

## **Advisory Council Winter Meeting Minutes – January 27-28, 2017**

Brett Seibert calls the meeting to order at 8:00 am Friday, January 27, 2017.

Brett Moyes does Roll Call.

Brett Moyes then begins discussing items in the binder regarding the state of NSCA and target totals throughout 2016.

Brett Moyes discusses the actions of the Advisory Council regarding social media.

Justin Bounds then speaks on behalf of Caney Creek Lodge and how they have been negatively affected by some of the remarks placed on social media.

Rollins Brown discusses the social media topic and how some of it has been treated. John Commerford makes a statement regarding some of the posts for social media.

Ted Sapoznik discusses the actions of the Advisory Council and asks that everyone be aware of how their actions are perceived by others as leaders of the organization. Paula Benbow, Joe Scull, and Mo Parsons also discuss the actions of the AC regarding social media.

Jim Montgomery also adds his comments regarding how we react toward different scenarios as AC members.

Brett Moyes then discusses the remaining sections of the binder including the National Championship and US Open as well as the NSSA numbers.

Brett Seibert calls for adjournment for each committee to break out until after lunch.

Brett Seibert calls the meeting back to order to hear the committee proposals.

John Commerford speaks on behalf of the Marketing Committee with their marketing funds proposals. The Advisory Council discusses each item and votes as a total. The proposal passes unanimously.

Mike Licata speaks on behalf of the Awards Committee. He discusses each item regarding the Awards Committee including the USASCT as well as the HOF. Paula Benbow and Adam Pinto discuss the support for the team. Advisory Council votes unanimously to support the Awards Committee's recommendations.

Don Currie discusses the Instructor Committee regarding the program's progress as well as the new programs including the Scholastic and Recreational Instructor program. We have also created a Club Range Safety Officer program.

Steve Schultz discusses the Competition Committee's actions. He discussed the regional criteria as well as the US Open criteria. They have tabled the discussion on items regarding regionals being placed at the same venue multiple years in a row. The contract for the regionals and US Open will be sent to NSCA legal counsel for further implementation. Motion is made by Mo Parsons to host the National FITASC in the second half of the year. Seconded by Mike Licata, motion passes with one opposed.

Brett Seibert asks for a motion to confirm Scott Williams as Chief FITASC Referee and Mo Parsons as Chief Sporting Referee. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Paula Benbow to adjourn, seconded by Ted Sapoznik. Unanimously passed.

Brett Seibert calls the meeting to order at 8:00 am Saturday, January 28.

Steve Scales presents the financial report from the associations for the Advisory Council. Steve discusses the accounting firm who does our annual audit. He states that we received an A+ audit and the financials will be published on the web. Steve discusses the financials regarding the new magazine and moves into the NSSA and NSCA organizations' funds. Steve discusses the funds regarding the Marketing Committee which is restricted specifically for the marketing purposes of NSCA.

Brett Seibert calls for adjournment to allow the remaining committees to finish up.

Brett Seibert calls the meeting back to order to listen to the rules and governance report from their committee.

Ted Sapoznik supplies everyone with the Rules, Governance and Finance Committee meeting minutes to allow everyone to review. Ted begins by thanking the committee for the work they have done through the year. Ted states that he will only be presenting items from the committee's meeting that require action from the Advisory Council. All other items and determinations by the committee are contained in the meeting minutes. (See Attachment A)

Ted makes a motion to allow the EC to meet quarterly at their discretion as well as not requiring two EC members to be on each committee. (See Attachment B, proposed rule change items #1 and #2.) Mike Licata seconds. Motion passes with one opposed.

Ted then asks for a motion to provide for the following clarification statement on the issues presented by small clubs regarding registered shoots. "Clubs/Ranges may allow non-NSCA members to shoot on a course during an NSCA registered event, if their participation doesn't interfere with the NSCA registered shooters shooting the event." Basically, it is up to the Range Owner to decide what is best for their Club/Range. This will allow the clubs to make those decisions as they deem necessary. Motion by Tim Miles, seconded by Tim Jewell. Motion passes unanimously.

Ted asks for a motion to correct an error in the rule book regarding the policy for past members who rejoin NSCA and then start shooting again. The NSCA has been using a policy which was mistakenly omitted from past rule books in classifying those "returning shooters." III – A – 1 – c: "Past members

who rejoin the NSCA will be assigned the same classification they had when their membership expired.” Mo Parsons makes the motion. Derek Moore seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Ted asks for a motion to add language into the rule book to clarify the issue of requiring a shooting cage. Hoops may be allowed on overlay stations where a certified referee is present and gun movement is not being restricted. (See Attachment B, proposed rule change item #3.) The Advisory Council discusses the changes. Motion by Rick Hemingway to accept as written. Seconded by Adam Pinto. Motion to amend by Justin Bounds to strike provided by an NSCA certified referee. Seconded by Frank Challant. Amendment does not pass. Original motion as written is voted on. 12 For 19 against. Motion does not pass.

Ted then reviewed the committee’s discussion concerning the issue of “shooting stand dimensions.” There is not a rule that addresses the dimensions of a shooting stand. The NSCA website contains information on shooting stands. The committee recommends that the NSCA review the dimensions of the shooting stands shown on the website, ensure that they are adequate for both short and tall shooters and provide a few options of shooting stand design ranging from simple / low cost to more elaborate designs and that the meeting minutes reflect that members or clubs desiring information on shooting stand dimensions refer to the NSCA website. Motion by Ted Sapoznik. Seconded by Derek Moore. Motion passes unanimously.

Ted discusses Rule II-A-5 regarding shooters engaging targets inside the shooting stand and the recommendation of the committee to modify the rule as a housekeeping item. (See Attachment B, proposed rule change item #4.) Motion by Paula Benbow to accept the changes. Seconded by Don Nolen. Motion passes unanimously.

Ted discusses the committee’s recommendation that the “sequencing” of the shooting order at an event using European rotation shall be determined by the club running the event. Motion by Paula Benbow, seconded by Don Nolen. Motion passes unanimously.

Ted discusses the request to prohibit squads from intruding on the squad shooting in front of them. The committee recommends no further action on this item but suggests that communications efforts regarding “shooter etiquette” be continued to help address this issue.

Ted discusses the request to require clubs hosting state shoots to provide a contingency plan for the main event. The committee recommends that the Competition Committee include contingency planning requirements as part of any major shoot bid package and that the NSCA include on its website some suggested formats for creating appropriate state shoot bid forms. Motion by Tim Miles. Seconded by Steve Schultz. Motion passes unanimously.

Ted discusses the “conflict of interest” issue noted in agenda item K. The committee recommends that the Competition Committee consider including language in the regional championship bid package sufficient to ensure that situations like this are avoided in the future.

Ted discusses the issue of a shooter failing to submit their scorecard during a registered event. The committee unanimously voted to modify rule I – A – 3 – c (as a housekeeping item) to make shooters aware that failure to turn in a scorecard will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. (See Attachment B, proposed rule change item #5.) Motion by Ted Sapoznik, seconded by Don Nolen. John Commerford makes a motion to amend the language as written to “refusing to turn in a scorecard.” Seconded by Steve Schultz. Amendment passes unanimously. Amended motion passes unanimously.

Ted discusses the recommendations of the “Rule Book Cleanup” sub-committee (Rollins Brown – chair, Brad Alford, Adam Pinto and Ted Sapoznik). The committee unanimously voted to accept the sub-committee’s recommendations which were:

- 1) Separate the existing rule book into three sections
  - a) Governance document
  - b) Rules of the Game document
  - c) Awards document
- 2) Reorganize the “Rules of the Game” document without making any language changes to any of the existing rules as per the attachment in the Rules and Governance (tab T) in the AC meeting binder.
- 3) In 2017, continue with the further “cleanup” of the “Rules of the Game” document to remove redundancy, clarify, and simplify this document. (Any recommended changes will be brought to the AC/EC or National Delegates for their review and approval as required.)

Regarding items #1 and #2, the committee considers these to be “housekeeping issues” which do not require National Delegate approval. The committee would like the AC to confirm this assumption.

The committee also recommends that the NSCA consider printing and distributing a copy of the “Rules of the Game” to any member that requests on a yearly basis. (Cost analysis to be completed.)

Motion by Don Nolen to accept the recommendation of the committee. Seconded by Derek Moore. Motion passes unanimously.

Ted discusses the spectator rules of conduct (SROC) which were written up by the NSCA attorneys. (See Attachment B, proposed rule change #6.) Motion was made to add the rules as written to the rule book. Motion made by Paula Benbow. Seconded by Derek Moore. Motion passes unanimously.

Ted discusses the recommendation from the Classification System sub-committee (Brad Alford – chair, Adam Pinto, Bob Kruff, and Rollins Brown) to include “up-classing” in the End of Year Review process based upon feedback from the Classification Survey conducted in 2016. The survey indicated that 75% of the survey respondents agreed that both “up-classing” as well as “down-classing” should be a part of the End of Year Review process. The committee unanimously voted to “up-class” those shooters (except AA class shooters) during the End of Year Review process that had a Current Class Finish Ratio of less than 0.200. Since the End of Year Review process is NSCA policy, only AC/EC approval is required for this recommendation. However, a rules change is required in III – A – 4 – c to ensure that all members are included in the “up-classing” process. (See Attachment A, proposed rule change item #7.) Derek Moore

makes a motion to accept the recommendation as written. Seconded by Don Nolen. Motion passes unanimously. Paula Benbow makes a motion to accept the language change. Seconded by Derek Moore. Motion passes unanimously.

Ted discusses the recommendation from the Classification System sub-committee to change the method used to initially classify new shooters who have never shot registered targets based upon feedback from the Classification Survey conducted in 2016. The survey indicated that 70% of the survey respondents agreed that "New members should be assigned an initial classification based on demonstrated ability at their first shoot rather than arbitrarily assigned to E Class. Any such initial classification would be subject to mandatory review by NSCA after a certain number of targets for classification purposes." The committee unanimously voted to modify rule III – A – 1 – b – 1 as indicated in Item #8 in the attached document. Ted makes the motion to accept the change as written. (See Attachment A, proposed rule change item #8.) Seconded by Brett Seibert. John Commerford makes a motion to amend the motion to state if you do not receive a punch in your first 600 targets, you are moved back to E class. Seconded by Ted Sapoznik. 13 for, 17 against. The amendment does not pass. Adam Pinto makes a motion to amend the motion to allow a new shooter to have a review after their first 600 targets shot in a 12-gauge event. Seconded by Derek Moore. Motion to amend passes with 1 opposed. Amended motion passes with 1 opposed.

Ted discusses the policy issue of All-American points awarded in events of differing number of targets (50/100/200/300). The Rules and Governance Committee reviewed this issue and unanimously recommends to "Award ½ of the AA points normally earned for events less than 100 targets." Motion by Ted Sapoznik. Seconded by Don Nolen. Motion passes 16 for, 13 opposed.

Ted discusses the recommendation from the Classification sub-committee to consider the implementation of a separate, but parallel, classification system specifically for sub-gauge events. The committee voted, with 6 for, 1 against, with Adam Pinto abstaining to "Establish a separate classification system for sub-gauge (20 ga., 28 ga., and .410 bore) events" with the following criteria:

- 1) AA points, classification punches, and punches to move up in a class would be the same as current classification system
- 2) All members' starting class will be one lower than their current class (except for E class)
- 3) Create appropriate All-State and All-Region sub-gauge recognition teams

If the Advisory Council approves this concept, the committee will work to develop specific language changes for consideration by the Advisory Council. Motion by Ted Sapoznik, seconded by Don Nolen. Motion passes unanimously with 2 abstentions.

Ted discusses the issue of competitiveness within Master class. 30% of the comments from members obtained from the Classification System Survey were related to the inability of Master class shooters to compete with the top-level shooters for prizes. At this point in time, the sub-committee does not

recommend adding more classes to the existing Classification System. However, the committee unanimously recommends that the AC consider the following concept:

At Championship Tour events, Master class in the main event would be separated into either two or three divisions (Gold, Silver, Bronze), based on Current Class Ratio (division cut-offs to be determined).

If the AC approves this concept, the committee will develop a detailed plan for the consideration and approval of the Advisory Council. Ted makes a motion, seconded by Don Nolen. Motion passes with 5 opposed.

Ted discusses the recommendation of the committee to more adequately classify shooters who are demonstrating excellent shooting ability, that, for any shooter that wins HOA (or ties) in any event, he/she will receive the number of punches that would be given based on the total number of shooters in the event. If this concept is approved, rule change language to be developed and submitted to the Executive Council for approval with the subsequent submission to the National Delegates for their approval. Motion by Ted Sapoznik. Seconded by Derek Moore. Motion carries unanimously.

Derek Moore discusses the Senior Super Vet Concurrent that was added to FITASC.

Motion by Adam Pinto to adjourn. Seconded by Mo Parsons. Motion Passes unanimously.