**2014 NSCA US Open Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday June 5, 2014 – Claythorne Lodge**

The meeting was called to order by John Calandro, III at 6:35 PM on Thursday, June 5, 2014. John welcomed everyone to the US Open Advisory Council meeting and thanked the Advisory Council members for the work they do for the Association. Steve Schultz is not here due to a family emergency, so John will conduct the meeting tonight. John welcomed Rick Hemingway to the Advisory Council; Rick missed the January meeting due to snow. John also welcomed Tim Jewell who replaced David Kelley who lost his position as Range Owner on the Advisory Council after selling his club. Roll call was done by Glynne Moseley.

Those present:

**Industry**

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

John Calandro, III – Clay Shooters Supply Carlton Nether – Beretta USA

John Commerford – NRA John “Mo” Parsons – Blaser USA

Jim Greenwood – Greenwood Custom Stocks

**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 Randy Voss – Caribou Gun Club

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

**Shooters**

Dr. Paula Benbow – Sobieski, WI Ted Sapoznik – Vancouver, WA

Andy Duffy – Polson, MT Brett Seibert – Lake Forest, IL

Eleanor V Howard – Edisto Island, SC Rick Storey – Sealy, TX

Todd Kemmerer – Columbus, OH Sam Wortham – Santa Fe, NM

Those absent;

**Industry**

Heyward Cunningham – Promatic, Inc. Sean McLelland – Youth Target Foundation

Lynne Green – Green Girl Photos Steve Schultz – Target Line Shooting School

Pat Lieske – Pet Lieske Shooting School Zach Snow – NSSF

Mike McAlpine – Clay Target Academy

**Range Owners/Managers**

George Hopkins – Hopkins Game Farm Jason Miller – The Shooting Academy

Frieda Lancaster – Claythorne Lodge Dan Twitchell – Ben Avery Clay Target Center

Anthony Matarese, Sr. – M & M Sporting Clays

**Shooters**

John Hackethorn – Polson, MT Adam Pinto – Enterprise,

Jim Montgomery – Lake Charles, LA Mary O Pitts – Smyrna, GA

Anne Mauro – Baltimore, MD Rick Vigil – St George, UT

Derek Moore – Chester, NJ

**Guests Present** were:

Judy Morris – Team USA Manager

Wendy Robertson – Scott Robertson’s Wife

Most of Team USA members and donors

**Staff** present:

Brett Moyes – NSCA Director Glynne Moseley – NSCA Assistant Director

Nichole Martin – Marketing Coordinator

John Calandro called for a motion to approve the 2014 January Advisory Council meeting minutes. Richard Whaley made the motion; Mo Parsons seconded the motion; the motion carried.

John asked Ted Sapoznik to go over the code of conduct for the Advisory Council meetings. Ted said the reason for initiating the code of conduct is due to some previous meetings being less than harmonious. Please be mindful of this code of conduct and respect one another during these meetings. 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 decision solely based upon what is in the best interest of the organization

John Calandro asked Brett Moyes to give the NSCA reports. Section A: Brett stated that the stats in the binder are current as of the end of April 2014. We are pretty much on line with membership which is up 10% compared to where we were at the same time last year. We are 4,000 members short of what we had at the end of 2013. If we continue membership growth at this rate, we will end the year with 3,000 members ahead of last year, for a total of 30,000 members. As far as targets stats, they are current as of April 30, 2014. Target totals are up compared to this time last year. The target totals do not show the Regional at M & M and a couple of other big shoots. The next page shows totals for Life members, concurrent categories, and CLMs.

John Calandro covered section B going over the rules change ballot. The deadline for the rules change ballot is midnight, Friday, June 6, 2014. A copy of the ballot is in the binder. If you have not voted and you are a delegate, please do so now and give your ballot to Glynne Moseley. Please be sure to sign your ballot. There will be a reprint of the ballot due to an error on my part. The wording in the item regarding visual training aids, tracers or trackers was not worded according to the decision made in the Rules and Governance committee meeting. We will send another ballot to the Delegates once the correct wording is in place and ask for a re-vote. A new ballot will be sent to the Delegates after the US Open. We will get all of the rules updated in the rule book by the end of the year. All items will go into effect January 1, 2015. Are there any other questions or comments on this subject? Glynne Moseley stated there were several Delegates who commented that the wording in the three items regarding vacancies need to be re-worded. The Delegates commented that the wording did not make sense and did not cover balloting. They would like to see the vacancy items re-written and a new ballot sent to the Delegates for re-vote.

Section C covers the NSCA policy on measures decided by vote. Section D covers the Delegate voting record as of today. This voting record does not reflect the current ballot being voted on.

John asked Todd Kemmerer to give the Team USA Financial report. Section E. Todd stated that we are waiting for some additional outstanding funds to be paid by some individuals (not Team USA members) who attended the World English Sporting Clays Championship. Once these funds are paid our financials will look much better. We still have a lot of fundraising to do this year. We have paid all entry fees and hotel reservations for Team USA FITASC as well as the Team’s airfare to Portugal. Brett Moyes asked if he could touch on a couple of items. Brett stated that the negative balance that you see in section E of the binder does not reflect several items that have not been listed. These items have not been sent to NSCA Headquarters as of, today. As soon as those items are collected the bottom line will look much better; the negative balance you see in section E will no longer be a negative balance. Judy Morris said she could give a better accounting of the financial report. Judy said there are $46,950 that have been collected, but is not reflected in this report, so as soon as the report is updated, there will be a positive balance. Judy said she just got a copy of the report and did not have a chance to go over it in order for her to comment on it earlier. As soon as the report is updated the balance will be positive $33,500. All expenses for the World English Sporting Clays have been paid as well as prepaid entry fees, hotels and airfares for Team USA FITASC for the World FITASC Championship. Judy said, here it is the first of June and we have fully funded two teams going overseas and we have not even seriously started our fundraising. Brett asked if the full amount for the hotels have been paid for both teams. Judy said yes, all hotel reservations have been fully paid for. Judy said, for additional fundraising we will bring in $32,000+ for the K-80 raffle; Blaser has donated a gun and is running a raffle for us that will bring in $20,000; $15,000 will be made here at the US Open donated by Sam and Frieda Lancaster and the E-Z Go raffle, run by the Ohio State Sporting Clays Association, will bring in another $20,000 to $25,000 as well as a few other donations for a total projected surplus balance of $150,000 by the end of the year. Judy said, I believe we are completely on track to raise this estimated amount of funds.

John Calandro asked Tim Miles to give the Long Range Planning Committee report. Tim stated that the Long Range Planning Committee is made up of 3NSCA Executive Council members and NSSA Board of Directors. The committee plans any building projects done on the National Shooting Complex property. At this time there are 3 major projects planned for 2014. The first project to be completed very soon will be getting off the water wells and hooked up to city water. A future project will be to get city sewage hook up ready; however, not actually hooked up, at this time. These two projects will give added value to the property; this also minimizes our taxes. We also have the agricultural exemption status for running cattle on the property which helps keep the taxes lower. We save about $160,000 - $200,000 per year because there are no state income taxes in Texas. The other large project being worked on is the 1/8 mile club, down by the Browning sign on the lower Skeet fields. There is a temporary small metal building at this time; however, we plan on building a permanent larger building to fit on the concrete slab that is currently there. The 1/8 mile club will have a septic system for restroom facilities as well as electricity. The 1/8 mile club will be used as a mini club house for smaller groups on the Sporting Clays courses. NSC has become very profitable under the direction of Royce Graff. We have an increase of income from corporate events of about 40% over last year. The NSC in now open on a more regular basis. They are also working with the San Antonio Rodeo which hosts the SALE Shoot. This is a fundraising event for the San Antonio Rodeo to build scholarship money. The San Antonio Rodeo has a lot of capital to spend, so we are glad to be affiliated with them and their events. All projects approved by the Long Range Planning Committee are voted on and approved 2 years in advance. These current projects were passed 2 years ago. We are planning on other projects for the future, at this time.

John Calandro stated other projects going on are; a new cell tower will be set up on top of the hill behind the Beretta Pavilion. This will bring substantial added revenue to NSSA/NSCA/NSC. A new cart barn will be constructed as well as repairing the existing cart barns; the area in front of vendor row has been re-asphalted, due to tree root damage and we are upgrading the electrical panels in the RV Park.

John Calandro asked Brett Moyes to give an update on the 2014 Pan American Championship and the 2014 Nationals. Brett stated that there were 352 participants at the 2014 Pan American, making it the largest Pan American event since the first Pan American event held in 2012. The event was larger than the 2012 event by 80 shooters. Everything went very well. NSC gets the Pan American on the even numbered years and on the odd numbered years, the event is held in Mexico or Central America.

Brett Moyes stated that we have had some issues with squadding the Nationals early on; however, now things have been going smoothly. We now have 925 people squadded as of May 30 and we should be caught up to 1,070 squadded by the end of this week, June 7. We started off 450 entries in the hole because we did not know how we were going to format the 2014 Nationals; we did not have registration forms available with start times, etc. available at the 2013 Nationals. Instead of registration forms, we offered reservation forms where people could tell us what events they wanted to shoot and pay a deposit; however there were no start time to choose from. We also had a new person who had never handled squadding before, so she had to learn the program as well as learn how to squad people. On top of all this we had problems with the program, early on. Never the less, we got through all of that and squadding is about where we were last year at this time. The Marketing Committee worked very hard and has come up with a prize package of 300 shotguns to be given away. These guns will be made available for anyone to be able to win; basically 1 in 7 people will win a gun. We were short 271 entries from filling up the Main event last year; however, with a prize package like this, we should have no trouble filling up the Main event this year. We plan on giving these guns away by holding shoot offs every day. Examples of the types shoot offs are: a shoot off for those in the RV Park, parent child, husband wife, lucky number, vendors, etc. So the goal this year is to fill up the Main event. With that said, if we do fill up the Main event, what do we do then; how do we format the 2015 Nationals? We need to know how we are going to format the 2015 Nationals prior to the start of the 2014 Nationals, so we don’t run into the same problems with squadding that we had this year. We don’t have any more property to expand the Nationals, so we will have to add more days if we are going to allow more entries to the Nationals. Please keep this in mind when thinking about how to format the 2015 Nationals.

John Calandro asked Todd Kemmerer to report on the of the Hall of Fame inductees for 2014. Todd stated that 7 of the Awards and Hall of Fame Committee members were present at the Advisory Council meeting. The results of the ballot for the 2014 Hall of Fame inductees have just been finalized prior to the US Open and presented to the Executive Council for approval. Two of the inductees are present tonight. The inductees are: Hal du Pont Service Award – Mike Hampton, Sr.; Shooters – Pat Lieske, Scott Robertson and Anthony Matarese, Jr.; Hill Adams Award – no nominations were made. The four inductees will be presented at the Hall of Fame banquet on October 23, 2014 during the Nationals. Congratulations to all of the inductees!

John Calandro asked Brett Seibert to report on the 2015 US Open at Northbrook Sports Club, in IL. We have a new website that will be coming up in the next week or two. We are loading up content, at this time. Lois and Skip have been contacted to get Winscoreonline up and running. We should have registration open before we leave here on Sunday. Everything up to this point has been done.

John Calandro asked Randy Voss to report on the 2015 Grand Prix and World FITASC. Randy stated that everything is going well. Registration for the Grand Prix will go online with Lois Lessing and Winscoreonline July 1, 2014, and hotel reservations will be available on August 1, 2014. To sign up for the World FITASC you must register with FITASC on the FITASC website; registration will be available on January 1, 2015. Both shoots will be back to back, 11 days from July 16 - 26, 2015 with 3 days off between the two for target changes, etc. Practice will be available while changes are being made to the courses. The Grand Prix will be held the weekend before the World FITASC Championship, to help bring more people from overseas. In setting the two shoots up this way; those coming from overseas will be able to stay longer and shoot both events. The Verizon Wireless Center will be the host site for the opening ceremonies. We have several things planned for entertainment, one of which is a lumberjack show.

John Calandro asked Paula Benbow to report on bids for the US Open in 2016. Paula said there are three bids; Caribou Gun Club in MN with dates of July 11-17, 2016 or July 18-24, 2016, Caney Creek in TX with dates of May 11-15, 2016 and Fossil Pointe with dates of June 13-19, 2016. Randy Voss with Caribou Gun Club, Justin Bounds with Caney Creek and David Niederer with Fossil Pointe are all here, so if you have questions please feel free to visit with them or their contact information can be found in the binder under sections 5-7. Voting for the 2016 US Open will be held at the Nationals Advisory Council meeting on October 22, 2014.

John Calandro asked for reports from each of the committees. Tim Miles of the Instructor Committee reported that his committee has been working on the items they brought to the Advisory Council at the January meeting. Tutorials are being filmed; one is a tutorial which will be sent to all clubs showing how to run a registered shoot. The other is a tutorial on making new members welcome and showing them how to be successful shooters. The tutorials are in the editing stages at this time. We plan on having them finished by August 1 or September 1 at the latest. They will be sent to all of you for review and then sent to a few clubs for testing, before sending them out to all of the clubs.

John asked Scott Robertson to report on the Marketing Committee. Scott said the truck for Team USA has been purchased for Judy Morris to use to take to the different events to promote Team USA as well as the Regional Shoots and NSCA. The trailer should be finished by July 5; however, it needs to be wrapped. It will be wrapped and ready to go with the truck to the North Central Regional in Chicago by August 1. The other item our committee was working on was allocating $10,000 to give to each Regional Shoot. I need feedback from all of you to help make sure that the money is going toward added value to each of these shoots. In other words can you tell that $10,000 was added to the Regional Shoots held in the first half of this year? Have you heard any of the shooters talk about anything that may have been purchased for a Regional Shoot with the $10,000? Can the shooters tell that our marketing funds are being used to enhance these shoots? For instance, we should buy bottled water that has a label that reads; water supplied by the NSCA Marketing Fund. We need to help the shoots be more successful; but we also need to make sure that the shooters are aware that some of the nice amenities are paid for by the marketing fund. So, I ask you to come up with suggestions on how the Marketing Committee can get recognition for the funding we are providing for the Regional Shoots. Next year we are going to have to justify giving this money to the Regional Shoots and prove to the NSSA Finance Committee that it was worthwhile to do so. We need to do better with our marketing, with banners, with advertising, whatever it takes to let the shooters know they are getting added value back for their money.

The NSCA Marketing Committee asked the NSSA Finance Committee for $125,000 from the profit gained at Nationals, to be used for making the Nationals better than it is. The NSSA Finance Committee approved the request and we secured 300 guns to be given away at the Nationals this year. There are 100 - A-300’s from Beretta, 100 Browning BPS Pump Shotguns and 100 – 1911’s. We are going to have to justify the use of this money as added incentive for people to shoot Nationals, so in order to do this we need to fill up the main event. What we want to do is encourage the shooters to sign up for the 2-day rotations (Tuesday and Wednesday). This is where we fell short last year. In another year we are going to have to change the way we run the Nationals because we have no space to expand, in order to make the change we will have to re-work the squadding and rotations in order to get more shooters to attend the Nationals. The other thing we want to do is to come up with creative ways to give these guns away. I think most shooters would like a chance to shoot off in the stadium, at night, so we are going to offer daily qualifiers for categories for shooters. For instance; RV Park shoot off, vendor shoot off, 2-person family shoot off or lucky-number shoot off. We will have a designated field set up with 8 targets to be shot from different handicap yardages, based on your classification. Anyone who fits the description of the shoot off type can walk up and shoot their 8 targets, any time during the day. At the end of the day all those in each class who shot 8 straight will go to the stadium field to shoot off for the guns. Hopefully, this will give incentive for people to stay longer on the grounds, keep them active and give them something to do. This will also help promote over all experience of the Nationals. There will be several different opportunities to participate in these shoot offs. If any of you have any ideas or want to add to this program, please get with me or Tim Miles.

John Calandro added that the Marketing Committee has really worked hard to bring attention to the NSCA and its programs. There were several years where we were not really giving back to the shooters at Nationals. The committee members are making an effort to make the Nationals better for the shooters and give added value to their entry fees. There are several initiatives have been made to bring attention to the NSCA and all of our programs. $75,000 has been spent on advertising with PSCA. We will get a lot of exposure out of the PSCA. The truck and trailer will be very visible at all of the Regionals, US Open and some of the other bigger shoots. We are working on upgrading our social media. John Commerford made some very good statements on the internet, which people have noticed. Sometime between July 15 and Nationals you’re going to start seeing a lot of stuff happening to our marketing and social media.

John Calandro asked Brett Siebert to report on the Instructor Committee. Brett said we had a busy first quarter. Don Currie was offered and accepted the position as Chief Instructor for NSCA. In accepting the Chief Instructor position, Don gave up his seat on the Advisory Council. Don’s position as a shooter was accepted by Rick Vigil of UT, who was next in line to fill a vacancy on the Advisory Council, in the shooter category. Don has been extremely busy upgrading all aspects of the instructor program as well as creating a power point presentation for the certifying instructors to use while teaching instructor courses. Don is also working with Sherry Kerr updating the instructor section of the NSCA website. The next project will be to create paperwork for the new Club Range Officer Program and the New Club Professional Program as well as updating the Level I, Level II, and Level III programs. We don’t expect many changes to the two upper level courses (Level II and Level III). For anyone interested, we will hold an instructor meeting after we adjourn this meeting.

John Calandro asked Paula Benbow if she had anything besides the US Open bids to add to the Competition Committee comments. Paula stated that they have suggested tying in with the Marketing Program and coming up with a uniform trophy package for all of the Regional Shoots. The committee feels that this will help the clubs because there will be one set price for the trophy package for each club hosting a Regional Shoot. The trophies for all of the Regional Shoots can be ordered all at once and placed on the truck travelling to each of the Regional Shoots. This way, the trophies do not have to be shipped, which saves money and the club does not have to keep up with where their trophies are. We are trying to decide at this point, if the Marketing Committee will purchase the trophy package for each Regional Shoot or if we want to evenly divide the total cost of the trophy package and have each club pay an equal share of the trophy packages. The trophies will all have the same logo with different dates and locations.

Mo Parson made the comment that we don’t always assist the youth shooters that we have at the complex. How many free Nationals entries do we give to the ACUI event? John Calandro said, none. Mo said there are so many of those kids that shoot all the disciplines, but there are over 550 or so kids that shoot sporting clays, 5-stand and skeet. Russ Arnold said. Scott Robertson’s sister and Mother are doing a great job with the Youth Target Foundation. I think there is something we can do to give back, such as give free entries to the Nationals. Russ Arnold said that at the ACUI Nationals this year, Michael Hampton, Jr. does not charge for target fees or labor, so every penny taken in for the games, about $10,000, is 100% used for scholarships. In addition, NSCA gave another $2,000 in scholarship money to the All-Around sporting Man and the All-Around Sporting Woman. ACUI has no complaints about NSCA/NSSA helping the youth shooters.

John Calandro said that in working with the Youth Target Foundation, one of the biggest problems we have is getting the use of facilities with the dates that we need. NSCA is always helpful in offering the NSC along with prime dates. Tim Miles added that every State Championship and Regional Championship gives free entries to Nationals to the Junior and Sub Junior winners. About 25% of those entries are used. The reason more of them are not used is probably due to the cost of travel. Those unused free entries could be attached to something else and used at these and other events for our youth shooters. John Calandro asked that Paula Benbow take these ideas back to her committee and discuss these ideas with Mo Parsons and Russ Arnold.

John Calandro asked Todd Kemmerer to give the Hall of Fame/Team USA Committee report. Todd stated that the committee is working on the Hall of Fame banquet to be held on Thursday, October 23 during the Nationals. Congratulations to all of the inductees. With this year’s slate of inductees, we are expecting a big crowd. We are planning a very entertaining event and hope all of you join us. Two of our inductees are here tonight, please come to the banquet to honor them.

Todd said, in terms of Team USA, we had a very successful trip to England. I had the pleasure and honor to experience the trip. Our Team and Team USA manager did a fantastic job. The Senior Team won silver, Ladies Team won gold, Junior Team won gold, Veteran Team won silver and Super Veteran Team won silver. Individuals also did well. Bill McGuire was in a shoot off for silver, against 6 other shooters, the likes of Richard Faulds and other great shooters, and won. Diane Sorantino won gold. So congratulations to Team USA; you all did a fantastic job!

Todd said, with that said, we had conversations with Judy Morris; Judy has tendered her resignation as of August 1, 2014 as Team USA Manager. I am extremely disappointed; no one has ever done a better job managing Team USA than Judy. I have always been a big fan and supporter of Judy; she has done a tremendous job promoting the Team and fund raising for the Team. Congratulations, and thank you for your hard work!

Anthony Matarese, Jr. said he has a concern about moving forward, from a fundraising stand point. The Regionals are what they are because of Team USA. We have a lot more participation because of Team USA. We have a big concern going forward finding someone to fill the role as a fundraiser for Team USA, because fundraising for Team USA is not about fundraising for Team USA it’s about fundraising for Team USA/Judy Morris. If you think we can hire someone to replace Judy as a fundraiser for Team USA and make the kind of money she has made; you’re mistaken, it’s not going to happen. Judy knows so many people and she knows how to get them to donate money for whatever she needs money for. People donate and do things for Team USA because they are doing them for Judy. If fundraising dries up, the Team will dry up.

Scott Robertson said Judy took something that was floundering around and made it the envy of the world, in our industry. I’ve been trying to tell Judy she will get burned out; now it’s happened. I thought it would happen sooner than later, but now it’s happened. Judy is tough and she keeps on going; I don’t think anyone would have lasted as long as she has, doing what she has done. What we are going through is simply growing pains and I’m hoping we can come up with a solution to take some of the burden off of Judy that will help her decide to stay. We have gone from Michael Hampton, Jr. offering each Team members $100 stipend, to being fully funded with team clothes, umbrellas, etc. We need to help Judy by coming up with a solution so she will stay. Scott is personally trying to talk Judy out of resigning and reconsider. Scott said, this whole board is accountable for this day because we never set any guidelines or policies for the Team USA Managers position.

Anthony Matarese, Jr asked, who is Judy supposed to answer to? Brett Moyes said that Judy answers to him and Brett answers to the Executive Council; the Executive Council makes the decisions. The Executive council tells Brett what the decision is and Brett tells Judy. John Calandro said that Judy is an employee of NSCA. Brett said that Judy has done something that no one else has ever been able to do. Brett said we (NSCA or the Executive Council) need to decide on a job description or guidelines for the Team USA Manager. This way no matter who the Team US A Manager is; they know what is expected of them.

Judy Morris said the roll of Team USA needs to be defined as well as the Team USA Manager. I have been told that Team USA is not the face of NSCA. Where does NSCA want Team USA to be? I have been told on several occasions that NSCA does not want Team USA to be the face of NSCA; so, if Team USA is not the face of NSCA, what is their place? We need a “place”. Once we get a “place” then, define what Team USA is. Does NSCA want Team USA to be the face of the NSCA or does it want the All-American Team, which is 210 people, to be the face of NSCA? An organization can’t relate to 210 people; it already has a hard time relating and associating to 35 people on Team USA. Once we have the “place” established then we ask; what is the roll of the Team USA Manager; what is the appropriate contract, for the Team members; what is the enforcement and accountability on those contracts? I have re-written the contract twice, since I have been Team Manager and I have had very little feedback regarding those contracts. When we do have things that aren’t quite right, what is the ability to enforce those things? There are a lot of things that need to be addressed. What do you believe Team USA’s position is in the organization?

Tim Miles asked if Judy had heard that from any of the Advisory Council or Executive Council members. Judy said she had heard it from Michael Hampton, Jr. Tim said he wanted it made clear that Judy did not hear this from any of the Advisory Council or Executive Council members. When Judy first heard this from Michael Hampton, Jr., Judy shared this information with Tim Miles, Todd Kemmerer and Scott Robertson. Tim said a lot of people saw him in a discussion with Michael at the last Advisory Council meeting and the meeting before that. Tim Miles said that Team USA is the face of NSCA; anyone saying differently is blind. I don’t think anyone in this room thinks that Team USA is NOT the face of NSCA. If you do think this way; I would like to hear why you think that. Judy asked; do you also believe that the World English Sporting Clays Championship is a world championship and qualifies as a world championship, and should be treated as such, especially since this will be the first time for it to leave San Antonio? Do you believe it should get more recognition than it does, because we are really trying hard to give it the recognition we feel it deserves. We have heard there is a desire to dissolve the Team USA Sporting Team and put the funds that would go toward Team USA Sporting and put it toward the All-American Teams. Tim Miles said there is nothing like that going on and that that was garbage being spread around.

Scott Robertson said; what Judy is saying is something I have fought for 25 years. Back in the 90’s when we had no money, I went to Hampton, Sr. and said we (Team USA) have no money. Hampton, Sr. said; said; if you don’t like it do something about it. So me and Kruger and some other guys went to Joe Morales and Angleport and got some guns donated, sold them and made $28,000. The NSSA/NSCA has always left it up to us to make our own money; if you don’t like it do something about it. NSCA will never give us the money we need. We, in this room, are all on the same team; we think Team USA is the face of NSCA; however, if we define that by the amount of money we get from NSSA/NSCA; the amount will never satisfy the needs of Team USA. They are never going to give us the amount of money that we think Team USA needs. So you (Judy) stepped forward and raised the needed funds and elevated Team USA, despite the fact that we were not getting any financial support from NSCA. To answer your questions, we all here in this room, think that Team USA is the pinnacle of this sport. Whether that will translate in to getting more than $14,000 per year ($7,000 per Team) from NSCA remains to be seen. I don’t think we will get any more than that. That begs the question; are we going to raise funds for ourselves and fix the problem ourselves? Scott told Judy that she has the support of every person in the room. Scott said he has been very vocal recently on this subject; Judy, how can you do all the things that you do and not get burned out? It is not possible for you to keep doing all of things you do and not get burned out. He asked Judy to do some soul searching and if she is going to continue to be involved with Team USA, what is it she is willing to do, what does Judy NOT want to do, what does she need in order to do the things she wants to do and tell the Executive Council what those things are. We have to define; what is the roll of the Team USA Manager; what is the appropriate contract, for the Team members; what is the enforcement and accountability on those contracts and what are all the other aspects of the Team USA Manager position? We need to do this now, because I frankly don’t think Judy is replaceable at this time. If Judy quits being Team USA Manager at least $100,000 dollars goes with her. Judy is too valuable to loose and we need to work with her and come up with a fix for this problem. Judy has resigned; however, this Executive Council voted her in and we can vote her back in if she wants to continue being Team USA Manager. This has got to be a group effort.

Todd asked if anyone else had any comments. Diane Sorantino added that Judy is a leader and when you are a leader, you can’t please everyone. However, Judy really DOES EVEYTHING for Team USA. She is unbelievable. I heard there are some Team USA members who want Judy to go away; but I’m here with most of the Team members as well as some of the donors to Team USA, and I am here to tell you we all want Judy to stay. I don’t know who the couple of unhappy Team members are, but they need to grow up. I hope we can work something out. I know Judy has tendered her resignation, but, I am hoping that we can all work together and get this resolved so Judy will stay.

John Calandro asked if there is anything else to discuss. Todd Kemmerer again stated that there is no bigger fan of Judy Morris than he. Todd was on the trip to Dubai as well as the trip World English Sporting Clays Championship and can tell you that Judy did a fabulous job. Russ Arnold also made the point that with all of the industry support of Team USA, the industry sees Team USA as the face of NSCA. John Calandro asked if there were any further comments. John thanked everyone for their comments and input.

John Calandro made the Governance Committee Report. John reminded everyone that there is a copy of the rules change ballot in the binder. The deadline for getting your ballot in is Friday, June 6 at midnight. If you are a Delegate and have not voted, please do so now and give your ballot to Glynne Moseley. Please be sure to sign your ballot. There will be a reprint of 4 items on the ballot, as discussed earlier this evening. The ballot reprint will be sent out after the US Open.

John Calandro asked Brett Moyes to report on the Regional Championship Tour. Brett said the first 3 Regionals had over 500 entries in the main event for each Regional. Thank you to each club for a job well done! The North Central Regional is coming up in early August at Northbrook Sports Club in IL and it should easily have 500+ entries in the main event, as well. The Western Regional in October will be held at Clark County Shooting Complex in NV, which has 330 entries signed up at this time and should also have 500+ entries in the Main event. Tim and I flew out there to check out the club. If you have never been there you need to go check it out, it is amazing. Tim Miles added that the Sporting Clays course is not set up very well; their course designer didn’t do a very good job with the available land. So Tim and Brett went in and re-set the course to get maximum safe use out of the course. There will be added land in use for the Western Regional. With that said, it is a pretty amazing place. We ask you to please make an effort to go to the Western Regional.

John Calandro asked if there was any other business or discussion. John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paula Benbow made the motion, with Mo Parsons seconding the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.