

# WSCA 2012 SPRING Meeting Minutes /Friday, April 20th, 2012 / Wausau

- I. Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm by President Rich Nemitz. Roll call was done by Secretary Paula Benbow.
- **Present:** Coyland Creek/Mitch Coyour, Firebird/Tom Norris, Game Unlimited/Pete Melloy, J&H/Jim Johnson, Joe's Clays & Guns/Joe Schmatz, MRC/Mark Meachum, Triple J/Tom Irish, Waukesha Gun Club/Steve Knoll (proxy), Waunakee/Bruce Ramos, Wausau/Jerry Bonfigt, WernValley/Steve Knoll, West Bend/Larry Kniess, Woods & Meadows/Scott Goetzka, President/Rich Nemitz, Vice-President/Mitch Coyour, Secretary/Paula Benbow, Treasurer/Diane Redmann, National Delegate/Paula Benbow, National Delegate/Rich Nemitz, National Delegate/Joe Schmatz, National Delegate/Mark Tedeschi, North Zone Representative/Mark Meachum.
  - **Present Guests:** Mike Anderson, Steve Singer, Len Wurman, Joseph Harrington, Len Lewandowski, Michael Flanagan.
  - **Not Present:** Argyle Rod & Gun Club, Gehrig Clubs, Highland Sportsmen's Club, Little Creek, Milford Hills, Ozaukee Co. Fish & Game, Rancho del Zorro, Whispering Emerald, Winchester Gun Club and South Zone Representative/Joey Pausha.
- II. Minutes from last meeting were read by Secretary Paula Benbow. Minutes were accepted.
- III. Treasurers report read by Diane Redmann.
- IV. Committee Reports:
- **State Shoot:** Steve K. reported that Wern Valley has reconsidered and will be having events on Wed. They will have SxS, Pump and a 100 prelim, all registered. He also reported that Steve Peterson and Fast Eddy will help set targets and that Lincoln Traps is sending traps and workers. They have a lot of volunteers lined up. Paula B. is helping with trophies. Diane R. and Rich N. are also helping with multiple aspects of the shoot. 5-stand will be 100 targets over 2 layouts. Food is same as group that was at Waukesha Gun Club state shoot. Saturday banquet will be chicken and ribs.
  - **State Fitasc:** Scott G. said the shoot would be a 2 day shoot with 75 Fitasc each day for a total of 150. He will have 100 Super Sporting on Saturday and a different 100 Super Sporting on Sunday in addition to the Fitasc event.
  - **FITASC Committee:** Pete Melloy asks that anyone with new ideas on how to get more Fitasc events in our state, submit those ideas to him.
  - **Youth Shoot:** Tom Norris and Mark Borchardt will be setting targets. There will be the youth shoot in the morning and a 100 bird open shoot in the afternoon. Any volunteer helping will be able to shoot the afternoon free. The date set for the shoot is July 21, 2012 at Firebird Sporting Clays.
  - **All State Team:** Paula B. announced the teams. She will forward to Mike F. to put on the website.
  - **Web-Site/ Shooter Survey:** Mike F. noted that the Ironman shooter survey is to be put on the website through 04/30/2011. He said the survey for the Ironman survey will be on the website until 05/13/2012. The results will remain private to the clubs to not publicize negatives. Rich N. asked if some of the results could be posted so that those that participated can see the results. Mike F. is to look into sharing data without comments. Mitch C. inquired how many participate in the survey. Mike F. estimated 65. Historical data is on the website now. The forum software was upgraded and now there is much less spam problems.
  - **Promotion & Publicity:** Rich N. discussed pros of revenue generation for the WSCA. One idea is an annual award banquet/fund raiser dinner: Have after the season (Jan or Feb) at a fairly central location in the state. Get nice prizes and donations. Have raffles. Pros: Nice to recognize everyone, a place to get people outside of registered shooters involved, potentially have the annual meeting (in a place that is less hectic). Cons: Involves a lot of work and organization, upfront cash may be needed. Another idea was to have a DU style benefit shoot. These are often quite successful at raising funds for a cause. Again a lot of donations are needed and this is a good opportunity to get people and industry from outside registered shooting to get involved with the WSCA. Mark M. suggested partnering with another organization that has been doing the above. The thought was not to partner with other groups that fund raise but to look to do on own. Bruce R.

expressed the need to target unregistered shooters to make the event more successful and the need to have lots of prizes/ give-a-ways to make it successful. Rich N. and Joe S. are looking further into each idea.

- **Hall of Fame:** Bruce R. presented Paula Benbow for induction to the HOF under the Women's Hall of Fame Category. He presented her points and accomplishments and said the HOF Committee recommended this induction to the HOF. Joe S. moved she be inducted for 2012, Pete M. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, motion passed. Bruce R. also indicated that the HOF Committee recommended that Rich Nemitz be officially placed in the HOF for the year that he originally declined his induction, 2005. There was some explanation of events that led to those past events. He asked Rich if he would accept the placement and Rich accepted. Jim J. moved he be placed in the HOF for 2005, Paula B. seconded, motion passed unanimously. Rich is to send his bio and picture to Mike F. the webmaster for inclusion on the website.

V. Amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws:

A. State Shoot Criteria changes: All changes were accepted to the state shoot criteria except for:

**“13. To be qualified, the shoot management and Club must: D. Have managed at least “4”**

**WSCA/NSCA registered events shoots during each of the previous “4” years and have had at least “2” registered shoots with over 100 NSCA registered entries shooters within the previous four years. OR Have thrown 35,000 registered targets in each of the 4 previous years.”**

There was much discussion about the proposed changes above. Mitch C. expressed that he felt like these changes were introduced to prevent him and other clubs like his, from getting the State Shoot. Mark M. also expressed concerns that the smaller clubs would be too restricted in their attempts to bid for the State Shoot. Rich N. and Paula B. both talked about the need for such criteria due to the responsibility of holding such a large shoot and the need for any club wanting to hold it to prove that they could hold such a shoot.

Further discussion went on with many restating both points above. Discussion is to be continued at the fall meeting. Vote was to table these changes for further discussion at the fall meeting.

The WSCA State Championship Criteria has been reformatted and will be posted on the WSCA website.

VI. Unfinished Business

- **A. Permanent WSCA HOF display location:** 1. WSCA Criteria was presented by Rich N. Bruce R. moved we accept it, Pete M. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. 2. Waukesha Gun Club – Pat Gerbensky letter requesting the WSCA HOF be placed at Waukesha Gun Club was read. Pete M. moved we accept that placement should Waukesha agree with the WSCA criteria , Paula B. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.
- **B. State Shoot Criteria/Format/Language update:** The following updates were presented and passed:
  1. d) 100 target NSCA Five-Stand event. (is necessary to host the shoot) Mark M. moved, Steve K. 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
  2. Clubs must hold the shoot on the first weekend of August that includes a Thursday, unless prior approval is granted by the WSCA BOD. Joe S. moved, Mark T. 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
  3. The club will provide practice fields every day of registered events and at least 30 minutes before event flight times. (Practice 5-Stand, Make A Break, or Practice Course) Example: Main Event starts at 8 am; Practice opens at 7:30am. Moved by Mark T., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch C., passed.
  5. The shoot shall use trained referees, preferably at least 18 years of age and, ideally, experienced shooters not shooting the Main event. Moved by Mark T., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce R., passed.
  7. Shoot-offs shall be held the same day the event is completed. Shoot-offs for ALL events must be conducted near the clubhouse with traps used exclusively for shoot-offs. The shoot-off procedures will be determined by the host club. Adequate lighting is required to hold shoot-offs. Club must have a pre-assigned shoot-off manager. Moved by Scott G., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom N., passed.
  9. All events at the WSCA State Shoot Championship will be REGISTERED and NSCA & WSCA daily fees charged. Scott G. moved, Mitch C. 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
- 13.A. To be qualified, the shoot management and Club must: Be in good standing with the NSCA and WSCA at the time of the application and must retain that standing through the year the WSCA State Championship is held. Jim J. moved, Pete M. 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

19. Post shoot evaluation will be done by the State Shoot Review Committee and presented to the Board at the following fall meeting. If deemed unsatisfactory by the BOD, the club will forfeit their spot in the next state shoot rotation until they are approved to reapply by the BOD. Moved by Joe S., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch C., passed.
20. The Event order for Wisconsin State Shoot Championship that must be followed unless approved by WSCA BOD is: **Wednesday (optional):** Side by Side event & Pump Gun event. **Thursday:** 28 Gauge event (50 bird minimum) & Super Sport event (100 bird minimum) & FITASC event (100 bird, 4 parcource minimum (If host club elects to have FITASC) **Friday:** 20 Gauge event (50 bird minimum) & .410 Bore event (50 bird minimum) & Preliminary event (100 bird minimum) & option to start early Championship 5-Stand event (100 bird, 2-stand minimum) & FITASC event **Saturday:** Main event (2 courses, 100 bird minimum each course, 3 rotations) & Championship 5-Stand event & FITASC event. **Sunday:** Main event & Championship 5-Stand event.  
Moved by Joe S., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark M., passed.

- **Include Concurrents on Shoot Results reports:** Ongoing issue that is still not being done by clubs. Please report Concurrent results on all shoot reports.
- **Apparel partner/link:** Rich N. has been working with Teresa from WERGF to put hats, t-shirts and shooting shirts with the WSCA logo on our WSCA website for purchase. He would like to trial sales. Moved by Paula B., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott G. and passed.
- **Associate membership Application Form:** Rich N. presented one application form for all members. Paula B. moved it be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark T., passed.

#### VII. New Business

- **Hall of Fame Inductee:** Paula Benbow & Rich Nemitz. See IV. Hall of Fame committee.
- **Member of the Year:** Mike Flanagan was presented by Scott G. for all of his work on the website. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim J., passed.
- **Honorary Hall of Fame/Boomer Award:** Don Matheson was presented by several members. Moved by Diane R., Seconded by Paula B., Passed. Rich N. will locate and notify him.
- **Survey Shooters RE annual award/fund raiser dinner and/or annual fund raiser benefit shoot:** Rich N. presented fund raising ideas for the WSCA so we can further promote sporting clays in the state and increase funds for increasing costs of trophies, etc. Webmaster Mike F. & Rich N. to put on WSCA website and move forward with fund raising ideas. Paula B. moved, Mark T. 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
- **Commercial vendor access to website:** Currently do not have links section. Would like to allow commercial vendors to link with us under link section. Possibly add logo adds to be charged for in the future. Webmaster Mike F. & Rich N. to look into and report about at fall meeting.
- **Request to change the fall meeting date:** Secretary Paula B. requested the date be changed as she could not be at the current set date of Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Various dates were presented with Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 being decided as best. Scott G. moved, Joe S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. Mike F. to change on WSCA website calendar and make a post notifying everyone.
- **Request for additional Money for FITASC added money:** Pete M. asked that the \$700 currently allotted be increased to \$1000. Paula B. moved, Joe S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
- **Request for increase in state shoot fees:** After discussion about increased fees for targets, pullers, etc. it was decided that fees should be increased as follows: Main event: \$155 plus fees. Sub Gauge events: \$40 plus fees. Super Sporting event: \$75 plus fees. Preliminary and other 100 bird events: \$70 plus fees. FITASC (150 bird) event: \$160 plus fees.
- **Other:**
  1. Rich N. Has heard complaints about outside state clubs posting on our WSCA website. Suggested fix would be to add Out of State Shoots category on our website. Mike F. to do if possible .
  2. Diane R. stated that the President's Shoot needs donations.
  3. **FALL MEETING: Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Woods & Meadows.**

VII. **Motion to adjourn** made by Paula B., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott G. Meeting was adjourned at 3:06pm.