

**NSCA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
June 26, 2009
U.S. Open
Elk Creek Hunt Club**

The meeting was called to order by Bob Lepor at 6:50 pm, June 26, 2009.

The roll was called with the following A/C members present:

INDUSTRY:

Beretta / John Bauer
Browning / Scott Grange
GP Traps / Brent Fleming
Lonesome Charlie Parker
Bruce Ney

NSSF / Cyndi Dalena
Promatic / Andy Perkins
White Flyer / Phil Murray
Wincheser / Ellie Schad

RANGE OWNERS/MANAGERS:

Lynn Miller / Cajun Elite
Scott Robertson / Elm Fork Shotgun Sports
Tim Miles / Coyote Springs Sporting Clays

SHOOTERS:

Dan Cluff
Joe Kennedy

Pat Lieske
Johnny Meitzen
Bob Lepor

Adam Pinto
Kirk Todd

Guests attending:

Kim Carswell
Jeff Demmon
Kris Hampton

Barry Kelly
Mark Kiddie
Dana Parker

Chris Tatum

Michael thanked Mark Kidde and Curtis Segretto for a great US Open.

Barry Kelly and Chris Tatum from the Willows expressed their thanks for being allowed a space in the vendor tent to sign up registrations to the 2010 US Open.

Johnny Meitzen made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2009 Advisory Council meeting. John Bauer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Michael gave a brief financial report. NSCA membership is flat with no increase so far this year.

The rule change ballot with two *proposed* rule changes for 2010 rule book will go out after the US Open. The current Delegates will be voting on the proposed rule changes.

US Open bids for 2011 are from:

- M & M Hunting Preserve and Sporting Clays in NJ
- Nemacolin Woodlands Resort in PA.
- Northbrook Sports Club in IL
- The Meadows National Gun Club in GA

There was a question whether Nemacolin had held any shoots with 200+ entrants or not. Research was done with findings that Nemacolin actually did have 200+ different shooters at The Hardy Classic. Competition Committee will review the requirements as far as number of entries at a major shoot, State or Zone to avoid any problems in the future.

Hall of Fame inductees for 2009 are:

Shooters

Gene Sears

Gary Greenway

Hal du Pont Service Award

Bob Lepor

Hill-Adams Award

Brian Brewton

Nationals report – there are 550 entries at this time which is 40+ over what we had last year at this same time. Master/AA/Concurrent FITASC Course is FULL except for Tuesday.

2010 World English Sporting Clays – In 2009, CPSA was not involved; however, CPSA is reconsidering 2010. We are going to move on without them. If it does not

happen, we will decide, as a Board, who to team with. The World FITASC will be held in the US in 2012. NSCA will be accepting bids for the host club of the 2012 World FITASC Championship soon.

Delegate Elections – Nomination forms have been emailed and mailed to all current Delegates. The nomination forms have also been placed on the NSCA website for any new nominations. As in the past, the same process for Zone Delegates and the Advisory Council elections will be followed. All current Delegates will be voting on the proposed 2010 rule changes. All current Advisory Council members can run for the Executive Council.

We have instituted a new log on process for looking up individual member information on the NSSA/NSCA website. This is a member benefit and also a security measure. Only current NSSA/NSCA members have access to shooter information on the NSSA/NSCA website.

Target Talk – is an email blast, once a week, to all members. It is in a 'Newsletter' form and contains all sorts of information of interest to sporting clay shooters.

Sherry Kerr has been working on holding seminars at the big shoots. The seminars contain information regarding media, website design and other marketing information. This enables us to offer more member benefits to our individual and club members.

Barbara Sheldon took a random sample of current members and clubs that are not shooting registered targets. She is trying to find out why our expired members and clubs have not renewed their memberships. She is also investigating why some expired members never shot any targets and why some of the expired clubs never threw any registered events. She is helping us develop Field Agents at each member club. We are searching for someone to assist the Field Agents Program in a paid position. NSCA applied to NSSF for a \$51,000 grant to assist with the Field Agent Program. Included in the binder is a four page proposal. Due to lack of funds, this program will be continued for one additional month with Barbara Sheldon.

On July 15, we will be back online with a website forum. It will be administered through Shotgun Life. Only members will be able to logon to the forum.

Bonus Bucks Program is a program where any member who brings in a new member will earn bonus bucks that they can use toward their membership renewal or put towards their Nationals entry, etc. At this time, we have had 73 NSCA

members sign up new members and 23 skeet members sign up new members. We are hoping this program will grow.

New Proposed Rules – Create a Pro Class. There is a problem with Master Class and AA class shooters constantly bouncing back and forth between the two classes. Adam Pinto suggested we wait until the January meeting to review a full year of shooting histories. Small gauge events do not have any real affect on moving shooters up into Master Class. Scott Robertson stated that our whole class system is flawed and needs to be revamped. We have people who have punched up from D Class to Master Class in one year. Pro class will not help the situation. We need to down class people more often than at the end of year review. We are losing members because some of the shooters think they can't ever win. ***Motion made by Charlie Parker that we table the discussion and gather more data to address the problem at the Annual Meeting. Johnny Meitzen seconded the motion; motion carried.*** Send Scott Robertson any data he would like so he can make a proposal in January.

Pat Lieske asked why we are not pursuing the study of why our expired members stopped shooting. Michael explained that's what the NSSF grant will cover.

Governance Committee Report – Johnny Meitzen, Chairman, stated that there are no changes at this time. There will be further reporting at the Nationals meeting.

Dan Cluff asked about target setters at Nationals. Michael stated we always try to have different target setters for Nationals and we are always looking for new ones to invite.

Bob Lepor – Skeet meeting report. Don Snyder will be retiring in November 2010. There is a committee of two Skeet Board of Directors and two Sporting Clays Executive Council members to review resumes. The committee members are Bill Batty, Jim Gast, Bob Lepor and Jay Delphey. There is a job description and benefits on Target Talk and on the NSSA and NSCA websites.

There being no further business, ***Johnny Meitzen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lonesome Charlie Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm June 26, 2009.

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