

**NSCA ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**National Shooting Complex**  
**San Antonio TX**  
**January 30-31, 2009**

Michael Hampton called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and introduced Bob Lepor, Chairman of the NSCA Executive Council.

**A. ROLL CALL (Glynne Moseley)**

**INDUSTRY**

Beretta USA / John Bauer	NO-FLY-ZONE / Jay Delphey
Browning / Scott Grange	Promatic / Andy Perkins
Connecticut Valley Sporting Clays/Charles Frazier	Remington Arms Co / Shane Naylor
Federal Ammunition / Jason Vanderbrink	The Stock Market / Bruce Ney
GP Traps / Brent Fleming	White Flyer Targets / Bill Daniels
Lonesome Charlies / Charlie Parker	White Flyer Targets / Phil Murray
NSSF / Cyndi Dalena	Winchester / Ellie Schad

Absent/Excused: Fiocchi Ammunition / Carlo Fiocchi

**RANGE OWNER/MANAGERS**

Joe B. Cantey III	Frieda Lancaster	David Rippetoe
David Fiedler	Tim Miles	Scott Robertson
Donald Harmer	Michael Mohr	Randy Travalia
George Hopkins	John "Mo" Parsons	Randy Voss

Absent/Excused:

Lynn Miller  
Anthony Matarese  
Peggy Siler

**SHOOTERS**

Brian Brewton	Robert Lepor	Adam Pinto
Dan L. Cluff	Patrick Lieske	Kirk Todd
Martin Jones	Johnny Meitzen	Jerry Veneklasen
Joe Kennedy	Derek Moore	Harry Wiley
	Percy Newton	

Absent/Excused:

Randy Montgomery  
Joe Rankin

Michael announced that Dan Mitchell resigned from the Advisory Council and Scott Robertson replaced him on the Council as well as the Committee(s) for the remainder of his term. Additionally, Brent Fleming will chair the Membership & Club Committee.

The staff and guests were introduced:

Kay Arrington

Kym Gracia

Vance Barnes

Chris Davis

Lori Hartmann

Kim & Steve Carswell, Cajun Elite

Glynne Moseley

Michael Hampton advised that the Committee Meetings would begin today allowing more time for all agenda items to be reviewed and any further discussions and/or motions that were required would be addressed the following day. In addition, any other questions would be answered on Saturday.

He advised that the All-American Team has been chosen. Since an individual could not be on both teams, that person was asked to choose the team she/he preferred.

Martin Jones stated he personally felt the 2008 National Championship was the "best ever" and wanted to recognize the staff as well as David Rippetoe, Shoot Chairman. Michael thanked Brent Fleming for all his time spent during the Nationals to make sure everything was in place and ready to go.

## **B. MINUTES**

***Motion made by Dave Fielder to approve the 2008 National Championship Minutes; 2nd by Kirk Todd. Motion passed.***

The group was dismissed to attend their individual Committee Meetings; guest(s) could attend the meeting of their choice.

**FINANCE REPORT** - The group reconvened with a Financial Report from Steve Scales. He advised that we had a clean audit; have a surplus of \$56,900 and a bottom line deficit of \$9,000. Many changes in investments were made with a loss of 26% of our portfolio due to the economic conditions. He advised he believed that within time, we would recover our losses. He stated the Toni Rogers shoot did well; 2008 brought us more corporate events. Shooting overall is down for skeet and sporting. Sporting clays membership is flat, not much of an increase over the last year. The electricity has been upgraded with a major expense. The trap shoots held at the Complex raised money to purchase Pat Traps. No money came from NSSA or NSCA budgets. Monies donated to use for a specific purpose i.e., Team USA, Youth Shooting, HOF, of course, goes to that program; however, any money not used in the current year will be held for future years. Postage rates were raised twice in 2008; all mail is now charged by weight, shape and size. Our objective to locate other means to communicate with our membership.. NSSA/NSCA is debt free; we own 100% of all property. We are in a long-term contract with *Sporting Clays Magazine*; periodically we have attempted to re-negotiate the contract.

## **12:45 pm - COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONTINUED**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2009**

Meeting reconvened by Michael Hampton at 8:30 am.

Don Snyder welcomed the group. He stated that it was imperative that we obtain their input. He advised that we had the "highest attendance" for any National Championship ever - the shooting events, costume contest and golf card decorating contest. All added to the success of this event.

He advised that all members with email would receive the new E-Newsletter "Target Talk" sent by Multi-View Company beginning in February which we hope will keep membership informed of what is going on at Headquarters.

Michael asked if there were any questions regarding the binder. Harry Wiley asked if the filters in the computer program were working correctly to determine the new punch rules. Michael stated that our Programmers worked on these stats. Harry Wiley said IT needs to revisit that program.

## L. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Rules, Classification and Safety Committee / Chairman - Adam Pinto

The following proposed rule changes have been recommended by the Committee to be sent to the delegates for vote.

1. Should the target presentation in NSCA 5-Stand Menu be standardized to One Single, One Report Pair and One True Pair?

***Motion made by Johnny Meitzen to send it to the Delegates for vote; 2nd by Percy Newton. Motion carried - 19 yes; 15 no.***

2. Should a shooter who is moved up in class as a result of punches not be reviewed for the year they go up and the following year (2 target years)?

***Motion made by Dave Fiedler to send to the Delegates to a rule change; 2nd by Harry Wiley. Motion passed - 3 no.***

The following "clarifications" have been proposed to be implemented with approval of the NSCA Advisory Council.

1. Should the following be added to Rule IV-Q-4. (pg.34):  
*In the event a shooter does not turn in his/her scorecard, the score recorded on the Master Score Sheet will be entered as the official score. If a Master Score Sheet is not available, then a score of one (1) hit will be entered as the official score.*

***Motion made by Jerry Veneklasen; 2nd by Martin Jones. Motion passed.***

2. The Hunter Class equal payment of entry fees should be clarified.  
*An example would be added to the Rule Book that states "For example; if the total entry fee entry fee for an event is \$65, including NSCA and State fees, then anyone shooting Hunter Class would also pay \$65.00 to participate in the event. As the portion of the entry that would be fees to the NSCA and/or State would not be paid to the organizations, it would be retained by the Club."*

***Motion made by John Meitzen; 2nd by Derek Moore. Motion passed.***

The following "policy" is presented for approval by the NSCA Advisory Council.

1. The NSCA Executive Council, NSCA Director or NSCA Rules Classification and Safety Committee Chairman is granted the authority to allow punches to carry over for more than the current rule in the event of a member's health or other extenuating circumstances.  
***Motion made by Martin Jones, 2nd by Dave Fiedler. Motion passed.***

In regards to Committee Goals, a Sub-Committee was created to address the Master Class issues. Members of the Sub-Committee are:

Adam Pinto	Dave Fiedler	Kirk Todd
Martin Jones	Joe Kennedy	Tim Miles
Jay Delphay	Scott Grange	Jeff Foster (member-at-large)

The committee will report back to the AC at the US Open meeting.

### **Competition Committee / Chairman - George Hopkins**

1. Goals - make the Nationals a "special" event.  
Sub-Committee on "How to Raise Money".  
Facilities - Clean port-o-lets more often during event.  
Party to continue at the Club House on Friday night.
2. State and Zone Champion Shoot-Out Friday night.
3. Team USA Fundraiser Game - Maybe Top Gun Game using same targets shot by Top Gun shooters. All proceeds go to Team USA.
4. Trophy package - thinks it is an excellent idea; shooters like being able to choose their prize.
5. Letter will be sent to All Americans asking if they want to continue shooting together at the Nationals. George asked for a motion for All-Americans to vote on shooting together on squads at the Nationals; they will be squadded as they are ranked.

***Motion made by Johnny Meitzen; 2nd by Derek Moore. Motion passed***

6. U.S. Open Bid Criteria - will remain the same.
7. Mississippi River will continue to be the dividing line of east and west instead of using the Zones.

***Motion made by Derek Moore; 2nd by Johnny Meitzen. Motion passed.***

8. Added to the rulebook: Votes must be done in person by Advisory Council members in attendance at the AC meeting.

***Motion by Johnny Meitzen; 2nd by Percy Newton. Motion passed.***

9. All U.S. Open ballots will have pre-printed with AC Members' names and those are the only ballots that will be counted. There will be a 2nd ballot printed at the Head Table in case of a tie.

Those ballots will be pre-stamped "2nd ballot." All ballots must be personally turned in at the Head Table by the Advisory Council member.

***Motion made by Martin Jones, 2nd by Derek Moore. Motion passed.***

10. Only the Executive Council members can review the ballots voted on by the Advisory Council members.

***Motion made by Martin Jones; 2nd by Johnny Meitzen. Motion passed.***

11. The Executive Council will tabulate the votes for the U.S Open.

***Motion made by John Meitzen , 2nd by Jay Delphey. Motion passed.***

12. The Zone and State Shoot requirements for State/Zones that do not have State Associations should be standardize.

***Motion made by Derek Moore; 2nd by Bob Lepor. Motion carried.***

#### **Membership & Clubs Committee / Brent Fleming - Chairman**

- 1/2. Goal is to promote shooting. Clubs and Range Owners are our best tool to get recreational shooters to our Ranges. A sub-committee is needed to help design a space on our website for the range owners to go to obtain info they require. That sub-committee will help to entice recreational shooters to our ranges. It will be chaired by Bill Daniels with the following group:

Phil Murray	Bill Daniels	Scott Robertson
Cindy Dalena	Phil Murray	Ellie Schad

A suggestion would be to include a DVD with every new shotgun and it would show all disciplines. Certainly gun manufacturers would have to be involved; we would have to inquire if this would be a good idea.

3. Raise club dues - - had no support in 2008; no change at this time. Send more than one newsletter per year; put it on two pages so clubs can post it at their club house.
4. Determine how to get clubs that are not throwing registered targets to host a Registered shoot. Get the State Associations involved in helping the clubs.

Re: Club Insurance (thru Sportsman Insurance Agency Inc.) - Should clubs be required to throw registered targets to get their insurance?

Robert Lepor reported that many clubs do not have insurance through SIAI, however, \$58,000 was given to NSSA/NSCA by SIAI as part of the infinity program that we have with them.

He asked for a count of hands from range owners and then asked for hands for those who used SIAI. Out of 15 range owners, only 4 had insurance through SIAI Insurance Agency. George Hopkins obtained a much cheaper rate from the Gamebird Association. Some of our range owners do not use SIAI because it is not cost effective. That information needs to be reported

to Hollis Boss/SIAI. In addition, range owners need to be encouraged to use NSSF and NASR the organization have a great deal of helpful information.

5. Recreational shooters are seen as the next group of potential members.

**Delegates and State Associations / Peggy Siler - Chairperson  
(Johnny Meitzen chaired in her absence.)**

Need to get the delegates more involved with the meetings. Lepor mentioned how they need to get involved in the Website. All data in the binder should be placed on the website.

Michael Hampton reminded the group this is election year. All members will be mailed a ballot.

**Outreach Committee / Brian Brewton - Chairman**

Gayle Teskey, MCA, as well as Sherry Kerr, Outdoor Media Resources have made progress. Everyone was encouraged to read Teskey's report. She is at the point now where we are behind in implementing some of her suggestions due to lack of funding.

Management allotted NSCA \$56,000 to work with Teskey and Kerr; however, only \$30,000 was spent. The difference of \$26,000 was used by NSSA for other expenditures.

Bob Lepor will attend the Finance Committee meeting to discuss this problem. NSSA/NSCA needs to get their priorities straight. When a budget is set, they need to stick to that budget. Sherry Kerr is working on a PR program with our clubs. It may take sometime before we see the results of her efforts. Randy Travalia proposed a Bonus Buck Program to drive New membership.

Percy Newton made the suggestion that the member be given \$20 credit that could be used toward renewal of membership, entry fee for the National Championships or World Shoot. Other ways will be discussed of how to redeem the credit.

Beginning January 1st, American Income Life will be offering a \$2,000 death benefit for each member. This will be a new benefit program.

CLM program gave us 400 new members in 2008.

**Instructor Program Committee / Michael Mohr - - Chairman**

Wants to increase the amount of money an instructor receives for teaching a Level I instructor course from \$750 for the 3-day course to \$1000. This will match the amount a Level II and Level III instructors receive for teaching. The main thing is to maintain the integrity of the program; we do not want to sell our certificates and this will keep quality instructors teaching the courses. Consider charging \$25 for the Level II and III to be listed in the magazine. Will eliminate those who do not want to pay to be listed and are not actively teaching; have too many instructors who are not teaching and are listed. Need to market the instructor course better. Get the Boy Scouts, FFA, 4-H and SCTP involved. These groups need to have Certified Instructors in order to teach their program to the young members. Instructors should promote the membership. Send tri-fold membership forms to Gary Greenway.

Eagle Scouts would be a good target audience. Need to send package to promote the instructor program.

Johnny Meitzen advised he is involved with the 4-H, allowing them to use his facilities, providing targets, ammo, instruction and promoting organization asking them to join.

### **International Committee / Joe Cantey - Chairman**

New Team USA point calculations are listed on the website. Joe asked for motion to change FITASC rules to require 50 entries instead of 75.

***Motion by John Meitzen to adopt the change of entries; 2nd by Scott Robertson. Motion passed.***

The CPSA and NSCA had a difference of opinion on the World Sporting. CPSA wanted to have the event every third year. The NSCA will pursue a new partner to work with in regard to the World English for 2010.

The North American FITASC Championship will be held at Hermitage Farm in 2009.

World FITASC location:	2009	Australia
	2010	Italy
	2011	Hungary
	2012	U.S.

All information used to choose 2009 Team USA has been given to the Committee. NSCA will have results by February 13.

We solicited for a Team USA Manager. It is an unpaid position, all volunteer work. We received two resumes from well qualified people; Jeff Demmon, Sylvania GA was selected. He will assist in helping to raise funds for the teams along with coordinating all travel.

Wording will be changed to Team USA Point Procedure. Joe Cantey will rewrite the Team USA Point Procedure and send to Headquarters so the NSCA website can be updated.

***Martin Jones made motion to amend the Team USA Points Procedure; 2nd by Dave Fiedler. Motion passed.***

### **Finance Committee / Martin Jones - Chairman**

This committee meeting was held for the first time in conjunction with the NSSA Finance Committee. Steve Scales reviewed the year-end financial statement for our associations. Lynn Johnson, the association's financial advisor, reviewed the association's investment and made recommendations for changing our investments. Padgett & Stratemann, NSSA auditing firm, gave their report. A copy of the report was given to all AC members.

## L. NEW BUSINESS

Suggestion revisions to the Governance Plan:

### Change #1

(2) Advisory Council:

Change: *There cannot be more than one representative holding a position form a Range or an Industry Company. Should an individual leave a Range or Industry company, that position stays with the individual so long as he or she continues to represent a Range or Industry company in the same category of the position they previously held.*

Scott Grange said "no change."

Adam Pinto said "no change."

Everyone agreed to keep the existing rule intact.

### Change #2

(3) Executive Council:

Change: Should a Chairman be re-elected to a second or third term; there will be no immediate Past Chairman member of the Executive Council?

*a. Number of Executive Council Members. The Executive Council is elected from members of the Advisory Council composed of six (6) members: two represent Industry, two represent Range Owners, two represent Shooters and the immediate Past Chairman of the Executive Council shall also serve as a member of the Executive Council. The immediate Past Chairman may cast a vote in matters before the Executive Council only in the case of a tie. (The first two [2] year term of the Executive Council elected under the plan, the Chairman of the Executive Council at the time this plan is approved by the National Delegates shall occupy the seat of the I-C-2-F 12 immediate Past Chairman.)*

***Motion made by Ellie Schad to leave the wording as is; 2nd by Derek Moore. Motion passed.***

### Change #3

(3) Term of Office

Change: The term of office of Past Chairman will not be considered as one of the consecutive terms since it is not an elected position.

***Motion made by Johnny Meitzen to leave wording as is; 2nd by Charlie Parker. Motion passed.***

So many opinions were voiced that Bob Lepor suggested a "new" Governance Committee be formed to clarify the Governance rules.

***Motion made by Johnny Meitzen to form a new committee; 2nd by Andy Perkins. Motion passed - (20-yes; 9 no).***

Michael advised that the committee would be made up of two members from each category: he asked for a show of hands who wanted to be on the committee



Advisory Council was asked who wanted to be on the committee. All names were put on a ballot. After all ballots were tabulated, the following individuals were elected to form this new Governance Committee.

Johnny Meitzen, Chairman  
Dan Cluff

Tim Miles  
Phil Murray

Andy Perkins  
David Rippetoe

The committee voted Johnny Meitzen to be the Chairman. They will review the plan and make recommendations at the U.S. Open meeting .

There being no further business, ***motion made by Johnny Meitzen to adjourn, 2nd by Andy Perkins. Motion passed.***

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