

- I. Meeting was called to order at **12:03pm** by President Rich Nemitz. Roll call was done by Secretary Paula Benbow.
- **Present:** Coyland Creek/Mitch Coyour, Game Unlimited/Pete Melloy, J&H/Diane Redmann, Joe's Clays/Joe Schmatz, Waukesha/Jeff Guenther, WernValley/Steve Knoll, West Bend/Jerry Ballering, Woods & Meadows/Scott Goetzka, President/ Rich Nemitz, VP/Mitch Coyour, Secretary/Paula Benbow, Treasurer/Diane Redmann, National Delegate/Paula Benbow, National Delegate/Rich Nemitz, National Delegate/Joe Schmatz, North Zone Representative/Red Steinke and South Zone Representative/John Dennert.
  - **Present Guests:** Kelsie Coyour, Barry Emmer, Patti Schmatz, Kevin Sorenson and Phil Enders.
  - **Not Present:** Boxhorn, Firebird (Represented by Paula Benbow), Gehrig Clubs, Highland Sportsman Club, Little Creek (Represented by Diane Redmann), Milford Hills, MRC (Represented by Joe Schmatz), Rancho del Zorro, Triple J, Waunakee (Represented by Paula Benbow), Wausau (Represented by Diane Redmann), Winchester Gun Club, Web Master/Mike Flanagan and National Delegate/Mark Tedeschi (Represented by Paula Benbow).

II. Minutes from last meeting were read by Secretary Paula Benbow. Minutes were accepted.

III. Treasurers report read by Diane Redmann.

IV. Committee Reports:

**A. 2013 State Shoot:** Scott G. stated that there were 350 shooters overall, 296 for the main event. Everything, including the weather went well. The Promatic practice course was a hit.

- **2014 State Shoot preview:** Pete M. has several guest target setters set up for the event. He will have the trails wood chipped to combat past dust issues on the main course. Lois Lessing is set for registration and scoring. There will be a 100 bird FITASC event included.
- **2013 State FITASC Shoot:** Pete M. reported there were 66 shooters for the FITASC. Weather was extremely hot and dry which made conditions very dusty but all went smoothly.

**B. Youth Shoot:** Joe S. summarized: 62 shooters, went well. There were 5 clubs involved this year. J&H, Triple J, Game Unlimited, Firebird and Joe's Clays. J&H has the "WAYS" shoot next year.

**C. State Shoot Review:** Rich N. reported that the committee supported Woods & Meadows remain in the rotation to have another state shoot. He summarized that he shoot went great! The club had adequate parking, space for registration and scoring, spacing between stations on the course, space to have practice and championship 5-stand, and number of traps. There were few break downs and they were handled in a timely manner. There was adequate numbers of workers and room for carts on the course. Shoot events ran smoothly. Targets, food and organization was excellent. Motion to keep Woods & Meadows in the state shoot rotation passed.

**D. Fitasc:** Nothing new to report. Future State FITASC sites are: 2014 J&H, 2015 Wern Valley, 2016 Joe's Clays

**E. Web-Site/ Shooter Survey:** Rich N. reported for Mike F. The web-site will soon have nomination forms for Member of the Year. Rich N. and the board would like to see better use of surveys.

**F. Hall of Fame:** Nothing to report.

**G. Promotions & Publicity:** John D. suggested using E-mail blasts to promote our state shoot and other big blasts in WI. He will look into this and present the info to the committee who will present to the board.

**H. State Shoot Criteria:** Nothing to report.

**I. Shoot Series:** Pete M. has the Grand Prize set up: A customized golf cart. There are 10 clubs set up for the series. The details of the WI Circuit Shoot Series will be posted on the WSCA website and listed on the 2014 WSCA Shoot Schedule.

V. Amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws:

**A. State Shoot Criteria changes:** No changes.

VI. Unfinished Business:

- **Update Committees:** Paula B. asked anyone who was not on at least one committee to sign up for one as the board is a working board and everyone needs to be on at least one committee. We updated the list. The list is to be printed on the website.
- **Apparel partner/link:** Rich N. is continuing to pursue new partners.

VII. New Business

**A. Election of Officers:** Only one candidate for each officer was presented and passed. President – Rich Nemitz, Vice President – Mitch Coyour, Secretary – Paula Benbow, Treasurer – Diane Redmann.

**B. State Shoot Ideas:**

**1. WSCA purchase a microphone for use at State shoots.** Pete M. and Diane R. will get quotes and present at the spring meeting.

**2. Require host club to have a photographer and at least 2 cameras available.** Discussed that it does not have to be a professional photographer. The club must have a photographer for the awards. If they want to get a professional, it is at the clubs discretion.

**3. Work with MN and IL to have joint incentive to attend each other's state shoots.** Rich N. will talk with the Presidents of the respective associations and try to come up with options.

**4. Add Veteran Lewis Option to State Shoot Options.** Veteran's class is the second highest class after Master class. This option will be left to the club's discretion.

**5. WSCA Raffle: Change or Discontinue?** Overwhelming vote was to continue the raffle. Due to an oversight, Pete M. did not do the raffle for this year's state shoot added money. Soution: Pete will be having his raffle from now until April 2014. Mitch will have his raffle from April until August for the 2015 State Shoot at his club, Coyland Creek.

**6. Add HOA and Sub-guage HOA Lewis Option to State Shoot Options.** This option will be left to the club's discretion.

**7. Move State Shoot to the end of August.** This is not possible due to a non compete agreement with neighboring states within the North Central Region.

**C. Confirm that the WSCA All State Team is determined using only In State Win points:** Confirmed. Calculations were present for review. Paula B., chairman of the All State Team committee, directed the board to the criteria posted on the WSCA website.

**D. Add a picture page to our website:** Board thought it was a good idea. Rich N. will confer with Mike F. about setting it up.

**E. Add time to our future meetings for "Shooters Questions and Comments":** Discussion summarized that this is already done by Rich N. asking for the above on the WSCA website, by North & South Zone Representatives and by the National Delegates.

**F. Replace South Zone Representative:** John Dennert was elected as a WI National Delegate and according to our By-Laws, he can not hold both the National Delegate and South Zone Representative positions. As this is a position voted on by the membership at the State Shoot Annual Membership meeting, it was discussed and agreed by the board that we leave John Dennert in the position of South Zone Representative until the 2014 State Shoot when we can have a new election to replace him as the South Zone Representative.

**G. Award State FITASC shoot for 2016:** Highland's was awarded the shoot. Since they have closed, Joe's Clays is awarded the shoot.

**H. Award State Youth shoot for 2016:** Following the WAYS criteria that the host club must have a team in the state youth shoot for 3 years in a row, the shoots were awarded as follows: 2015 Firebird. Now will be 2015 Joe's Clays and 2016 J&H.

**I. Award 2016 North and South Zone shoots:** Shoots were awarded according to rotation as follows: 2016 North Zone / Joe's Clays and South Zone Shoot / Winchester.

**J. Award State shoot for 2016:** Waukesha Gun Club submitted a bid. There was concern of having enough space for Waukesha to hold the shoot. Review of stations being too close to each other, visual interference of seeing birds from other stations while trying to shoot at a station and having enough variation in type of target presentation on both courses (Not all trap like or out goers due to limited space) was voiced. Jeff G. (representing Pat G. who was out of the country) presented a plan about construction of berms, using more land and having adequate space between stations. Waukesha Gun Club was granted the 2016 WI State Shoot based on the plan of berms being built, using additional space and having adequate space between stations.

**K. Other.** Firebird has closed.

VIII. 2014 Shoot Schedule –

One precedent/ traditional shoot issue arose this year:

There was discussion of precedent/traditional shoot dates for Waukesha's "Wisconsin Open, 200 Super Sporting event" and protecting the "WAYS shoot". Background: Last year Waukesha moved their Wisconsin Open from their precedent/ traditional 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in June date to July stating this was a one time switch. It also happened to be on the same date as the Saturday WAYS shoot date. As Joe's Clays (and Firebird's the year before) had incorrectly posted the WAYS shoot as an Open shoot, the switch in dates for the Wisconsin Open was allowed last year. For the coming year: the WAYS shoot is correctly listed as per their bylaws as a registered shoot. Further background: When the WAYS (Wisconsin Association for Youth Shooting) was established and looking for an annual date, J&H gave up their precedent/traditional dates on the third weekend of July expressly for the WAYS shoot. Waukesha abided this year and changed their dates back to the June dates, stating that the issue was not yet resolved for next year. Waukesha prefers the July date as they feel it was better attended and was good for a State Shoot warm up.

IX. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Red S. & seconded by Joe S., Rich N. adjourned the meeting at **4:09 pm**.