

EC Meeting Minutes: June 18, 2015

President Jack Tans called the meeting to order at 8:30AM.

Roll Call: Present; John Haugh, Donald Kelly, Tom Pavlack, Kenneth Keth, Steve Patke, Gary Mathews, Billy D. Williams, Stephen Malcolm, Chris Naler (conference Phone), Robert DeFrancesco, Michael Hampton, Mary DeFrancesco (representing Michael Ferchaw). NSSA Staff: Michael Dowling, Steve Scales. Absent: Andrew Engel (with prior notice).

**Motion to approve the minutes of the EC meeting of January 30, 2015 by Bob DeFrancesco, second by Steve Malcolm. Motion approved.

*Meetings: The fall EC meeting is scheduled for September 25th. At the NSC complex. The Board of Directors meeting is scheduled September 27th. at the NSC complex- Beretta Pavilion at 7:45PM.

*Zone Reports: Zone 1—The U.S.Open Skeet shoot will be held September 10-13 at Rochester-Brooks in New York. Zone 2—The Zone 2 skeet shoot will be held at Shenecoy Sportsman's Assoc. in Pennsylvania in August. Zone 3—The Mid-America skeet shoot had ~210 4-gun shooters. SCTP events in Michigan have been well attended with between 150 and 220 entries at each event. Zone 4—Puerto Rico has resumed registered skeet shooting with two squads attending the Zone skeet Championship. Forest City gun Club hosted the Georgia state SCTP championship with ~200 attending. The Nashville Tn. Club will host the 2016 Pletcher open and the Armed Services Skeet Championship. Ralph Aaron continues to work with clubs to host youth camps. The campers range in age from 13 to 18. Some have never shot a gun before and some are in SCTP or 4H programs. They all receive safe gun handling and basic skeet shooting instruction. Zone 5—The Zone 5 skeet shoot will be held in Minneapolis, Mn August 7-9th. Zone 6—Plans are to hold a distributed Zone skeet shoot using 5 sites. Zone 7—The 2015 Zone shoot will be held at Stockton, Ca. Zone 7 is sponsoring 5 Jr./Sub/Jr shooters at the Jr. World @ \$200. Each. Zone 8—There have been fewer 4 gun shoots—more 12 gauge or 12 ga. and doubles shoots. Sub gauge ammunition is hard to find and expensive. Zone 9—The Armed Forces Skeet Assoc. held the annual ASSC at the Conservation Park of Charles City, Va. May 11-15th. The main event had ~140 Active, Retired and MV shooters. The AFSA bylaws were changed to include a Military Vetran from each service Active on the Board of directors. The 2016 ASSC will be held at the Nashville gun Club in May.

*Jack Tans thanked both the Website and Magazine work groups for their work to date. The website Work group led by Tom Pavlack has started the development phase. Both the website and magazine projects are on schedule for January 1, 2016 completion.

*Michael Hampton gave a short update on the status of the World Shooting Complex in Sparta, Il.

*Steve Scales gave the budget and finance presentation: Some P&L line items are positive compared to budget because of delays in completing projects. The 2014 tax year 990 form was reviewed.

**Motion to reelect current members of the audit committee by Billy D. Williams, second by John Haugh. Motion approved.

**Motion to approve the updated Investment policy statement by Bob DeFrancesco, second by John Haugh. Motion approved.

*Michael Dowling reported that continuing the NSSA's relationship with Forest City Gun Club Re. the Masters Skeet tournament is in everyones best interest.

**Motion to authorize Michael Hampton to execute the proposed contract with Forest City Gun Club by Bob DeFrancesco, second by Mary DeFrancesco. Motion Approved.

**Motion to reduce a member's suspension from 2 years to 1 year (2015 shooting year) by John Haugh, Second by Chris Naler. Motion approved. This action was based on compliance with EC requirements, and follows state association action.

*Kris Hampton gave a presentation on advertising and marketing: Discussion included Marketing Kit Development and follow up for major sponsors and event sponsors, and advertising sales for our Magazine and weekly Target Talk E-mails.

*Michael Dowling gave an update on the “Clay Target Nation” Magazine project. Everything is on schedule for a January 1 startup. Decisions on the number of issues per year, magazine layout and content will be finalized in a few weeks.

**Motion to require international members to pay actual postage differential to receive hard copy of the magazine, beginning January 2016 by Bob Derancesco, second by Steve Patke. Motion approved.

*Tom Pavlack reported that the Website work group now includes two sporting clay and two skeet members as well as NSSA/NSCA staff for the implementation phase. Incite Media in Seattle Wa. Has been selected as the development vendor. Everything is on schedule to launch by January 1.

*NSSA/NSCA scoring programs; Nothing to report at this time—will remain on the agenda.

*NSSA Rules, Classification and Safety Committee: Discussion by all on the RC&S recommendation regarding the opt-out portion of the voice release rule. No action at this time.

*Referee Training: We need both “national training” and referee training specific for the world shoot. Shoot management may use shooter referees as needed for the mini-world and main world shoot.

*Brett Moyes, NSCA Director, gave an update on Sporting Clays activity. There were 809 entries for the Texas State shoot—the largest state shoot to date. There are 990 shooters registered for the U.S. Open Sporting Clays shoot scheduled for June 23–28th. At Northbrook, IL. Shooters will have the opportunity to shoot as many as 1300 registered targets during the six days of the open.

*Steve Scales reported that about 20 by-law changes will be needed because of the change in the NSSA shooting year. Steve and Michael Dowling will draft the recommended changes and have ready for adoption at the World Shoot directors meeting this September.

**Motion that the 2016 Records Annual be by E-file only, with appropriate link from NSSA website by Steve Patke, second by Billy D. Williams. Motion approved.

**Michael Dowling presented recommended referee compensation package for the world shoot. Michael and John Bratty are responsible for recruiting and vetting referees for the world shoot. Motion that the world shoot referee compensation package be approved by Steve Malcolm, second by Kenneth Keth. Motion approved.

*John Haugh reported that work is under way to promote the 2016 world shoot Wayne Mayes C of C Championship. John’s next SSR officer letter will start the communication process. Information will be included in the Skeet Shooting Review and Target Talk. A new Championship ring is being designed. There will be awards by class to 10 places like all other world championship events.

**Jack Tans brought the EC up to date on Skeet Shooting Review staffing since Susie Fluckinger retired. Bob Sarbor was brought in as Editor on a consulting basis until the “Clay Target Nation” is launched. We expect that Sherry Kerr will have increased responsibility as the need for interface with the publisher gets closer. Motion to authorize the Officers to hire Sherry Kerr as needed on the magazine consolidation project by Tom Pavlack, second by Bob DeFrancesco. Motion approved.

*The Hall of Fame banquet is scheduled for September 28th at the Courtyard by Marriot- Sea World.

**Motion to adjourn by Gary Mathews, second by Steve Malcolm. Motion approved at 4:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald J. Kelly
Secretary/Treasurer