

**Armed Forces Skeet Association
Director's Meeting Minutes
Conservation Park of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia
Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

Directors Meeting convened at 1800 hours, Wednesday May 13, 2015 by President Chris Naler.

ROLL CALL

Officers Present

President – Chris Naler
Vice President – John Daubenschmidt
Treasurer – Andy Ulsher
Secretary – Joe Pierce
Secretary Elect – Darron Todd

Directors Present

David Guida - Army (Proxy)
John Swidrak – Coast Guard Ret.
Matt Hamilton – Army
Jim Simmons – Coast Guard Ret.
Dave Wood – Army Ret.
Rick Andrews - Coast Guard MV
Fred Tschantz – Army MV
Andrew Winders – Air Force
Scott Danjous – Marines
Jerry Wasson – Air Force Ret.
Russ Stevens – Marines Ret.
Bill Wilson – Air Force Ret.
Ron Hostinsky – Marines Ret.

Billy D. Williams – Air Force MV
William Barnett – Marines MV
Cotton Talbott – Director Emeritus
Michael Lee – Navy
Pat Knutson – Director Emeritus
John Snyder - Navy
Don Berry – Navy Ret.
Steve Johnstone – Navy Ret.
Gary Steuerwald – Navy MV

Guests: John Ulsher, Kevin Suitt, Jim Hill,
Matt Esposito, and Michael Giese

- Formal reading of minutes of 2014 Director's Meeting waived.
- Brief summation from the 2014 Director's Meeting minutes provided by the Secretary as there were numerous new Directors who were not in attendance at the 2014 ASSC.
- Steven Johnstone then moved to approve 2014 minutes as written and previously posted, 2nd Michael Lee. Motion carried.

Officers Reports

1. President – Chris Naler
 - a. Discussed how our vote on restructuring would impact future NSSA Executive Committee actions.
 - b. He thanked Jim Tiner, Dave Wood, Cotton Talbott and Joe Pierce for their help in getting changes formalized and acted upon. The actions of AFSA will continue to keep us being an active component of NSSA.

- c. He also told all active duty members that in 2014 only 8 ballots were returned to NSSA for the NSSA Military Director positions. He encouraged all those members to make sure they submit any ballots sent to them in the future.
 - d. Chris later explained how the MV status for shooters were reviewed at NSSA by Mary Mausch and Stephanie Hagga, and what his and AFSA's role in helping them continues to be.
- 2. Vice-President – John Daubenschmidt
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- 3. Treasurer – Andy Ulsher
 - a. Reviewed main points of Treasurer's Report at the General Membership meeting. Same had been previously provided to Officers and Directors.
 - b. Otherwise, nothing new to report.
 - c. Motion by Dave Wood to approve 2015 Treasurer's Reports, 2nd by John Daubenschmidt. Motion Carried.
- 4. Secretary – Joe Pierce
 - a. Confirmed with Directors that email system being used to provide information to Directors is generally working well, and safeguards being used are working.
 - b. Otherwise, nothing new to report.

Old Business

- 1. Coin Awards for Active Duty Shooters
 - a. Lengthy discussion about various coin awards for Active Duty shooters in each event versus there only being awards of this nature in the HOA event. A variety of good ideas and different options were discussed by Ron Hostinsky, Kevin Suitt, Scott Danjou, and others.
 - b. Ron Hostinsky made a motion that individual awards are adopted for 5-Man Military Team winners, covering each event starting with the 2016 ASSC, initially at no cost to individual shooters. 2nd – Michael Lee. Motion Carried.
 - c. Options for these awards will be sent to the Treasurer to see how these awards can be purchased and whether it will be cost effective. Scott Danjous, John Snyder, David Guida and Charles Thompson will be Active Duty POCs for this project.

New Business

- 2. President Chris Naler welcomed all the new AFSA Directors whether they be Active Duty, Retired or Military Veterans.
 - a. This year's elections brought in 12 new Directors.
- 3. Joe Pierce brought up the need for club presenters to stick with the information provided in the bid matrix, which includes all information provided in the formal bids by the clubs.
 - a. Items presented at a General Membership meeting that are not in formal bids is not only inaccurate but unethical as well.
 - b. He invited Directors, if they so desired, to review the hard copy bids to confirm the accuracy of information provided to the members in the bid matrix.
- 4. Votes were then made for the location of the 2016 ASSC.
 - a. San Antonio – 0

- b. Whitetail Ridge – 4
 - c. Nashville Gun Club – 19; Nashville Gun Club will host the 2016 ASSC from 9-13 May 2016. The Pletcher Open will precede the ASSC (6-8 May 2016). The Volunteer Open will follow the ASSC (13-15 May 2016).
 - 5. Pat Knutson gave a short history of the Director Emeritus positions and who holds those positions (Cotton Talbott, Ed Hughes and Pat Knutson).
 - a. He let everyone know of the wealth of historical information held by these individuals and as he put it, they can talk, but can't vote.
 - b. He then made a motion nominating outgoing Secretary Joe Pierce to be another Director Emeritus. This was 2nd by Dave Wood. The Motion Carried.
 - 6. Fred Tschantz proposed the idea of having team competition with MV competitors along the lines of the 5 Man Military and Retired Military team events.
 - a. Much discussion followed and the main feeling by the group was these teams should be aligned by service to match what is being done now on the other teams.
 - b. This would mean an MV Army Team, Air Force Team, Navy Team, Marine Team, and Coast Guard team.
 - c. Although specific numbers of MV participants by service was not available at this meeting, it was determined to start this competition with 3-Man Teams and then later expand to larger 4 or 5 man teams if the population of MV shooters increases, which is likely.
 - d. This is a program item and will be worked to start at the 2016 ASSC.
 - 7. Jim Simmons mentioned that because of the shortage of Retired Coast Guard shooters, they seldom are able to field a team.
 - a. If we used an MV shooter to fill 1 slot on the first team of the Retired Team events, like we do when the Active Duty teams are short (the most current retiree can shoot as a member of the Active Duty team in these instances), it would increase participation.
 - b. The Directors had no negative issues with this.
 - c. Don Berry mentioned the need to stipulate in the ASSC program the criteria for how this would happen so the guidance would specifically say only when there is a true vacancy can an RM or MV shooter fill these positions.
 - d. If there are sufficient Active Duty, Retired or MV shooters at the shoot, they must be used in those position regardless of experience.
 - 8. Scott Danjou discussed the need for Active Duty shooters to shoot shoulder to shoulder at the ASSC.
 - a. Numerous members disagreed and felt there were times when more flexibility was needed to allow shooters to fully enjoy the shoot especially when shooting with a family member versus being on a different field shooting with AD Teams.
 - b. It will be looked at on a case by case basis.
- There being no further business, Jim Simmons moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by the entire group.
 - Meeting adjourned at 1927 hours.

JOSEPH A. PIERCE
Secretary, AFSA