

2003 ZONE 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

AUGUST 8, 2003

President Bill Murrell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:50 PM. Roll call was taken.

Present at this meeting:

Executive Committee

Bill Murrell, Jr. - President -- North Carolina
C.C. Rhodes - Vice President - Florida
T.D. Berkes III - Secretary | Treasurer - Tennessee

Alabama

Bill Perry
Cecil Davenport

Florida

David Reed [Representing Frank Ehle]
Ken Keth
Roy Whittaker [Representing Tom Lause]
Tom Jones [Representing Charles Tucker]
C. C. Rhodes

Georgia

Luke Deshotels
Allen McCannon

North Carolina

John Langdon [Representing Tildon Downing]
Louise Terry
Bill Murrell

Puerto Rico

Jorge Coombs
Eduardo Munoz

Tennessee

Alex Hopkins
Lee Tucker
T D Berkes, III

South Carolina

Allen Morrison, Sr.
Rod Stroman

Absent / Not Represented

Robert Mooney – Georgia

Joe Solsona – Georgia

Secretary/Treasurer T.D. Berkes III gave the treasurer's report. At this time cash on hand is \$7,667.51 and our total assets are 37,662.44. New this year was selling ads in the program to help defray the cost of the Zone 4 shoot. Income from this endeavor raised 4,091.00.

The projection for this shoot is there will be about 225 four gun shooters.

In the interest of time, President Bill Murrell deferred other committee reports on the agenda until the winter meeting. Approval of the January 25, 2003 meeting minutes was also deferred to the winter meeting.

New Business

There was discussion about naming a Zone 4 Referee of the Year, starting at the 2004 Zone 4 shoot. There was agreement that a criteria needed to be established for selection of this person. Ken Keth and Bill Fertig were appointed to define this set of criteria and to suggest a voting method. Also discussed was who should vote? Would the referees decide this, the Directors or the general membership? President Bill Murrell asked Ken Keth to report to the Directors at the winter meeting so we will be ready to adopt or modify the recommended procedure In order to start this recognition in 2004.

In regards to the 2004 Zone 4 Championships, we have entertained bids from three clubs in the Zone.

Fort Bragg Clay Target Center, Spring Lake, North Carolina submitted a bid of \$.10 per target.

Forest City Gun Club, Savannah, Georgia submitted a bid of \$.15 per target. Tom Lowe Shooting Center, Atlanta, Georgia submitted a bid of \$.10 per target.

Lengthy discussion ensued about the cost of the shoot depending on the location. Moving the shoot to Fort Bragg was discussed but it was pointed out that due to the fact that the facility only has twelve fields would require an additional day to be added to the shoot program. It was pointed out that the additional day costs more for shooters both in vacation time, travel and

shoot costs. Additionally, there would be more expense for the Zone association for an additional day of referee pay.

Concerns were also voiced about our shooters wanting the shoot to rotate, rather than to stay in the same location. President Bill Murrell presented a chart with attendance data by location from the years 1996-2002 showing a steady decline in attendance since the 2000 shoot. After much discussion, a motion was made by Allen McCannon of Georgia and seconded by Lee Tucker of Tennessee to eliminate Fort Bragg from the vote this year due to the four day program requirement. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Louise Terry and seconded by Tom Jones [In behalf of Charles B. Tucker] that we hold the 2004 Zone 4 Championships at the Forest City Gun Club, Savannah, Georgia. A request was made that we vote with a recorded roll call vote for the 2004 location. The results were:

Voting for Savannah: T.D. Berkes 111, David Reed [In behalf of Frank Ehnle], Ken Keth, Roy Whittaker (in behalf of Tom Lause), Tom Jones [In behalf of Charles Tucker], Allen McCannon, John Langdon [In behalf of Tildon Downing], Louise Terry, Jorge Coombs, and Rod Stroman.

Voting for Atlanta: Cecil Davenport, Bill Perry, Luke Deshotels, Eduardo Munoz, Allen Morrison, Sr., Alex Hopkins and Lee Tucker.

Abstaining from this vote was C.C. Rhodes.

Based on this vote the 2004 Zone shoot will be held at the Forest City Gun Club, Savannah, Georgia at \$15 per target on August 13 - 15, 2004. The decision to agree on entry fees will 'be taken up at the 2004 winter meeting.

President Bill Murrell reviewed some of the new features of this year's shoot, including the HOA Referee men and ladies belt buckles donated by T.D. and Teresa Berkes. All agreed they wanted to continue with this and thanked the Berkes for their generous donation.

President Bill Murrell asked if the Directors would agree to give each of the 4 gun referees a shoot tee shirt and hat at the Zone's expense as part of their weekend of work. Motion made by Allen McCannon, seconded by Cecil Davenport to give each referees a shoot tee shirt and hat. **Motion** carried.

President Bill **Murrell** asked for action to be taken to update the bylaws and clean them up, per his proposed document that has been distributed to the Directors with the meeting packet. Motion by Allen McCannon, seconded by David Reed to accept the "housekeeping wording changes" as proposed, with an addition in Section 2. Meetings, of a change regarding the required notice of the Annual Meeting,

specifically; to delete the words in 2.a. (second sentence) "... by publication in the official magazine of the NSSA at least one issue prior to such meeting ...", and to substitute with the following: "All Directors shall be given advance notification directly by mail or e-mail of **the time and place for the annual meeting, as well as having it posted in the official program of the Zone 4 Skeet Shooting Championships.**" Motion passed unanimously.

Also as part of the Bylaws discussion, a motion was made by Louise Terry, seconded by Luke Deshotels to add a sentence in the Bylaws - Section IV. Directors, 1. Board - at the end of the first full paragraph as follows: "Any currently elected NSSA Director-At-Large who is residing In a Zone 4 state is also recognized as a voting member of the Zone 4 Board of Directors for that term." Motion passed unanimously.

All other business was deferred to the winter meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.