). Louise also reported that the city of San Antonio is planning to annex additional areas to the city. The potential ramifications for NSC and the NSSA will be explored in depth prior to the January Executive Committee meeting.

Steve Scales introduced Hollis Boss, Bill Stevens and Leslie Casanova from SAIA Insurance. Steve covered the highlights of the FYTD thru July financials; We are ahead of plan in aggregate, and our portfolio is more than adequately funded for life members.

\*Steve Scales explained the need to make a number of changes to the NSSA By-Laws to support the change in the NSSA target year (see packet in front pocket of the binder).

\*\*Motion by Jim Tiner, second by Andrew Engel to approve the proposed By-Law amendments. Motion approved with 63 affirmative votes.

\*Tom Pavlack reported that beta testing of the new NSSA website will begin near the end of October, with launch of the new website January 1, 2016. Sherry Kerr updated directors on our new magazine "Clay Target Nation". Nicky Martin covered the marketing program highlights, and commented that we will focus greater attention on youth participation and retention. See Section I in binder for complete reports.

\*\*Motion by Jim Tiner, second by Randy Brownlee to keep the 2016 World Shoot format the same as the 2015 World Shoot. Steve Scales led a discussion on the NSSA By-Laws regarding authority for arranging and conducting the annual World Skeet Shoot. Motion failed on show of hands vote with 26 for and 39 against.

\*The Hall of Fame banquet will be at the Courtyard by Marriot on Monday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. with dinner at 7:45PM. Tami Myers will be inducted, as will Louise Terry, this years Ray Boller award winner. This years Referee Honor Roll inductees include B.J. Yates, Shayne Robertson, and Tommy Butts (posthumously).

\*King Heiple is retiring from the Rules and Classification committee. Anyone interested in serving on the Committee should contact Trish Magyar.

\*Information Technology update; See Section M in the binder.

\* Louise Terry provided an update on the Scholastic Clay Target Program. There were ~900 youth skeet shooters at Sparta, IL. Last July—which makes it the largest skeet shoot. See Section Q in the binder for complete report.

Motion by Andrew Engel, second by Bob Myers to adjourn. Motion approved by voice vote at 10:07PM..