

**MINUTES OF ZONE 4 SKEET ASSN. WINTER MEETING  
CONFERENCE CALL  
JANUARY 24, 2004**

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Bill Murrell, Zone 4 President, **called the meeting to order** at 2:05 PM.

**Roll Call** was taken:

**PRESENT:**

Bill Murrell, Zone Pres., Dusty Rhodes, Zone V.P., T.D. Berkes, Zone Sec'y/Treas.; directors Lee Tucker, Bill Perry, Allen McCannon, Joe Solsona, Luke Deshotels, Rod Stroman, Allen Morrison, Tom Lause, Ken Keth. Also present by invitation were Louise Terry, NSSA Sec'y/Treas., and Barry Rich, Zone 4 Shoot Committee member.

**ABSENT:**

Cecil Davenport, Frank Ehnle, Charles Tucker, Robert Mooney, Jim Carver, Tildon Downing, Alex Hopkins, Jorge Coombs, Edwardo Munez.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by T.D. Berkes, second by Dusty Rhodes to approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2003 conf call. Approved unanimously as submitted. Motion by Tom Lause, second by Dusty Rhodes to approve the Minutes of the August 8, 2003 Directors Meeting in Atlanta with one change to clarify the cost per target at Savannah in 2004 will be **\$.15** per target. Approved unanimously as corrected.

**Officers' Reports:**

Sec/ Treas. Berkes presented the Financials from the 2003 Zone Shoot. With the new ads sold for the 2003 shoot program, donations of numerous door prizes, including a gun donated by ----- and several donations of trophies received from T.D. & Teresa Berkes and Allen McCannon, we recorded a net profit of \$4404.84 for the 2003 shoot. Terrific effort by all !!

**Old Business :**

**Zone 4 Referee of the Year Award**

Motion by T.D. Berkes and second by Dusty Rhodes to adopt the *proposed form and the following submission process* with 3 changes to the form as noted below ( this process will be to be posted on the Zone 4 web site):

The Nomination Form ( to be posted on and be downloadable from the Zone 4 web page ) may be submitted by any Zone member wishing to nominate a current NSSA licensed referee from their state. These completed forms should be submitted by December 1 to the respective State Chief Referee for their approval; data submitted should be based on the referee's activity in the just-completed shooting year. The State Chief Referee should review and validate the information; if approved as meeting the criteria, sign and forward to the Zone President prior to December 31.

The Zone President will appoint a 3-person Committee to review submissions and do an annual selection to determine the winner. The President will then announce the winner at the winter Directors meeting. The winner will receive recognition in the next Zone Shoot Program and receive a plaque or certificate at the next annual Zone shoot.

Note : After the first year, the 3-person selection committee will have a rotating membership such that there will be one new member named each year, with the longest serving member dropping off. This will provide the best continuity of experience in the selection process.

The additions approved to the form are shown below in *italics*:

\* Re: Qualifications item 2. “ Must have refereed three of *each of* the last five Zone 4 and their State shoots.

\* Re: Recommended by ( *one of the 3* ) :  
Individual *Shooter*

### **Zone Shoot program details:**

1. President Bill Murrell will send a letter to Forest City Gun Club in Savannah to specify the Zone Shoot agreed-to parameters, including the cost of \$.15 per target.
2. After discussion of the shoot financials, it was proposed that the Entry fee for the 2004 shoot be \$ 30 *plus fees*. Motion by Tom Lause, second by Luke Deshotels, passed unanimously.
3. Trophies : Motion by T.D. Berkes, second by Allen Morrison to replace the missing permanent Zone trophies ( see list below); passed unanimously. The replacement permanent trophies should be inscribed back to the same year as the other permanent trophies.

Motion by Dusty Rhodes, second by Bill Perry to *change* our Zone procedures for the permanent Zone trophies due to the loss of several trophies in past years.

*Starting with the 2004 shoot*, the Zone will buy and award small plaques to the winners for their possession; the permanent trophies will be inscribed by and kept by the Secretary/Treasurer during the year, and displayed during the weekend of the Zone shoot at the Zone shoot location.

Dusty Rhodes to work with T.D. Berkes to see about the possibility of getting aluminum targets from White Flyer that could be used on these new plaques. This new procedure for Zone trophies was passed unanimously.

Note: There are currently 10 permanent Zone trophies, as follows :

HOA, Doubles, 12 ( silver bowl), 20, 28, .410 ( *this one is missing* ) , Ladies HOA, Seniors HOA, Junior HOA, Sub-Jr. HOA.

\*\* *If anyone knows of others, please add them to this list.*

Allen McCannon generously agreed to donate granite trophies for the HOA Champion, HOA Runner-Up and HOA Third .These trophies will be “ keepers” for those 3 winners annually and will be in lieu of the small Zone plaques mentioned above.

1. Party : Joe Solsona again agreed to be the head of the Saturday night party committee. His budget is \$ 2500 for 2004. Thank you, Joe !!
2. Ads in program : we will again solicit ads for the Zone shoot program to offset printing expenses:  
  
½ page \$ 125, full page \$ 250, ½ page member club \$ 100.
3. Shoot Budget : expenses to be basically the same as the 2003 shoot except for Office Help which will be increased to \$ 2500, since we may have to add another full-time person, anticipating we will be back up towards a 300-entry shoot in Savannah.

### **New Business**

1. Motion by T.D. Berkes and second by Lee Tucker to make a \$1000 donation from Zone 4 to support the 2004 Ladies Charity Skeet Classic shoot, since it is being held in Zone 4 (Memphis, TN ). The charity partner is St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Motion by Bill Perry, second by Tom Lause to give a \$1000 grant to the Youth Skeet Camp to be held in June at Ft. Bragg, NC since it will held in and be benefiting the youth of Zone 4. The purpose of the grant ( matching one already approved by NSSA nationally ) is to help reduce the cost of the youth skeet camp to the kids and their parents. Approved unanimously.
3. Since we will be adopting the national selection process ( based on All-American points rather than averages) for the All-Zone teams, President Bill Murrell will appoint a Zone Selection Committee of Bill Perry and T.D. Berkes.
4. Reminder : Nominations for NSSA Director ballot for the upcoming election will be due in April, and the Exec. Comm. Nomination will be due in June.

Having completed all business & discussion, motion by Dusty Rhodes, second by Bill Perry to adjourn; passed unanimously.