

# Minutes of Skeet Section Meeting

August 2, 2017

## 1. Welcome

Ron welcomes everyone, in particular Pat Boulay – President of the Shooting Federation Canada. Few minutes will be allowed if membership have questions.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Ron asks everyone to read minutes of meeting dated August 19, 2016.

Motion to approve proposed by: Akin Koksai

Second by: James Spragg

Vote result: All in favor, non-oppose.

## 3. Old Business

No Old business to discuss

## 4. New business

### 4.1 Format of Final

Ron explained as suggested by Kamil that all score is to be accumulated (aggregate). David M. explained how this works.

Pat Boulay explained how pistol and rifle sections switched similar to ISSF final procedures; where once competitors make it to final they all start shooting at an equal level. Team selection is not affected by how final is shot as each 125 is a cut score trial.

Motion by James Spragg: Beginning 2018, propose a two-year trial period to have finals as per ISSF rules; format to be evaluated at the end of 2018 Nationals.

Seconded by Richard McBride

Vote Result: All in favor, non-oppose.

### 4.2 Skeet field condition

Bil Stanko stated ever since skeet nationals being shot in this venue, electronics not working properly, houses, openings are not adequate and asked what Toronto Club would do to remediate.

Ron Bergamin stated that there was no representation from club to answer this question.

It was agreed that Bill Stanko will put together a list of issues/concerns requiring attention.

Pat Bouley stated this list will be forwarded to Toronto Club.

#### 4.3 Waiver for juniors

Bill Stanko stated that the waiver for juniors in the program have mistakes and not practical for juniors.

Pat Bouley stated that program is written by volunteers who are extremely busy and a small group of individuals.

James Spragg stated that he had discussions with Shooting Federation Canada staff, that they are aware of the issues. Only Dale C. provided some comments however this was last minute and changes could not be implemented. SFC is very receptive in receiving suggestions so they can improve the program.

#### 4.4 Next Year Venue

Ron B. asked if anybody is willing to propose a venue for 2018 Nationals. He stated that Kamil through Ron is proposing Montreal. Trap will be hosted at Lacadie, so this could provide some cost savings as officials will not have to travel long distances.

David M. proposed to have 2018 Nationals at Toronto again as travel costs would be shared between shotgun sections and distance between Toronto is not that far away from Montreal. David T. also proposes Montreal as well.

Bill Stanko proposes Winnipeg.

Vote Result;

- Toronto : 7
  - Montreal: 9
  - Winnipeg: 6
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- 2018 Nationals to be held at Montreal.

#### 4.5 Recognition of Officials.

Jim Spragg recognized officials; Tom, Cathy, Doug, John. Membership agreed.

He also stated that SFC through Nationals Official Development Program is trying to get as much officials as possible in all disciplines and need new candidates to get trained and certified. Part of this development program is to explain changes in rules every four years.

Jim S. also talked about the safety rules and various applications of safe behavior;

- Safety is priority
- Aiming at designated areas only
- Measurement of ammunition shot weight and discrepancies observed in the past
- Aiming is in Station 1 only, can aim second time after first shot as well.
- Showing chambers in Station 8 is now mandatory
- If there is disturbance, shooter needs to step off the station otherwise clock doesn't stop while shooter is in station.
- Setting up machines for consistent throw is not very easy, there are many variables to consider and machines are very tricky to set up.
- Akin K. asked about clocks if skeet section needs to purchase one. James S. explained clocks are used during finals only and a clock is available at Toronto Club for use.

## 5. Financial Report

Ron explained the details of the financial report.

- SFC is paying all the cost of officials and range fees.
- SFC requires \$25 membership fee.

## 6. Election of Officials

Ron stated that current president Kamil did not state if he would like to continue as President. David M. graciously stated he would like to occupy that position. Richard M. nominated David M for President.

Ron asked if anybody is interested in the VP position. Joe T. nominated Kyle H. Membership nominated Ron for Secretary/Treasurer position.

Vote Result;

President : David M.

VP : Kyle H.

Secretary/Treasurer : Ron B.

## 7. Announcement from President of SFC

- AGM is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>. AGM will have satellite locations allowing electronic participation, including electronic voting. If you are not invited to a group gathering, please consider hosting a group gathering as SFC would like to hear from membership, participate in voting and hear what's going on at SFC.
- New website is about to be turned up. There will have lots of new capabilities.
- New accounting system Quickbooks Online is also going in supported with Pluto which allows sending money out electronically. If membership receives an e-mail from pluto.co, this is not a hacking attempt, it really is coming from SFC for electronic money transfer. Feel free to ask questions if needed.
- 2018 Athlete Selection criteria was published just before the beginning of this season in last November. SFC is working to potentially change the criteria for 2019, which will have to be published before the end of October. Travel scores still apply for 2018 team, so two scores at different venues must be shot in order to travel, and they have to be cut score matches. This is required to avoid athletes getting lucky, achieving one cut score and become last in an international event while representing Canada. Sport Canada reviews every single international result. If an athlete doesn't finish above the bottom 30% it hurts the funding. Shooting 110 and above twice will allow an athlete to travel representing Canada.
- Finals will not affect ranking within Canada nor affects the scores for National Team, selection is based on the performance within the qualifications.
- ISSF cut scores (MQS) has to do with weather an athlete can represent Canada at major events such as Olympics. World Cups are where an athlete may shoot the MQS.
- Team members shout focus on CAT Games, this is the best chance for getting quota spots.
- Explaining these by e-mails is not working very well, that is why Pat B. is here explaining in person. Changes should be announced to membership by the Skeet Section President.

8. Good and Welfare

- Ron B. thanked Jim, Jim's wife, John, Tom and Kathy for organizing the whole event.
- Tom wished Dale Caswell's surgery went well and was happy to see there were youth coming in to shotgun sports.
- Ron B. thanked Rosanne for hosting the meeting one more time.
- Ron stated for welfare, that we lost a fierce competitor friend Fred Altman in 2016, membership agreed that he will be missed. Jim S. played Last Post and Canadian Army Reveille for the memory of Fred.

9. Adjourn

Jim S. proposed motion to adjourn.

Seconded by: Akin Koksai

Vote result: All in Favor.