

**National Skeet Shooting Association
Board of Director's Annual Meeting
7 October, 2007
National Shooting Complex, San Antonio, Texas**

ROLL CALL: There being more than the minimum required number of directors present to conduct the meeting, President Louise Terry called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Number of current voting Directors signed in was 84.

President Terry began the meeting by introducing members of the Executive Committee, and thanking those directors present for attending the meeting.

MINUTES: Motion by John Tans and 2nd by Andrea Lehr to accept Minutes of Director's meeting of October 8, 2006. Motion passed, all in favor.

Executive Committee Winter meeting will be held 15 February, 2008 at the NSC at 8:30AM. Summer meeting is 17 May at the Homestead at Hot Springs, VA. 8:30AM

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President Louise Terry presented a recap of the past year's discussions and EC teleconferences (see minutes) concerning the potential sale of the NSC grounds, including offers made and studies conducted by the Long Range Planning Committee under the direction of Warren Ruello.

Vice President Bill Batty thanked the NSSA Staff, under the direction of Don Snyder for their diligence and hard work during the past year. He also mentioned the hours of communication and work accomplished by the Executive and Long Range Planning committees and their collection and dissemination of useful information.

Secretary/Treasurer Jim Gast reported that the finances of the organization continue to be in excellent condition. Invested cash assets are doing well and the combination of a capable director of finance (Steve Scales) and the efficiency of the IT staff have resulted in a very clear information flow and budgeting process. Cash flow is good with over 100 corporate events being held on the NSC grounds in the past year. Both membership and target count are up slightly, even though travel costs and ammunition costs have been rising this year. The budget process for 2008 will begin with the EC meeting this week.

Executive Director Don Snyder reported that, in addition to the other corporate events being held on the grounds, the NSC received recognition this year from the ATA for throwing over one million registered Trap targets. The Texas 4H event has been a huge success. He is pleased that membership and targets have increased over last year. An update to the website is currently being designed, which should make it much easier for members of both NSSA and NSCA to find information and navigate to their areas of interest. The Crossfire program is now in place for the upcoming shooting year and should increase targets and be a well-received benefit for shooters of both venues. Don pointed out several of the improvements to the grounds, including upgrades to the electrical and sound systems, drainage, parking lots, etc. Attendance at the Mini World this year is 665, slightly down from last year's numbers.

FINANCE: Hal DuPont, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that we are seeing an increase in the conversions to life membership. The information from the staff has been outstanding, and the rescheduling of the NSCA Nationals two months later this year has been accomplished with no impact to our cash flow, and no reduction in expected attendance. The life membership investments are now more than covering the costs of maintaining the memberships. Hal then introduced Steve Scales to review highlights of the Financials.

MEMBERSHIP: Louise Terry reported that Debbi Perry is chairing the Membership Committee with the goals of member retention and finding ways to increase the number of active member clubs. She will have a full report for the winter EC meeting concerning steps we can take toward these goals.

Don Snyder reported on the progress of the GMC raffle and details of the prizes to be awarded. These include a K-80 for an individual seller or a truckload of White Flyer targets for a selling member club.

SSR: Don Snyder reports that the magazine continues to be one of the most attractive and well published special interest publications in any sport and congratulations are due to the staff and editors.

IT: Don reported that the department restructuring has allowed us to now accomplish more with the current staff of 3 than we had in the past with a larger staff. He specifically mentioned the work on TEAMMS for the Crossfire program, and Chris Thomas' and John Shely's work toward updating database collection programs. A preview of the new website being prepared by our contract programmers should be available soon.

Don reported on upcoming events for 2008 including the changed dates for the Junior World in Stockton, CA. The High Desert Sportsmen's Club and Paul Newman were noted for their excellent job in hosting of the 2007 US Open. John Tans will coordinate the 2008 US Open to be held at Sparta, IL at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex.

Howie Altman reported on the Junior World held this year at the Minute Man Sportsmen's Club and thanked Bill Batty for his work in organizing the event. In an effort to attract more clubs as potential hosts for the Jr. World shoot, Howie proposed to modify the Junior World contract with sponsoring clubs as follows: remove the requirement for the host club to pay \$7,000 to NSSA for the program, medals, and other services and materials from NSSA for the shoot, provided that the host club raises outside funds to be deposited with NSSA directly, and earmarked by the NSSA up to the \$7K amount, in lieu of a payment from the host club. Any additional sponsorship monies raised over the \$7K requirement would be returned to the host club for their conduct of the shoot. **After discussion, motion by Howie Altman, 2nd by Wayne Black, to accept this change to the Junior World contract and accept this alternate financing proposal. Passed all in favor. This will go into effect for the 2008 Jr. World and all Jr. World shoots in subsequent years.**

RULES & CLASSIFICATION: Louise Terry reported on the results of the ballot concerning the new classification criteria, which will be effective with the issuance of new cards for the 2008 year. She also reported on the procedure for first round shoot-off targets during the preliminary round of doubles for the stadium field during the 12 ga. 125's. Targets will now be *black rim* until the chief referee calls for *the all-orange* targets during the evening shoot-off events. Next year, this change will also apply to the Mini-World 12 & 20 ga. stadium field 1st shoot off round, and the 2008 World's Shoot program should be updated accordingly.

HOF & MUSEUM: Don Snyder pointed out changes and improvements to the NSSA Museum and thanked Mike Brazzell for his hours of work in arranging the new cabinets and displays.

Matt Pedersen of Lincoln, NE was recognized as the 2007 NSSA/NSCA Scholarship winner.

Louise Terry reviewed the history of the NSSA Instructor's Program, under the direction of Ralph Aaron . Several successful Youth Camps were held again this summer.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Louise Terry presented the changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws which were mailed out to all Directors. These changes have been researched by legal representatives and will result in compliance with new Texas state law.

After discussion, **Motion by John Tans and 2nd by Bob DeFrancesco to accept proposed changes to Articles of Incorporation of the NSSA. By roll-call voice vote, taken by Secretary Jim Gast, a quorum of 81 NSSA Directors being present, motion passed 81 in favor and none opposed to the changes to the NSSA Articles of Incorporation.**

Motion by Don Kelley, 2nd by Howard Altman, to accept proposed changes to the Bylaws of the NSSA. By roll-call voice vote, taken by Secretary Jim Gast, a quorum of 81 NSSA Directors being present, motion passed 81 in favor and none opposed to the changes to the NSSA Bylaws.

-Louise Terry reviewed proposed changes to the Field Grant Program, now renamed the CLUB ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, primarily allowing more flexibility to the EC to award grants with the purpose of promoting skeet by supporting our local member clubs. There will continue to be a requirement for collecting data of compliance through reporting from clubs receiving grants. After discussion, **Motion by Don Kelley, 2nd by Trish Magyar, to accept proposed changes to the NSSA Grant Program. Passed all in favor. These new criteria will be used at the upcoming winter EC meeting to approve the 2008 Field Grants.**

- re: NSSA Minimum Targets Requirements. In an effort to assist our shooters in the face of rising travel and ammo costs, a **motion was presented by Jerry McKay, 2nd by Andrea Lehr, to reduce the standards for 2008 All-American consideration to: 1000 targets in 12 gauge, 800 in 20 gauge, 28 gauge, 410 bore, and 500 in doubles.** After discussion, a **motion to table was made by John Tans, 2nd by Richard Gath, to allow time for the Executive Committee to collect data and further study the potential results of lowering the minimum targets requirements. This motion passed with one dissenting vote. This will be readdressed at the Winter EC meeting in February.**

A motion was made by Ron Wilson, 2nd by Bob DeFrancesco, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21PM Passed all in favor.

Jim Gast Secretary/Treasurer