

**2013 Historical General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Armed Forces Skeet Association**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**McIntyre/Parks Ranges, Camp Lejeune, NC**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 2013**

- Meeting convened at 1926 hours, Tuesday May 14, 2013 by President Rich Menhart.
- President called the meeting to order.
- Reading of minutes of 2012 General Membership Meeting waived.
- Pat Knutson moved to approve 2012 minutes as written and previously posted, Jim Tiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Officers Reports**

1. President – Rich Menhart
  - a. Nothing new to report.
  - b. Thanked everyone for coming and helping as needed.
2. Vice-President – Bradley Felton
  - a. Nothing new to report.
3. Treasurer – Pat Knutson
  - a. Reported we lost money in 2012 but would probably gain the amount lost in the 2013 shoot.
  - b. He managed to buy silver for the coin awards at one of the low points during the year. He expects silver prices to keep falling and will buy silver for 2014 shoot sometime during 2013 at the lowest price he can get.
  - c. Two of the gun awards have not been received or even produced by Remington. The 28 ga and 410 bore guns will be produced in June 2013 and then sent along.
4. Secretary – Joe Pierce
  - a. Thanked all the refs for their support during this shoot, especially the support we were given by 4 nearly full time refs: BJ Garlic, Owen Miller, Kevin Hostinsky, and Denny Norris.
  - b. Also thanked all the members who came forward to help as we had 8 refs pull out at the last minute.

**New Business**

1. **Proposed Membership Criteria Change**
  - a. Pat Knutson discussed the proposed membership criteria change for the bylaws in detail and its probable effects on AFSA, NSSA, and the IRS. A tremendous amount of discussion followed with numerous members expressing their thoughts, many very favorable to this change.
  - b. Jim Tiner and Chris Naler let everyone know how this change would be received at NSSA and how our Armed Services Skeet Championships would really remain as the appropriate Zone 9 Championships.

- c. Any changes voted on by the membership would be brought to the next NSSA Executive Board meeting the end of May 2013 by Colonel Chris Naler and acted upon in late September 2013 for rule revisions in the 2014 shooting year.
  - d. Lots more discussion about how it would affect our shoot and awards but almost all of this will be determined by the Officers and Board of Directors of AFSA.
  - e. Colonel Naler let folks know of possible marketing help from NSSA to veterans throughout the shooting community, which would have a positive impact on our shoot.
  - f. After all discussion, there was a motion to approve the bylaws change as written by Denny Norris, seconded by Jim Tiner. Membership voted in favor of this change in our bylaws.
2. **2014 ASSC Bid Presentations**
- a. Presentations were made by:
  - b. Andy Ulsher for the National Shooting Center
  - c. Joe Pierce for Tucson Trap and Skeet Club
  - d. Don Snyder presented for Sparta.
3. **Officer Elections Held**
- a. Colonel Chris Naler was nominated by Rich Menhart for President, Mark Haughs 2nd. Grant Morrison moved that nominations cease, 2nd by Jim Tiner. Colonel Chris Naler accepted the nomination and would serve if elected. Colonel Naler voted in as new President.
  - b. John Daubenschmidt was nominated by Grant Morrison as the new Vice President, 2nd by Ken Pittman. Joe Pierce moved that nominations cease, 2nd by Larry Krutsinger. John Daubenschmidt voted in as new Vice President.
  - c. Andy Ulsher nominated by Pat Knutson as new Treasurer, 2nd by Joe Pierce. Jim Tiner moved that nominations cease, 2nd by Rich Menhart. Andy Ulsher voted in as new Treasurer with full account access to all AFSA financial accounts.
  - d. Joe Pierce re-elected as Secretary.
- There being no further business, Don Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by everyone.
  - The General Membership Meeting adjourned at 2046 hours.

JOSEPH A. PIERCE  
SECRETARY

SUBJECT: Proposed By-Laws Amendment

1. Reason: Expansion of our membership criteria was discussed at the 2011 Board of Director's Meeting as a means of increasing participation at the ASSC. No consensus was then reached pending the treasurer consulting with the IRS regarding the effect on our tax-exempt status. In SEPT 2012 the IRS agreed that expansion of our membership within the guidelines provided in IRS Publication 557 for (501(c)(19)- Veterans Organizations) should not affect our tax-exempt status. The most current relevant section of the publication is:

### **501(c)(19) – Veterans' Organizations**

A post or organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States must file Form 1024 to apply for recognition of exemption from federal income tax. You should follow the general procedures outlined in chapter 1. The organization must also meet the qualifications described in this section. Examples of groups that qualify for exemption are posts or auxiliaries of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and similar organizations.

To qualify for recognition of exemption, your application should show:

- A. That the post or organization is organized in the United States or any of its possessions,
- B. That at least 75% of the members are past or present members of the U.S. Armed Forces and that at least 97.5% of all members of the organization are past or present members of the U.S. Armed Forces, cadets (including only students in college or university ROTC programs or at armed services academies) or spouses, widows, widowers, ancestors, or lineal descendants of any of those listed here, and
- C. That no part of net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

In addition to these requirements, a veterans' organization also must be operated exclusively for one or more of the following purposes.

- A. To promote the social welfare of the community (that is, to promote in some way the common good and general welfare of the people of the community).
- B. To assist disabled and needy war veterans and members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their dependents and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans.
- C. To provide entertainment, care, and assistance to hospitalized veterans or members of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- D. To carry on programs to perpetuate the memory of deceased veterans and members of the Armed Forces and to comfort their survivors.
- E. To conduct programs for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes.
- F. To sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature.
- G. To provide insurance benefits for its members or dependents of its members or both.
- H. To provide social and recreational activities for its members.

**Auxiliary unit.** An auxiliary unit or society of a veterans' organization can apply for recognition of exemption provided that the veterans' organization (parent organization) meets the

requirements explained earlier in this section. The auxiliary unit or society must also meet all the following additional requirements.

- A. It is affiliated with, and organized in accordance with, the bylaws and regulations formulated by the parent organization.
- B. At least 75% of its members are either past or present members of the U.S. Armed Forces, spouses of those members, or related to those members within two degrees of kinship (grandparent, brother, sister, and grandchild represent the most distant allowable relationship).
- C. All of its members either are members of the parent organization, spouses of a member of the parent organization, or related to a member of such organization within two degrees of kinship.
- D. No part of its net earnings inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

**Trusts or foundations.** Trusts or foundations for a veterans' organization also can apply for recognition of exemption provided that the parent organization meets the requirements explained earlier. The trust or foundation must also meet all the following qualifications.

- A. The trust or foundation is in existence under local law and, if it is organized for charitable purposes, has a dissolution provision similar to charitable organizations. (See [Articles of Organization](#) in chapter 3 of this publication.)
- B. The corpus or income cannot be diverted or used other than for:
  - 1) The funding of a veterans' organization, described in this section,
  - 2) Religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, or
  - 3) An insurance set aside.
- C. The trust income is not unreasonably accumulated and, if the trust or foundation is not an insurance set aside, a substantial portion of the income is in fact distributed to the parent organization or for the purposes described in item 2(b).
- D. It is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes listed earlier in this section that are specifically applicable to the parent organization.

**Tax treatment of donations.** Donations to war veterans' organizations are deductible as charitable contributions on the donor's federal income tax return. At least 90% of the organization's membership must consist of war veterans. The term war veterans means persons, whether or not present members of the U.S. Armed Forces, who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during a period of war (including the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, the Persian Gulf war, and later declared wars).

## 2. Current By-Laws Membership provisions:

### a. ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 - Membership is open to all active duty United States military personnel, foreign military personnel, National Guard personnel, active Reservists, Service Academy personnel, and Retired military personnel. NOAA, USCG, and PHS personnel are included IAW public law.
- Section 2 - No person shall become a member unless he/she is a member in good standing of the National Skeet Shooting Association.

- Section 3 - A meeting of the membership shall be held incident to the Armed Services Skeet Championships (5/09). A quorum for the annual membership meeting shall be 30 or more members.
- Section 4 - The order of business at all meetings of the Association shall be governed by the provisions of Robert's Rules of Order.

3. Proposed change to bylaws:

a. ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 - Membership is open to all individuals who are serving or have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States, cadets (including only students in college or university ROTC programs or armed services academies), their spouses, and foreign military personnel. NOAA, USCG, and PHS personnel are included IAW public law. A valid military ID/CAC card, DD214, or DD256 must be shown during registration to participate in the Armed Services Skeet Championships. (APPROVED)

4. There is a slight level of risk associated with approving this amendment. The amended bylaws must be approved by the IRS and a determination provided to AFSA. If they approve the new by-laws all will be well. If they disapprove the new by-laws the IRS MAY direct that we re-file for tax exempt status. The treasurer expects the former to be the case, but the IRS has the option to go either way. My successor needs to send in the new by-laws with our tax return to avoid paying \$250+ for a determination fee.