**2014 NSCA Nationals Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday October 22, 2014 – National Shooting Complex**

The meeting was called to order by Steve Schultz at 6:50 PM on Wednesday, October 22, 2014. Welcome, good evening. I’m going to turn the meeting over to Brett Moyes; he will go through the binder with you and then we will have the presentations for the US Open. First we will have Glynne Moseley do roll call.

Those present:

**Industry**

Russ Arnold – Shooting Sports Consulting Anthony Matarese, Jr. – AIM Shooting School

John Calandro, III – Clay Shooters Supply Mike McAlpine – Clay Target Academy

John Commerford – NRA Sean McLelland – Youth Target Foundation

Heyward Cunningham – Promatic, Inc. Carlton Nether – Beretta USA

Lynne Green – Green Girl Photos John “Mo” Parsons – Blaser USA

Jim Greenwood – Greenwood Custom Stocks Steve Schultz – Target Line Shooting School

Pat Lieske – Pat Lieske Shooting School Zach Snow – NSSF

**Range Owners/Managers**

Justin Bounds – Caney Creek Shooting Sports David Rippetoe – Silverleaf Shotgun Sports

Rick Hemingway – Backwoods Quail Club Scott Robertson – Elm Fork Shotgun Sports

Tim Jewell – Rangers Gun Club Dan Twitchell – Ben Avery Clay Target Center

Anthony Matarese, Sr. – M & M Sporting Clays Randy Voss – Caribou Gun Club

Tim Miles – Coyote Springs Sporting Richard Whaley – Dallas Gun Club

Jason Miller – The Shooting Academy

**Shooters**

Dr. Paula Benbow – Sobieski, WI Derek Moore – Chester, NJ

Andy Duffy – Polson, MT Adam Pinto – Enterprise, UT

John Hackethorn – Polson, MT Ted Sapoznik – Vancouver, WA

Eleanor V Howard – Edisto Island, SC Brett Seibert – Lake Forest, IL

Jim Montgomery – Lake Charles, LA Rick Storey – Sealy, TX

Todd Kemmerer – Columbus, OH Eddie Vigil – St George, UT

Anne Mauro – Baltimore, MD Sam Wortham – Santa Fe, NM

Those absent;

**Range Owners/Managers**

George Hopkins – Hopkins Game Farm

Frieda Lancaster – Claythorne Lodge

**Shooters**

Mary O Pitts – Smyrna, GA

**Guests Present** were:

Judy Morris – Team USA Manager

Sherry Kerr - Outdoor Media Resources

Many of the NSCA National Delegates

**Staff** present:

Brett Moyes – NSCA Director Glynne Moseley – NSCA Assistant Director

Sabena Monistere – NSSA/NSCA Office Manager

Brett Moyes said that the binder material was sent to all Advisory Council members by email prior to the meeting this evening. Welcome to all of the National Delegates, the Regional Delegates and the Advisory Council members. Thank you for coming to the meeting.

The first item to cover in the binder is the NSCA Policy on Measures Decided by Ballot. Please take a look at it, as we hear from each of the Executive Council members speak about that. Scott Robertson started off. One of the things the EC has struggled with is conflict of interest as it applies to the vote for the US Open bid. There are only 2 bids this year; the only conflict of interest here would be, we feel, that the two range owners bidding should not vote. We want to open this up for discussion to see if there is any other conflict of interest. I don’t have any other conflict of interest; we are trying to be as transparent as we can be. Give both clubs a fair shake. I hope everyone votes their conscience and make the best vote you can make. Todd Kemmerer from the shooter side said, “if anyone is from a range or has anything to gain from a for profit standpoint, I feel they should not vote. We will be voting for the best club with the best location to offer”. Brett Seibert said he has no conflicts of interest and wished good luck to both clubs bidding. Tim Miles said all of you give your time all year long and it’s hard to get everyone to these meetings. I build gun clubs as well as put on shooting events. I myself am going to abstain from voting. I feel you will do the right thing and vote what is right and choose the best facility for the US Open. John Calandro, III stated that we ask the best and brightest to volunteer and work at these shoots. I have helped Justin Bounds get Caney Creek started and assisted with other shoots he has held. I do not think that is a conflict of interest and I will be voting. I do feel if there is a range owner bidding on the US Open, he should not vote. Steve Schultz said, “The only issue I have is taking the task by integrity. This has been going on since last vote. I have shot at both clubs and I have set targets at many other clubs; but I don’t feel that I have a conflict of interest”. Brett Moyes asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Brett Moyes went over the code of conduct. The code of conduct adopted for the NSCA Advisory Council meetings is as follows:

* I will treat others with respect
* I will work collaboratively with others
* I will be constructive with my comments
* I will be honest with myself and others
* I will follow the rules of the organization
* I will be responsive and actively participate in the work of the organization
* I will allow others to express their opinion, because everyone’s input is valuable to the organization
* My silence means I consent
* I will use facts to help the organization address issues and opportunities
* I will make decisions solely based upon what is in the best interest of the organization

Steve Schultz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the US Open meeting. A motion was made by Rick Storey, seconded by Richard Whaley; the motion carried.

Brett Moyes went over each section of the binder. Section 3 covered stats. The numbers are compared with the same numbers from a year ago, as of October 1. Membership is up 1,100 members from last year. Targets are up 500,000 from last year, at the same time. CLM (Complimentary Limited Membership) memberships are at 2,803 which are down compared to last year; however, with memberships being up over last year, it seems that the CLM members are renewing their memberships as paid members of NSCA. This means that the CLM program is working as it should and gives a good reason to continue the CLM program. The CLM program along with the free target program where a member can sign up and get a free round of 50 targets, show both programs are working and growing our membership. In Georgia the state association has also added another 50 free targets on top of the 50 free targets that NSCA gives for a new member, giving new Georgia members 100 free targets for joining NSCA.

Brett Moyes also mentioned that the renewal notices that were mailed out recently were mailed merged incorrectly by the mailing house that we use. You may have received your renewal notice; however upon opening it found it had someone else’s name and address listed on the renewal form. We have sent new correct renewal notices to the membership, so you should have your new renewal notices by the time you get home from the Nationals. If you have anyone ask about this, please let them know what happened and tell them a new notice is coming in the mail.

The next page goes over the details for the Range Owner/Manager & Industry Personnel Hospitality Suite Meet & Greet held in the conference room. The conference room will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 8:00am to 5:00 pm. Please take advantage of this to meet and get to know the other range owners and industry personnel.

The next page is a copy of the 2015 Nationals entry form. Please notice that we have added another 2 day rotation to the Main event of the Nationals. We will open the weekend prior to the normal Nationals week, thus giving us two 2-day rotations on Saturday/Sunday and Monday/Tuesday with a break in the Main event on Wednesday followed by the 4 day rotation on Thursday through Sunday. This was approved by the Competition Committee as well as the Executive Council. The reason for adding the additional 2-day rotation is due to the growth of the Nationals. Last year we were 270 entries short of filling the Main event; this year we are 50 short, at this time, of filling the Main event. This also gives us opportunities to grow the other events by having people who normally can’t attend, but are now able to attend on the two weekends. It also adds more time for the junior shooters to attend on the two weekends. On the flip side we are stretching everything; the numbers of workers, the numbers of traps available, the time it takes to set it all up, etc. If we don’t try something new we will never know how things will work with changes in place.

The next page is a copy of the Texas State Championship to be held at National Shooting Complex from April 22-26, 2015. We are already thinking of adding days to this event. The Texas State Championship has never been held at NSC. This is the weekend usually used for the World English Sporting Clays Championship, which will be held at South Florida Gun Club. The Texas State Championship has become so large that only a few clubs are big enough to handle it. The NSC is now open to host the Texas State Championship because of the new World English Sporting Clays Championship rotation of NSC hosting it every 4th year.

The next page addresses the 2015 Annual Advisory Council meeting, which will be held January 30-31, 2015 at the National Shooting Complex. This meeting ends at noon on Saturday. 2015 will be an election year for Delegates, Advisory Council and Executive Council members.

The next page addresses the 2015 US Open to be held June 22-28, 2015 at Northbrook Sports club in Hainesville, IL.

The next page covers the 2015 World FITASC Championship to be held July 23-26, 2015 along with the US FITASC Grand Prix to be held the week end prior to the World FITASC Championship on July 17-19, 2015 both at Caribou Gun Club in Le Sueur, MN.

The next page is a notice for the 2015 World English Sporting Clays Championship to be held April 15-19, 2015 at South Florida Shooting Club in Palm City, FL.

The next pages are the results of the rules change ballot #2 showing the vote counts for each item voted on, as well as the voting record to date, for the delegates. The last page shows the 2015 election schedule for the 2016-2017 term of office, beginning with the Delegate election in July and ending with the Executive Council election ending in December.

Brett Moyes asked Louise Terry to give the NSSA finance Committee Report. Louise Terry is the Chairman of the NSSA Finance Committee which is a joint committee made up of NSCA Officers: John Calandro, III, Tim Miles and Steve Schultz as well as NSSA Executive Committee Officers. This committee oversees the operating budget as well as the Life Membership investment portfolio for the membership. We had a very good year for the Associations financially, both in our activities and investments, as the economy continues to recover. We are still seeing increases in the size and number of corporate events scheduled at the NSC throughout the year, as well as strong performance of our Life Member investment portfolio. This portfolio was set up to service and sustain the distribution of magazines for the life members, whether they are still actively participating in shooting or not. The value of the account is currently over three million dollars. This account has been managed very carefully over the years in order to support the Life Members. Several years ago this committee made a decision to increase the use of the NSC, we now have more corporate events, fundraisers and registered events than we have ever had. We are putting to better use this huge capital asset that is the NSC. With the increased use of the facility, we are bringing in more funds to make repairs and add new building projects, which will in turn enhance the facility. With that said, we are not using any of the membership money or the Life Member funds to enhance the facility, which only about 10% of the membership gets to see or use; the facility pays for itself.

Louise also talked about the joint NSSA/NSCA Long Range Planning Committee. 10 years ago this committee created a Master Plan for the future of the facility. The biggest project that was completed this year was the hook up to the public water system. We are no longer on a well system; however we still have water rights which are considered part of our investment portfolio. We have plans within the next couple of years to hook up to the city sewer system, as well. With the size of the attendance at our major shoots, it is really stressing our septic systems. Getting hooked up to the public utility systems will be a major asset to the facility and make it worth more in the future.

We have also signed a deal with Verizon to be the anchor tenant on the cell tower to be erected on the property. The necessary engineering studies can now begin, with hopes of breaking ground before the end of the 2014 year.

Some other projects that have been completed or are in the works for 2015 are:

* Plans to build a 30’ X 40’ building with an open air porch area and restroom facilities (NSC academy or the “1/8 mile club”), located just to the right of the Browning sign at the end of the lower Skeet fields where the existing small metal building is located. This will be a secondary club house to hold instructor classes and house additional events at the same time as events held at the main club house. The projected cost is $250K with funds approved and available.
* Cart Barns – Plans are in place for 2 barns; one in the central core area where the old museum building was located – this will be used for staging and storing our corporate carts. The second barn will be built just off the middle row of Skeet fields, behind or west of the new maintenance building. This will be a self-funding project with spaces available for lease to local NSC club members.
* Main Club house Expansion/Renovation – We have contracted with the original architectural firm who built the original club house in the 1960’s. Several plans have been drawn up showing expansion and renovations to the existing building. We will look at affordability as well as most desirable upgrades. Further updates on this project will be available by the next Directors meeting in January.
* All RV Electrical Panels have been upgraded, installed and completed.
* Four new sets of steps have been completed and installed for easier and safer access to the lower Skeet fields.

These improvements to the facilities continue to be important for our future in order to support the increased usage of the NSC. This, in turn, will further promote our sport and generate revenue for the association to fund future enhancements.

On the last page of Section 5 you will see a report on the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP). Michael Hampton, Jr. and I serve on the board of Directors for the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) which is the funding foundation for the SCTP. We have had an NSSA member pass away recently. This gentleman has bequeathed his 15 gun Krieghoff shotgun collection, jointly to NSSA and the SCTP, expressly to be used for promotion of youth shooting into the future. His will specified that his guns be sold and the net proceeds shared between these 2 organizations for promotion of youth shooting. When the money is received, the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, will decide the best way to carry out his wishes for this gift; for example, create a youth scholarship endowment account, etc. Let’s all think about ways to best use this unexpected gift. For those of you who do not have children to leave your guns to; this is a great idea. The SCTP program is going well, 6 regional SCTP Tournaments were hosted in addition to supporting SCTP State Championship Shoots in 26 states during 2014. SCTP has over 11,000 members. The largest youth shooting tournament ever was held at the 2014 SCTP Nationals in Sparta, IL in July, with 2,180 athletes from 26 states shooting a total of 3,632 shotgun events in Skeet, Trap, and Sporting Clays. 736 entries were Skeet shooters, a 25% increase over last year. Across 3 disciplines the kids shot over 713,000 clay targets in 6 days. If anyone has any questions, please visit with me this week.

Steve Scales will now give the rest of the financial report regarding taxes. Steve said that corporate and charitable events are up over the past year. In the past 4 years, NSC has been open to more events as well as on a limited basis to the public. The NSC has been a profitable entity in and of itself, which was our goal in opening up the facility. We are operating with $400,000, which is better than planned. We had a successful World Skeet Championship and we are now having a very successful NSCA Nationals. This year will end very profitably.

Last year we were challenged on some of our agricultural exempt property. Some parcels of land that make up the NSC are under agricultural exemption because we run cattle on those unused acres during the off shooting season. We have done this for decades and are granted agricultural tax exemption for doing so. Last year there were 21 total acres over 3 parcels of our land that were challenged by the tax appraisers. We counter challenged them and successfully won our tax exempt status resulting in a refund check. I feel this was an attempt by the tax assessors to get more of our land away from the agricultural exemption. We will continue to fight any other challenges to our tax exempt status.

I would like to introduce Bill Stevens, with Sportsman’s Insurance Agency, Inc. (SIAI), who is sitting at the back of the room. SIAI has been associated with NSSA/NSCA for 23 years. Over the years through sponsorship and their affinity program SIAI has given our associations $1,000,000. They have the most comprehensive gun club insurance available. If you are a gun club owner or manager, please visit with Bill, I’m sure he will be able to help you get a better deal on your insurance needs. SIAI also has gun floater insurance as well as instructor insurance programs. Please visit with Bill; he will be here tonight as well as all week. He is, set up on the porch of the gun club. If you have any questions regarding the NSSA/NSCA taxes or financials, please visit with me at your convenience this week.

Scott Robertson gave the Marketing Committee report. Scott said the first thing addressed in the 2014 January meeting was “what can we do to make Nationals better”. Scott said his first suggestion was to put the money back in the Nationals, but do it in a different way. The most money ever put into the Nationals, to go back to the shooters, was $75,000, usually going to the top shooters. Scott suggested that we give guns away and do in such a way that anyone would be able to win the guns. The finance committee approved $125,000 be used to buy guns from industry. This money did not come out of the Marketing Committee budget. The committee worked with Browning and Beretta and turned $125,000 into $250,000 worth of guns from Browning and Beretta. 150 of the guns were given away in the Main event and 150 guns were given away in the side events for a total of 300 guns given away at Nationals. Scott said the committee thinks we are headed in the right direction and will work on making adjustments to the give- away program for next year. There were lots of entries in all events this year, plus lots of interest over-all, due to the gun give away. Scott said his committee will ask for the same amount of money to use toward the gun give away for 2015 Nationals.

In 2014 the Marketing Committee bought a truck and trailer for Team USA and had it wrapped. The truck was present at all 5 Regionals. The trailer was outfitted with TVs and a P.A. system. Next year we want to be able to draw more people to the truck and trailer by showing videos, have scoreboards scrolling and, offer some give away items from the trailer. We plan on hiring a driver to drive the truck and trailer and attend all the Regionals, the US Open, the Nationals, as well as some of the big blasts and some of the bigger charity events so we can get more exposure.

This year the marketing committee budgeted $10,000 to be spent at each of the 5 Regional events, in order to enhance the shooter’s experience at each event. We added money to each event for better dinners and courtesy areas. The last 2 events we also had bottled water labeled “provided by the NSCA Marketing Committee”. We will spend more time figuring better ways to spend this money for next year. What else can we do to make the experience better for the shooters? Water will be delivered to each Regional host club ahead of time. Maybe we can get some items to give away.

You may have noticed the videos that we gave away this year; the Faces of the NSCA. We had 35,000 copies made of the videos, which were photographed and produced by Thaddeus Bradford, Team US photographer. The videos are of shooters talking about NSCA and what they like about the shoots. There are shots of Team USA members form both of the World Shoots. Next year we would like to add more video content and have these videos streaming on the TV’s in the Team USA trailer, as it visits the different events.

Tomorrow night you will see something different at the Hall of Fame banquet. You will see the legacy videos that were produced for each of the Hall Of Fame inductees. These are video bios on each inductee telling how and why they got started shooting and what led them to getting inducted into the Hall of Fame. In time we would like to have a video made for each Hall of Fame inductee, which would help add interest and enjoyment of visiting the Hall of Fame. Thank you Thaddeus for a great job!

This year, $75,000 was given to the PSCA for advertising during the PSCA program. The ads were to help bring exposure to NSCA as well as bring exposure to the PSCA program. At this time, we do not know how effective the ads were. We need to get the rating from the programs before we can make any further recommendations or suggestions. Please give us your feedback on the PSCA program. Talk to the Advisory Council members and tell us if you, as a member, enjoyed the program. Did you think the money was well spent? Do we need to do something different; go in a different direction? Hopefully, we will get a schedule for the 2015 PSCA program, sometime in December. Remember share your thoughts with us. Are there any questions? Thank you.

Brett Moyes moved on to Section 5 in the binder. Brett said the first page was Marketing Committee information, basically covering what Scott Robertson just reported. The next few pages are lists of clubs in each Region with those highlighted that are participating in the First Time Member Promotional Gift & Membership Promotions at NSCA Clubs/Info Boards Program. Please note there are not very many clubs highlighted showing participation in the program. When you get home, please contact the clubs not participating and get them to sign up for the program, or ask them why they are not participating. Get the information to Nicki Martin ant NSCA Headquarters.

The next item is the Marketing Profit /Loss Statement as of September 30, 2014.

The next page covers the Shooting for Rewards Program along with pages of the different items you can redeem your points for.

The next item is a page on the texting message program. If you have not signed up for the texting program, please do so. It is a very easy way to stay informed to what is going on, while you are here at the Nationals.

The next page covers the different types of social media that is offered by NSCA. Some of the videos that Scott talked about will be posted on You Tube and Facebook.

The next page covers what Sherry Kerr, with Outdoor Media Resources, has put together regarding the website content and management, as well as NSSA/NSCA traffic, showing month to month and year to year stats. Please note that we have had almost 4.9 million page views in the past year. If anyone has any questions, please get with Sherry Kerr, she will be here all week.

The next page addresses Kids & Clays benefitting Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMH) which is the “Official Charity” of the NSSA-NSCA. For the past several years we have offered the “Big Mac” game on Field 3 which helps support Kids & Clays. Please get your name in the hat for the many prizes available. We also offer the Kids & Clays option for $20 where $10 goes to RMH and $10 goes to the Lewis Class purse. The Kids & Clays auction and raffle drawings will be Saturday evening from 5:00pm-8:30pm.

Brett Moyes called for the 2016 US Open presentations.

* Randy Voss gave his presentation for Caribou Gun Club in Le Sueur, MN. Proposed dates are July 11-17 or July 18-24. 2016.
* Justin Bounds gave his presentation for Caney Creek in Teague, TX. Proposed dates are May 11-15, 2016.

Brett called for all Advisory Council members to cast their secret ballots, place their unsigned ballot in

the envelope provided and give the envelope to Glynne Moseley, so she can check your name off the roll call list. Ballots were collected and counted by the Executive Council. 39 total ballots were collected – 3 were absentee ballots and 3 abstained from voting.

Michael Hampton, Jr covered section 6 in the binder. The NSC has been very busy with charity a corporate events. We continue to have lots of Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clay events. We will once again have the ACUI event in March. We have several fun runs/mud runs which are events outside of the shooting industry. Last year we hosted the Junior Olympics. We continue to be good neighbors with the church across the street. Whenever they have a fundraising event at the church we offer our support with extra parking spaces, offering a shuttle service from our parking lot to their parking lot, we offer them our port a potties, anything to help them out. Only in Texas will you see a Catholic Church and a gun club have a good, neighborly relationship. We offer home owner associations meeting space in the gun club. We ask our local police and sheriff’s departments to help with directing traffic during our major events. We do everything possible to be good neighbors. It is a tremendous amount of exposure that the NSC is getting.

I also want to repeat what Louise Terry said about SCTP. There are several people involved with NSSA/NSCA that support SCTP. Carlton Nether with Beretta, Kemble du Pont with du Pont Krieghoff, Louise Terry and myself sit on the board of directors of the SSSF who funds the SCTP. We now house the offices of the SCTP here at NSC and the NSSA/NSCA office building. We are all trying to grow the sport and get the younger crowd involved in the shooting sports.

If any of you have any questions regarding any of the proposed building projects on the property, please see me to discuss.

Michael Hampton, Jr. introduced Mike Dowling, the new NSSA Director. He moved here from Florida and was formerly with Mercedes Benz, for 21 years. Mike Dowling has been with us for about 3 months, please introduce your selves and make him welcome to the NSSA/NSCA; we are glad to have him with us.

Michael Hampton, Jr. called for the first of two shotgun drawing to be held during the Advisory Council meeting. You must be present to win. Mike Dowling will draw the name of the Delegate drawing gun winner. The winner is John Dennert, Wisconsin Delegate. John, please see Nicki Martin she will give you the details to receive your gun. The next drawing will be done for the Advisory Council gun drawing. The winner is Adam Pinto, in the Shooter category of the Advisory Council. Adam, please see Nicki Martin for details to receive your gun. Congratulations to both of you.

Brett Moyes completed the review of the binder. Section nine covers the Advisory Council Committee report update. We have covered most of these already. At this time I ask you to please get your committees together before the January meeting and go over what you plan to do for 2015.

Todd Kemmerer would like to give his report from the Awards Committee; then Steve Shultz will give his report from the Competition Committee.

Todd Kemmerer chaired the Awards committee. The committee and I feel we are on the right track working with the Marketing Committee in promoting the Championship Tour and the Regionals. The numbers are up at all events. The Regionals have become mini US Open events. We would like to standardize the trophy packages, so all the trophies at each event look the same with the different logo for each event as well as each event will have the same amount of money spent for the trophies. This will produce a uniform look. We would also like to do something to improve the payouts and the quality of these events.

In terms of shoots next year – we want to add the World English Sporting Clays Championship and the World FITASC Championship to the qualifiers, so there will be 7 qualifying events in each qualifying process. The World FITASC Championship would add another 200 bird event to the FITASC qualifiers. All of the new changes will be posted on the NSCA website before the end of the year.

We have been working on a new job description for the Team USA Manager as well as working on the Team USA Budget. We now have a Team USA Manager who has done a phenomenal job. In her efforts as Team USA Manager, Judy Morris has raised just short of $100,000 for Team USA, this year. We are trying to find a way to keep this going. Team USA has become something great; on a National basis, people are really trying hard to make Team USA, where before it wasn’t such a big deal. On an international basis, we are the envy of the world, as far as how the other teams see us. We had a phenomenal year and our thanks go to Judy Morris and the Team USA members.

Steve Schultz asked if there is any new business to discuss. Heyward Cunningham asked what happened the Pro Challenge at the US Open and at other events; are we still going to have these events? Scott Robertson said that with a little bit of money behind it and some time to figure how we can work a Pro type event into the Regional Tour it can be done.

Rick Hemingway asked why we don’t use the marketing money to promote the Pro Challenge. Scott Robertson said there are two marketing committees one comes up with ideas to promote the gun clubs and keep people going to the gun clubs and the other marketing committee is the committee to promote the Nationals and the Regional Tour. If one or both committees see fit to spend the money on building up the regional tours and add a “Pro Challenge” type event to the Regional Tours, then maybe something can be done to work in that direction. It is something for the committees to discuss and decide on.

Alan Van Velkinburg – talked about how the punch system needs to be worked on. He is a Master Class shooter who has been down classed and then punched back up to Master Class all based mainly on punches earned in small gauge events. His main event 12 gauge scores rarely bring him any punches, so he feels the classification system stinks. He says maybe we should go the way of Skeet and have a class for each gauge or maybe a class for the small gauge scores and a class for the 12 gauge scores. Glynne Moseley and Chris Thomas helped put some numbers together and they found that only 5% of the Mater Class shooters are shooting 90% average and above. Master Class shooters are not playing the options with that kind of average. There are a whole lot of Master Class shooters who are shooting below 90%. There are a lot of people in Master Class that don’t belong there. It’s time for the rules to change. I would love to have the opportunity to help put the data together to help come up with a viable way to change. It’s more fun to come and win than come to shoot and have a good time. I think it will help the organization if we made this change.

Steve Schultz said the Rules and classification committee has been working on this very problem for the past 4 or 5 years. We have to do it right. It will take time but we will get it done.

Steve asked if there are any other questions. Donna Lewellen asked why the deposits for the Texas State Championship and Nationals have been raised to $300 per deposit. It is hard for a family to pay that much money in advance. Brett Moyes said the reason for the increase is an effort to keep people from holding spaces at these events and then cancelling out at the last minute and getting their deposits refunded, when these spaces could have gone to someone who would have actually attended the events.

Steve Shultz asked if there were any other questions; there were none. Steve announced the winner of the US Open bid for 2016 is Caney Creek with a vote of 26 to 13.

Steve asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Mo Parsons; seconded by Rick Storey, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:53PM.