

**2002 ZONE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, ATLANTA, GEORGIA
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2002**

1. Meeting called to order by President L. Terry at 1:45pm
2. Roll call was taken, the following directors were not present or represented C. Townsend, B. Hataway, H. Echols, G. Patton, L. Staska, T. Downing, L. Bermudez II, J. Coombs, and F. Potts.
3. The following Directors for the term beginning 11/01/02 were also present: I. Davenport, A. McCannon, J. Solsona, R. Stroman, L. Tucker, A. Hopkins – for informational and discussion purposes only.
4. L. Terry asked if everyone had received copy of the minutes and asked if there were any questions or corrections. T. D. Berkes made a motion to accept minutes from 2001 Board of Directors Meeting and 2002 Winter Board of Directors Mtg. B. Perry 2nd. Motion carried.
5. Election of Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer

L. Tucker made a nomination of C. C. Rhodes for Vice President. A. Morrison moved that nominations be closed, 2nd by B. Perry. Motion carried.
L. Terry made a nomination of T.D. Berkes for Sec/Tres, 2nd by B. Perry. D. Rhodes moved that nominations be closed, 2nd by B. Murrell. Motion carried
6. Officers Reports:
 - a. L. Terry reported that past NSSA President Jim Durham passed away July 24th, 2002. The Executive Committee met at the end of June, the minutes from that meeting will be posted in the Skeet Review for all those who are interested
 - b. C. Tucker had nothing to report at this time, everything is moving forward.
 - c. B. M. Tucker reported the financial status – holding steady. L. Terry reminded everyone we need to focus on making the shoot grow. The number has dropped to 230 shooters – were it was 310 in 2000 and 265 in 2001. Many costs of the shoot are fixed, not dependent on number of shooters, increasing number of shooters help keep entry fees down, and that is the goal. Directors are in charge of the shoot program – remember goal is to keep entry fees down and try to run the shoot at a break even point. The money in the bank is a cushion for the unexpected.
 - d. L. Deshotels offered his facility for the Winter Board meeting. In 2002, this meeting was conducted by a teleconference, which cost the Association about \$275.00. Everyone agreed that it is a good idea to continue having the meeting. Tentative date for January 11th, location to be determined.
7. No Old Business
8. New Business:
 - a. Location for 2003 Zone Shoot – August 8 – 10, 2003 - L. Deshotels spoke on behalf of Tom Lowe Shooting Grounds, Atlanta. Their offer is .10/target with the same conditions as the 2002 shoot. The bid from Forest City Gun Club, Savannah is \$.14/target. The last visit to Savannah was at \$.12/target. The price is set by their Board of Directors – member price \$12/100, non-member price \$16/100 so all events will be \$14/100.

Discussion followed on the issues facing each location:

Savannah – has been issued condemnation papers. It appears they will lose 5 fields on the front line, 4 in the middle and 4 on the back line. The campground is closed, but they are trying to add a new camping facility, unsure if it would be available at the 2003 date. Skid-A-Way is the closest camping facility – about 8 miles. The club is also currently looking for a new manager.

Atlanta – Camping on Tom Lowe supposed to be open but unsure at this time. The nearest campground is about 8 miles away. B. Perry asked if closing the International facility would affect the gun club – L. Deshotels said it would not.

C. Tucker asked if the location vote could wait until the January meeting when some of the questions on each location would be answered. L. Deshotels stated that the County could possibly change their bid if the location was not decided upon until January. L. Deshotels made a motion to postpone the vote until the Winter Meeting. 2nd by D. Rhodes. Motion carried.

Further discussion included talk about how construction would affect having a shoot in Savannah, grounds & facility conditions. T. D. Berkes questioned if more shooters would attend a shoot in Savannah than in Atlanta. B. Murrell stated that more from North Carolina would. A. Morrison stated that \$.14/target would deter some shooters. B. Tucker, Jr. stated that the shoot committee should be aware that targets are paid according to the number of shooters not by an inventory count.

- b. Establishing a New Shoot Committee – the current crew and equipment will retire after this year's Zone shoot. T. D. Berkes will take over the squadding, program and prep work. Possibly need to break up the work in 5-6 sub teams. It is important to have non-shooters (2?) and the rest volunteers. These non-shooters would be paid. A. Bishop stated that each state has shoots and resources should be pooled from them. Contact T. D. Berkes on suggestions, etc.
 - c. B. Murrell reported that he had registered www.Zone4skeet.org for the next 10 years. If the board agreed he would maintain the website, which would include minutes, bylaws, shoot info, etc. L. Terry made a motion for B. Murrell to maintain the official website, C. Tucker 2nd. Motion carried.
 - d. B. Murrell opened discussion about skeet software. L. Deshotels made a motion that T.D. Berkes investigate and procure software for the 2003 shoot. B. Murrell 2nd, Motion carried.
 - e. L. Terry spoke about the decrease of registered targets for NSSA. Many blame decrease on the economy, but Trap and Sporting Clays are growing. The NSSA is exploring different options to attract and retain shooters. The Executive Committee has worked on a proposal to change classification system. This proposal would get rid of averages and is similar to punch system used for Sporting Clays. L. Terry provided a draft of the proposal to each director for their review.
9. D. Rhodes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by T. Lause. Motion carried.