**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes** 

\*President Jack Tans called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 8:30AM.

\*Roll Call: Present; Jack Tans, Don Kelly, Michael Ferchaw, Andrew Engel, Tom Pavlack, Kenneth Keth, Steve Patke, Gary Mathews, Billy Williams, Stephen Malcolm, Chris Naler, Robert DeFrancesco, Michael Hampton. Absent: John Haugh (with prior notice). Also present; Louise Terry (Finance Committee Chairperson), Michael Dowling (NSSA Director), Steve Scales (Finance Director), Brett Moyes (NSCA Director), and Brad Jones (IT Manager).

\*Michael Dowling presented three options for Mini-World and World Shoot deposits.

\*\*Motion by Michael Ferchow, second by Steve Patke to keep the deposit fees for the 2016 Mini and World Shoots the same as in 2015. Motion approved by voice vote.

\*Information: The 2016 World Skeet Shoot will be from September 30<sup>th</sup>.thru October 8<sup>th</sup>.

\*Discussion: The Wayne Mayes championship is scheduled for Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The World Shoot planning cycle requires ~18 months. So planning for the 2017 World Shoot will start early in 2016. Concerns include; The shoot will be one day longer. There is no easy way to reorganize or combine events to enable finishing on Friday. The format is a "C of C"—in the past shot C of C format events have not been registered. Some members like the one day extension but would prefer additional 12 gauge targets. Positives include: The Wayne Mayes Championship will be open to all participants. It will be a recognized World Championship event, with awards to 10 places in all classes. There will be a blind 3 man team option. A unique championship ring has been designed by Kolar and will be presented Monday night at the annual Hall of Fame banquet. Action: Ask the Rules and Classification committee for a recommendation regarding registering the 25 birds for each gauge.

\*Reviewed the NSSA By-Laws regarding the Executive Committees charge in planning and running the annual World Skeet Shoot. Article 7. Executive Committee, Sec. 4.Powers: The Executive Committee shall exercice all the powers of the Board of Directors when such Board is not in session. It shall specifically arrange and conduct the annual World Skeet Shooting Championship by whatever name called.

\*Information: The warm up event had 32 participants (many were members from overseas). The 4x50 event on Wednesday had ~50 participants.

\*Information: Grand View Outdoors has been selected as our publisher for the new combined magazine "Clay Target Nation". Grand View is a large organization, publishing many outdoor magazines. We have the contract in place, with Volume 1, Issue 1 scheduled for distribution January 1, 2016. Overseas members may opt for a reduced annual membership rate and receive the magazine electronically. If they want a printed copy there will be an upcharge equal to the postage required for their location. The Records Annual will no longer be available in hard copy—but will be available to all members electronically.

\*Information: Marketing Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning at 9:00AM in the Museum conference room.

\*Discussion: Reviewed the operating budget proposal for 2016.

\*\*Motion by Ken Keth, second by Billy Williams to change line item 97 to \$8000. For Zone Shoots, \$5000. For field grants, \$15,000. Additional for youth camps. Motion approved by voice vote.

\*Brad Jones gave an update on proposed IT changes for 2016 and 2017. Emphasis will be given to expanding and improving Wi-FI access at the NSC.

\*\*Motion by Tom Pavlack, second by Bobby DeFrancesco to add \$25,000. To the 2016 budget proposal for RV park pad improvements. Motion approved by voice vote.

\*\*Motion by Ken Keth, second by Andrew Engel to approve the membership categories as presented. Motion approved by voice vote.

\*\*Motion by Chris Naler, second by Tom Pavlack to approve the operating budget for 2016 as amended. Motion approved by voice vote. We Will announce that we have an approved 2016 operating budget at the annual Board of Directors meeting.

\*Steve Scales reported that the sales tax audit has been completed, with no changes suggested.

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\*Discussion: The July Financial Statements were reviewed. Balance sheet continues strong. Markets down recently—very small exposure to China market. Profit and Loss better than plan—more events at NSC, and timing of capital expenditures at NSC. Portfolio dividends continue stable.

\*Discussion: We have a contract with the Forest City Gun Club in Savannah, Ga. for the Masters skeet tournament for the next 3 years. The 2016 Masters is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>- May 1<sup>st</sup>. Krieghoff, White Flyer, and others will continue as sponsors.

\*Brett Moyes reported that NSCA targets were up ~920,000 thru September 15<sup>th</sup>. Active Club numbers are down slightly. That will be a focus area for next year. For the first time the NSCA State Delegate elections were all electronic. Then the 45 member Advisory council elections were all electronic with a minimum of problems.

\*Michael Hampton reviewed completed and on going projects at NSC.

\*Discussion: The proposed By-Law changes to accommodate the change of NSSA target year were reviewed. This will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval. A majority of the full Board or 62 affirmative votes are required to amend the By-Laws.

\*Tom Pavlack reported that the website project is on schedule. Incite Media was selected for the development of the new NSSA/NSCA website. Beta testing with a small group will begin soon.

\*Discussion: A new Memorandum of Understanding between SSSF and NSSA has been developed.

\*\*Motion by Tom Pavlack, second by Andrew Engel to accept the MOU as written. Motion approved by voice vote.

\*Discussion: Michael Dowling reported that we received 2 bids to host the 2016 Jr. World Skeet Championships. St. Joe, Ft. Wayne, In. and Forest City, Savannah, Ga. have submitted bids.

\*\*Motion by Chris Naler, second by Steve Patke to select the 2016 host for the Jr. World shoot by roll call vote. Forest City was selected 5 to 4 votes with 3 abstentions.

\*Jack Tans reported that he is in the process of forming a youth shooting committee. Details on the charter and makeup of the committee will follow.

\*\*Motion by Bobby DeFrancesco, second by Ken Keth to accept the request from Mr. Ian Morrison to change his state affiliation for NSSA and NSCA from Wyoming to Montana. Motion approved by voice vote.

\*Discussion: In the past when a change of state/zone affiliation was approved the individual had to supply a mailing address in the new state to receive class cards, etc. from NSSA. Action: Michael Hampton to see what needs to be done to eliminate the need to have a mailing address in the shooting state vs. residence state.

\*Michael Hampton reported that our drug policy is being enforced. All Employees have been tested, and preemployment testing is in place.

\*\*Motion by Bobby DeFrancesco, second by Tom Pavlack to adjourn. Motion approved by voice vote at 12:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald J. Kelly Secretary/Treasurer