

National Skeet Shooting Association
Board of Director's Meeting
5 October, 2008
National Shooting Complex, San Antonio, Texas

ROLL CALL: With the required number of Directors present to establish a quorum, President Louise Terry called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM CST.

Officers and staff present: Bill Batty, VP; Jim Gast, Secretary Treasurer; Don Snyder, Executive Director; Rick Stockstill, Skeet Director; Steve Scales, Finance Director.

President Terry began the meeting by introducing current & incoming members of the Executive Committee, and thanking those directors present for attending the meeting. A welcome was extended to those attending the World Shoot from the UK, Germany, South Africa, and Australia. Newly-elected Directors were introduced and welcomed to the meeting. Thanks were extended to retiring Executive Committee members & Louise thanked all who have worked on the various committees. She announced that a total of 690 shooters have registered for the Mini-World. (Note: 661 actually attended).

A motion was made by Trish Magyar, 2nd by Bob DeFrancesco, **to approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2007 Board of Director's meeting. Motion passed, all in favor.**

Winter Meetings: Louise announced that the Winter meetings are scheduled for 29-30-31 January, 2009 in San Antonio. This includes NSSA Executive Committee, Rules and Classification, All-American Selection; again this year, the NSSA meetings will coincide with the NSCA Executive Council and the NSSA-NSCA Steering Committee.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President: Louise thanked all of the Directors for their support during her two years, and also Don and the Staff at HQ who are very dedicated to their work and to the success of the Association. A special thanks to Hollis Boss of SIAI and Norbert Hausmann at Blaser for sponsoring the shooter's party at the pavilion Friday night. Thank you to Mike Searle for again sponsoring the cocktail hour at the Hall of Fame Banquet on Monday night.

Louise noted that we are continuing to hold our own, even though targets are down, and it is necessary to take steps to more closely communicate with all of our members and encourage them to continue to support the Association and shoot targets.

The immediacy of relocation of the NSC has passed, and we intend to maintain our home grounds in San Antonio for the foreseeable future. Plans have been made to continue improvements to our infrastructure, though the Long Range Planning Committee will continue to assess our market value on a regular basis.

A Past President's Council has been established, with Bubber Youngblood serving as Chairman the first year. Bill Harder will take over as Chairman for the upcoming year.

Mike Borg (California) is chairing the new Youth Shooting/ SCTP Committee.

The Field Grant program is now the Club Assistance Program with changes in latitude and objectives, and should be of more benefit to our member clubs.

Most importantly, all long-term debt has been paid, and for the first time in the history of the Association, we are totally debt free. (Round of applause.)

Vice President: Bill Batty states that the support we can provide to our member clubs is more important than ever in the current economic climate and we must continue to reach out to all of them in finding ways to augment their success. He sees our primary current challenge to be the eroding economy and keeping our members active and shooting targets. He asked that the Directors and Executive Committee serve as the Association's representatives in the field to discover new ways to reach out to these organizations.

Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Gast reported that having been the Secretary/Treasurer the past two years had been a relatively easy position due to the excellent reporting and information available from our HQ Staff and Louise's attention to detail. We have been able to stay within our overall budget plans and our invested assets, & despite current market problems continue to support our objectives. Our financial records are in excellent and understandable condition. A special thanks go to our Financial Director, Steve Scales, as well as for the increased efficiency of our IT Staff, and the past two year's accomplishments of the Finance Committee.

Executive Director: Don Snyder began by introducing Rick Stockstill, the new Skeet Director, detailing his qualifications and past experience and noting several programs already put in place during his short tenure. Don states that the NSC continues to throw over one million ATA targets per year, and money donated by several of the trap shooters in TX has purchased \$200,000 in new trap equipment. 131 separate corporate events will be held on the NSC this year. He noted the new sponsorship agreement with eX-Mark and the recent improvement to the electrical infrastructure, Website improvements, the new Webstore, etc.

Don responded to a question from a director regarding the results of the new minimum targets requirements, stating that measurements of target increases, if any, would not be known until next year, and that these statistics would be presented as soon as available.

Don reported on the new Class All-American program replacing the Zone Teams.

Louise Terry then made a special presentation recognizing the many contributions of Hal DuPont who for many years has served as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Financial Report: Steve Scales reported on the general financial condition of the Association, noting that our operations were in a \$29,000 favorable condition compared with budget items as of end of July. Our investment value so far this year is down about 12% in value, but continues to support the requirements of life membership costs, due to dividends and returns. The advantage of having been able to pay off our final land note without penalty, combined with the growth of our low-risk investment returns on the sale of land several years ago, stands us in very good condition for the bottom line of our balance sheet.

Election of Directors at Large: A ballot was taken and the following five members were elected: Mary Alice DeFrancesco, Billy D. Williams, Al Means, Craig Willis, Steve King.

Rules & Classification: Louise Terry presented a proposed Rules change regarding residency requirements which, if passed, would go into effect for the 2009 year. This change would allow a member to petition the state association of his residence to request joining the association of an adjoining state, providing that the new state association (and both Zones, if a Zone change were involved) also agreed to the change in residency. Each request will be considered on its own merits when reviewed by the Executive Committee. After discussion: **By a ballot count of 40-33 this measure was approved and will be included in the Rule book .**

Old Business: None.

New Business: Zone Shoot Weekends

A discussion was held concerning limiting of registered shoots which would be scheduled opposite a Zone shoot on the same weekend. After discussion, the consensus (by show of hands) was not to interfere with each state association's ability to assess the requirements and needs of its membership concerning the scheduling of shoots on Zone shoot weekends. No action taken.

Rick Stockstill reviewed **membership and target statistics** for the current year as noted within the Director's information in the binder.

IT: Don reported on various improvements to the IT processes within the organization and thanked the staff and Wayne Black for his time and expertise in resolving a number of network/hardware issues.

The 2009 US Open will be held at Rochester Brooks, NY. A letter of request has been received from Ben Avery Shooting Center to hold the 2010 event. Thanks to Jack Tans for organizing this year's very successful US Open at Sparta, IL with the 6th-largest attendance at a US Open.

Junior World: Rick Stockstill thanked all those involved at Stockton Gun Club, CA for their help hosting this year's very successful Junior World. Don noted that Mike Borg is heading up the Youth Shooting Committee, and will coordinate with the other organizations involved in youth shooting like the SCTP program.

Louise reviewed the basic requirements of the new **Club Assistance Program**, noting that the requests must be received at HQ prior to 31 December to receive consideration at the January EC meeting each year.

Don Snyder noted the changes made recently in the Museum, appealed for continued funding support, and thanked Mike Brazell & Jim Harris for the great job they are doing.

Rick Stockstill reviewed the upcoming Hall of Fame Banquet and noted this year's inductees, as well as the Referee Hall of Fame inductees.

Rick also emphasized the NSSA Scholarship program, this year's winner being Grant Patrick Warren who will attend Ohio Northern University. Douglas L. Hardin was the recipient of the North Carolina Scholarship. Ralph Aaron's continued success with the Youth Camps was noted.

Don noted this is the 20th anniversary of the NSCA Nationals for Sporting Clays. Membership and targets statistics were reviewed. Over 1,350 participants are expected at this year's Nationals.

Louise Terry reiterated that we are thankful that so many first-time shooters are attending this year's World & National shoots and she is encouraged by these numbers in the face of a difficult economy. There being no additional business to be brought before the Board, a **motion was made by Ron Wilson, 2nd by Howie Altman, to adjourn the 2008 Meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Skeet Shooting Association. Motion passed, all in favor.**

Submitted by: Jim Gast Secretary/Treasurer