

## **2015 NSCA US Open Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Friday June 26, 2015 – Northbrook Sports Club**

The meeting was called to order by Steve Schultz at 6:04 PM on Friday, June 26, 2015. Steve welcomed everyone then asked for the roll call. Roll call was done by Glynne Moseley.

Those present:

### **Industry**

Russ Arnold – Shooting Sports Consulting  
John Calandro, III – Clay Shooters Supply  
John Commerford – NRA  
Heyward Cunningham – Promatic, Inc.  
Scott Grange - Browning

Lynne Green – Green Girl Photos  
Jim Greenwood – Greenwood Custom Stocks  
Anthony Matarese, Jr. – AIM Shooting School  
John “Mo” Parsons – Blaser USA  
Steve Schultz – Target Line Shooting School

### **Range Owners/Managers**

Justin Bounds – Caney Creek Shooting Sports  
Chris Cantrell – Rocky Creek Sporting Clays  
Rick Hemingway – Backwoods Quail Club  
Tim Jewell – Rangers Gun Club

Tim Miles – Coyote Springs Sporting  
David Niederer - Fossil Pointe Sporting Clays  
Scott Robertson – Elm Fork Shotgun Sports

### **Shooters**

Eleanor V Howard – Edisto Island, SC  
Todd Kemmerer – Columbus, OH  
Anne Mauro – Baltimore, MD  
Donald Nolen – Harrisburg, AR  
Adam Pinto – Enterprise, UT

Ted Sapoznik – Vancouver, WA  
Brett Seibert – Lake Forest, IL  
Rick Storey – Sealy, TX  
Sam Wortham – Santa Fe, NM

Those absent;

### **Industry**

Pat Lieske – Pet Lieske Shooting School  
Mike McAlpine – Clay Target Academy

Sean McLelland – Youth Target Foundation  
Carlton Nether - Primer

### **Range Owners/Managers**

Anthony Matarese, Sr. – M & M Sporting Clays  
Jason Miller – The Shooting Academy  
Josie Richard – Wilderness Gun Club

Daniel Twitchell, Jr – Ben Avery Clay Target Center  
Randy Voss – Caribou Gun Club  
Richard Whaley – Dallas Gun Club

### **Shooters**

Dr Paula Benbow – Sobieski, WI  
John Hackethorn – Polson, MT  
Jim Montgomery – Lake Charles, LA

Derek Moore – Chester, NJ  
Jerry Veneklasen – Overland Park, KS  
Eddie Vigil – St George, UT

**Staff present:**

Brett Moyes – NSCA Director  
Nichole Martin – Marketing Coordinator

Glynn Moseley – NSCA Assistant Director

Lynne Green asked if she could speak to the Advisory Council. Lynne stated that she and several other Advisory Council members were dropped from the Advisory Council, since the January meeting. Lynne stated that she had sent an excuse to Headquarters stating that her mother had been in the hospital at the time and she had been with her mother. Lynne wanted to know why she was dropped from the Advisory Council, since she had sent in, what she thought was a good excuse. Steve Schultz said there was no record of any excuses from the January meeting. Steve said that, as President of the Advisory Council he made the decision to drop all those who were not present at the January meeting, since there was no record of excuses. Brett Moyes was asked if there had been any excuses sent in for the January meeting. Brett said that the staff must have failed him by not giving him any of the excuses, because they are usually placed in the binders after the list of current Advisory Council members. John Commerford asked how we can correct the problem. John Calandro, III stated that Zach Snow had recently resigned, and made the motion that Lynne Green should be reinstated by replacing Zach Snow, due to staff failure. Tim Jewell seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Schultz asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2015 Advisory Council meeting. John Calandro, III made the motion; Brett Seibert seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Steve Schultz asked Brett Moyes to go over the binder material. Brett Moyes started with the Advisory Council code of conduct used for the meetings. Membership stats were then covered. Brett Moyes pointed out that the current membership numbers were low, but that was because the comparison was done using end of year numbers showing only 6 months of information. Brett said membership growth was actually pretty steady and he felt we would end the year with higher membership numbers than last year. Brett said the same holds true for target stats. We are actually a few 100,000 targets ahead of last year at this same time. These numbers were put together before all of the Regionals have been held. Last year the Regionals were held later in the year. We are actually holding steady in comparison for member totals and target totals. The only place you will see a drop in numbers is with club membership. Those numbers are slightly lower due to clubs closing for one reason or another. Brett said he thinks that this is a concern for all of us and we need to figure out how to help the smaller clubs. The smaller clubs are the ones who hold us all together by offering most of the weekend shoots that are held. These big shoots are great and they draw a lot of shooters, but we don't have shoots this size every weekend. So, how do we keep these smaller clubs open and wanting to stay in business? This is something we all need to work on.

Adam Pinto asked where we were on completing the update on the club manual. Brett stated that Adam Pinto had volunteered his time to revise the club manual, since the club manual had not had any revision in about the last 15 years. We chose to combine the Skeet manual and the Sporting Clay, since most of the clubs offer both sports. We appreciate Adam taking his time and volunteering to take on this task of revision. Brett said the manual is currently being looked at by the Skeet department. We are hoping to have the manual completed by the end of this year.

Brett reminded everyone that this is an election year. Nominations for National Delegates will be sent out in July according to the rule book. Please take a moment to go over the policy on measures decided by ballot, which is listed next in the binder. Lynne Green asked if we were doing electronic voting for all aspects of the voting procedure. Brett stated that we were doing electronic voting starting with the 2015 voting process. This is the first time we have held electronic voting, so everything we have used in the

past has to be converted to an electronic process. Sherry Kerr is assisting us with this process. We will do as much of the voting process as possible electronically, because it will save time and money. John Calandro, III reminded the Advisory Council that all ballots put to the Advisory Council will go to Steve Scales for his eyes only. The results of these ballots will be given to the Committees, the Executive Committee and to Brett Moyes, in numbers only; there will be no list of who voted for whom. This was voted on and passed unanimously by the Advisory Council.

Brett Moyes stated again, this is the first time we will be using electronic voting. We are hoping for good results, so we will see how it goes.

The next page in the binder is the overview for the USA Team financials. Brett Moyes said, these financials do not show any of the raffle money for the K-80, the Blaser the E-Z-Go carts or the amounts collected from the Super Schools. There is a listing in the tent of the 2015 dates and locations for the Super Schools. Everything is basically being done the same as in the past few years. We provided for rooms, travel and expenses for the Team members travelling to the World English Sporting Clays Championship and we will do the same for those Team members travelling to the World FITASC Championship. We have picked up additional new Honorary Team Captains this year. You will find a banner listing them in the tent, along with Honorary Team Captains from last year. Please take a moment to thank these people for their support, if you happen to see them on the courses or around the club house. Fiocchi has also stepped up as a sponsor of USA Team and provided a pallet (50 flats) of ammunition to be used by the Team members at the World English Sporting Clays Championship as well as the World FITASC Championship for practice shooting. Any ammunition left over can be sold for a profit with the proceeds going to the USA Team account. Thank you Fiocchi for the support! Brett said, at this time we are up to 6 Honorary Team Captains as of this shoot. If you see Paula Benbow, please thank her. She has doing a great job stepping in and working to find new Honorary Team Captains, as well as finding sponsorship and providing all of the Team gear. Paula and Nicki Martin have been working together to get things done, and they are doing a great job! Thank you, Paula and Nicki! We are now in the process of booking rooms for the 2016 World English Sporting Clays Championship at the cost of \$25,000. The World FITASC Championship should be about the same pricing. We are trying to book everything early because the Euro is getting weak and we want to avoid higher rates later on in the year. Brett said that our minimum goal is to come up with \$175,000 for the USA Team, this year.

John Calandro, III stated that a lot of people have stepped up to help the USA Team at no charge; Paula Benbow, our Team Captains and John Hackethorn. John Hackethorn is arranging for all of the travel and rooms for both teams. This is a group effort to fill the gap and keep things on track. Thank you to all of you for your hard work and support!

Brett Moyes; stated that the next few pages are covering, the Financial Committee report as well as the Long Range Planning Committee report. This year we will be renovating the Main Clubhouse, building the NSCA Academy, hooking up to city sewer, resurfacing some of the roads and parking lots and adding new speakers in the RV Park. There is no additional progress on the new vendor building. The building of the cell tower is progressing and the members cart barn is under construction.

Brett Moyes then went over the NSCA Directors report. Membership: As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, there were 23,078 members. At this time last year, we had 22,896. We have 581 clubs, which is down 12 from last year, and we have thrown 8,738,808 registered targets. At this time last year, we had 593 clubs, and had thrown 8,490,453 registered targets, a slight decrease in clubs; however, quite an increase in registered targets. Regional Championships: At this time we have completed two of our regional championships. The North Central regionals had 450 competitors in the main event and the Northeast Regional had 664 competitors in the main event. In 2014 a total of 402 competitors competed in the North Central Regionals main event, and 664 in the Northeast Regional. This increase in numbers is showing to be

consistent for the remaining regional events. Texas State Championship: The Texas State Championship was held for the first time in many years at the National Shooting Complex. There were 805 total competitors which makes it the largest state shoot ever held. There were over 700 competitors that shot the main event, which will make this the 4<sup>th</sup> largest sporting event held in the US this year. National Championship: We have over 1,600 entrants in the Main event, at this time. That puts us approximately 200 entrants more than we had this time last year. At this rate we will far surpass the entrants from last year and far exceed the 2,000 entrant mark. With the agreement from the Finance Committee, we have once again been able to purchase firearms to be given away. This year, thanks to some very good sponsors, Browning and Remington, we have purchased 450 guns which will be given away. 2015 US Open: This year's US Open will be held at Northbrook Sports Club in Illinois. There are currently 1,055 entries. The 2016 US Open will be held at Caney Creek Lodge in Texas. The next item in your binder is an entry form for the Nationals. If you have not signed up for the Nationals, please do so. As you can see a lot of time slots are full; however, no events are full at this time. The next item in the binder covers the Hall of Fame inductees. This year the Hill-Adams Award goes to Tony Monzingo; the Hal du Pont Award goes to Chuck Frazier and the Shooter Award goes to John Woolley. The next page in the binder is an announcement for the 2016 US Open to be held at Caney Creek, followed by an announcement for the 2015 World FITASC Championship to be held at Caribou Gun Club in July. Next is a list of the 2016 Regional Championships and their locations, followed by the bid forms used for the 2016 Regionals. The last three sections of the binder are the bid forms for the 2017 US Open. Please read the bids and make yourself familiar with what each club will offer. We will be taking presentations from each club and voting on these bids at the Nationals Advisory Council meeting, in October.

Steve Schultz asked if there was any old business to discuss; there was none. Steve asked if there was any new business to discuss. Andy Duffy asked if the process for nominating and voting on the Hall of Fame inductees could be discuss and possibly changed, so that the process is more fair and rewarding based on accomplishment and not so much as a popularity contest.

Steve Schultz asked if there was any other business to discuss; there was none. Steve Schultz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam Pinto made the motion, with Ann Mauro seconding the motion; the motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:24PM. The shortest Advisory Council meeting in history!