

MINUTES OF ZONE 4 SKEET ASSN. WINTER MEETING
By Conference Call February 25, 2006

1. Call to Order : President Bill Murrell called the meeting to order at 3:05PM.

2. Roll Call : Present: Bill Murrell, President; Ken Keth, Vice-president; Barry Rich, Secretary/Treasurer; Directors: Charles Tucker, Dusty Rhodes, Tom Lause, Luke Deshotels, Allen McCannon, Steve Shakelford, Jimmie Smith, Bill Perry, Rex Lewis, Rod Stroman, B.J. Yates, Lee Tucker. Absent : Frank Ehnle (who sent his proxy in via Ken Keth); Jim Carver, Tildon Downing, Al Morrison, Luis Bermudez, Gil Lopez.
Also present were Louise Terry, NSSA Vice President and Joe Solsona from FL.

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 12, 2005 Zone 4 B.O.D. Meeting were submitted for approval. Louise Terry noted that in paragraph 7.b. there was a reference to the Zone 4 Assn. Bylaws prohibiting the Zone 4 shoot from being a “ money” shoot. She stated that this was in fact not in the Zone Bylaws and that last sentence in paragraph 7.b. should be deleted. Motion by B. J. Yates, second by Rod Stroman to approve the Minutes with that change.Approved unanimously as noted.

4. Officer' s reports:

Financials: Barry Rich reviewed the annual 2005 financial statement that had been distributed. Total funds on hand at this time are \$ 39,624.33. Steve Shakelford asked about the \$ 1750 expense recorded for shoot refunds - was this all from 2004 ? Barry clarified that in fact about \$700 of these were refunds from the 2005 shoot - the rest were from ' 04; and, to the best of his knowledge, all unused deposits from the 2004 hurricane situation which had not been applied & used at the 2005 shoot in Atlanta had now been refunded. He requested if any Director knew of anyone who had *not* received their refund, they should contact Barry directly. Bill Murrell also pointed out that we were able to have a profitable 2005 Zone shoot in large part due to the ads and donations that had been hustled up for the program, however, he would not have time to do that again this year. Anyone wanting to take over this fund-raising task is welcome to do so to help the shoot financial outlook.
Motion was then made by Rex Lewis, second by Charles Tucker to accept this financial report. Approved unanimously.

5. Vacancies: Due to pressing commitments in his business, Barry Rich had requested to resign from the position of Zone 4 Secretary/Treasurer, effective immediately. President Murrell had contacted Joe Solsona who has agreed to take over these duties now. Joe will serve in that appointed capacity until Nov. 1, 2006. At that time, the newly elected Sec./Treasurer will take office....(hopefully this will be Joe!). Bill thanked Barry for the time he had spent in this past term and also thanked Joe for agreeing to step in now. Barry and Joe will meet in the near future to pass the bank account authorizations and the duties for conducting this year' s Zone shoot to Joe.

6. Old Business:

* **Location of 2006 Zone shoot** : Proposals for hosting this year' s shoot were received from both Forest City Gun Club in Savannah and from Tom Lowe Shooting Center in Atlanta.

Savannah' s proposal entails a \$ 5K non refundable fee, \$.12/target cost, and a cost for field loaders at their min.-wage labor rate. Atlanta' s bid from Luke Deshotels was \$.12/target. Bill Murrell then explained the worksheets he had compiled & distributed to show the shoot entry fees for each club, depending on the number of shooters who would attend.

Much discussion ensued about the Zone "rainy day" fund, about returning money into the shoot program for the shooters, as well as the implications of accepting Savannah' s new approach of requiring an upfront fee in addition to the traditional per/target cost approach. Ken Keth reported that he had talked to a large number of FL shooters who felt strongly that they wanted the shoot to be held in Savannah even if it would cost more in shoot entry fees. He also reported that one of the aspects that makes Savannah more attractive to these shooters is the RV capability at or close to the gun club, which is no longer available in Atlanta. Luke clarified that, as last year, he did have a limited number of hookups in the parking lot but with some length restrictions. The campgrounds that had been nearby in the past have all been closed and sold due to land development taking place in that area. Charles Tucker suggested that we take \$ 5K from the Zone Treasury to cover the upfront Savannah fee since so many shooters seemed to be indicating their preference for Savannah.

Ken Keth then made a motion to hold the shoot in Savannah and pay the upfront fee & loader expense by taking \$ 2500 from the Zone Treasury and the rest from increased entry fees. Tom Lause seconded this and the vote was 8 for, 7 against. It then became apparent that there was confusion about what the motion had actually been (ie, was it a vote for the terms of payment for shoot, or for the shoot location *and* payment of terms), so Ken withdrew his motion and there was agreement to nullify the vote and revote.

Allen McCannon then moved, seconded by Charles Tucker, to vote specifically on *how* to pay Savannah *in the event that* a subsequent vote on the shoot *location* approved Savannah : \$ 2500 paid from the Zone 4 Treasury & the rest from increased shoot entry fees. This vote on Savannah payment terms was approved 10 for, 5 against.

Luke Deshotels then moved, seconded by Allen McCannon, that we take a roll call vote between the 2 clubs for the 2006 shoot location. This vote was taken and the results were 8 for Savannah, 7 for Atlanta. Therefore, **the Zone 4 shoot will be held in Savannah August 11-13, 2006.**

* **Entry Fees:** The next topic was about setting the entry fees so the shoot budget could be done, as well as have the information to publish in the upcoming Zone shoot ad to be submitted to the SSR.

Re: state fees - Bill reported that he had received a registered letter from the GSSA that they would waive the fees from the past 5 years shoots, but that, effective immediately, the Zone needed to send a written request to GSSA each year asking for such a waiver. Bill said he had done this for 2006 but had yet to receive a response. It was noted that the GSSA winter meeting was scheduled for the next day, so a response should be forthcoming soon. (The entry fee will be plus NSSA fees and whatever state fees will be required.).

As a point of reference, entry fees at the 2005 shoot in Atlanta had been \$ 30/gun, plus fees. With the new Savannah terms, there will be an approx. \$ 2.50 per hundred adder for the upfront fee, and a approx. \$ 2.50 fee for loaders. Charles Tucker made a motion, seconded by Lee Tucker, to allow the Officers to come up with the exact 2006 shoot entry fee once all costs are known. Allen McCannon also raised a concern about the referee pay.....much discussion about how to handle this. Net of that issue was that Ken Keth agreed to contact Bill Fertig and get his input on whether a raise in pay was required to get enough quality refs for the shoot in Savannah. B. J. Yates suggested that an increase from \$.05/target pulled to \$ 30/flight (which represents \$.06/target based on full squads) would be more competitive from what she is seeing at other shoots. Given Ken' s commitment to get input from Bill Fertig, the motion was voted and passed unanimously to allow the Officers to set the entry fee as soon as all the details were known.

7. *New Business:* At this time there have been no nominations received for 2006 Zone Referee of the Year. Bill noted that it is not necessary to do this award annually if no candidates are received.

Bill Murrell also reminded all Directors that this is an election year and they need to submit their paperwork to run for election (or reelection) and get their names on the printed ballot.

8. *Adjournment:* There being no further business, a motion was made by Lee Tucker, seconded by Tom Lause, and approved, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise K. Terry