

2016 CIT Meeting - Minutes

July 16, 2016

Present: Susan Nattrass, Sandra Honour, David Mossdrop, Curtis Wennberg, Vadim Zevlever, Lloyd Litwin, Geoff Litwin, Matthew Van Haaren, Brett Nattrass, Carter Nattrass, Kris Vander Ploeg, Anton Szlichcinski, Robert Pankiewicz, Elizabeth Longley, Amanda Obrigewitch, Alicia Marinache, Madelene Scola, David Scola, Primo Scapin, Florin Marinache, Dale Caswell

Guest: Patrick Haynes

Absent: Cynthia Meyer, Lindsay Boddez

Susan Nattrass opened the meeting by thanking the Winnipeg Trap and Skeet club and David Mossdrop for hosting the 2016 Canadian National Championships.

1. Approval of 2015 Minutes – sent to CIT members 9/30/2015
2. Reports
 - a. President's report – Susan Nattrass
 - i. At the last SFC annual meeting (2015), Susan N was elected on the SFC Board of Directors, representing trapshooters
 - ii. There are a couple of issues to discuss: (1) the proposal of SFC Executive to have a fixed (or rather semi-fixed) location for the Nationals at Toronto and (2) what can we do to ensure a more fluid communication to the membership.
 - iii. It is an Olympic year and we have a quota spot at the Olympics in Women Trap. At the trial competitions in April, Cynthia Meyer was the winner of the trials and will represent Canada in August in Rio. Congratulations & Good Luck Cynthia.
 - b. Treasure's report – Amanda Obrigewitch
 - i. There are currently \$1,400 in the CIT account
 - ii. Re: the funds we cannot access from past years through former treasurer. Amanda is still discussing funds from 2015 Canadians with Paul Shaw. At the last meeting, the provincial representatives voted against legal action against former CIT Treasurer (Tony Di Salvatore) for the over \$3,000 in the CIT account. In the meantime, Susan N. found out his address and CIT can follow with a small claims court charge.

Motion by Curtis W, seconded by Amanda O to take Tony Di Salvatore to Small Claims Court. Motion was carried unanimously
 - c. SFC VP Domestic – Sandra Honour
 - i. In September 2015 the SFC Board of Directors elected a new president of the SFC – Pat Boulay.
 - ii. The SFC now has control of the SFC website and will be able to post information timelier than before and communication with membership should improve.
 - iii. As a shotgun section we can have one VP on the SFC Executive. The board elects the sections VPs; all members that are interested in sitting on the board should contact Sandra H for more details (before the AGM).

- iv. Somewhat related to the fixed locations for the Nationals: Rifle/Pistol Nationals are taking place in Toronto this year. The range is still not up-to-standards, however Sports Canada is currently funding the upgrade / update of pistol / rifle range and some corrections to the trap fields (~\$250,000). Paul Shaw is actively involved in these changes.
 - v. One of the reasons for the fixed location was to have SFC meetings at the same time, since all the members will be present, and so is most of the admin staff. However, it has been made clear that athletes do not want to participate in meetings during the Nationals which is understandable since they want to focus on their own performance.
 - vi. Re: Provincial sports organizations – when these organizations do not cover all disciplines, we (the athletes) should ask them how they are going to make it fair for all sports to be represented
 - vii. Re: Fees - each section gets some money to offset the referee costs for hosting the Nationals; each section has different demands and this program may need to be altered.
 - viii. Re: Coaching Program – there are new documents written for CAC (Coaches Association of Canada), covering multiple training levels, multi-sport and sport-specific. The goal is to have one Shotgun Facilitator for each province; currently there is a Master facilitator in BC, Alberta and Ontario. The materials for Instructor Beginner is complete; work is underway for the next level 0-Competition Development.
 - ix. Re: Referees for official competitions. There is a Referee Program, structured as an open book course and a questionnaire set. Once the participant passes the exam (max 2 wrong out of 25), they are a National Referee and can referee local official competitions. Once they have enough experience, SFC can send National Referees to become ISSF Referees / Judges.
 - x. Volunteers: SFC is looking for volunteers to sit on various committees. The shotgun shooters who would like to help should contact Sandra or check the SFC website for more details.
 - xi. 2016 SFC AGM is being held the 17th of September. A number of by-law changes have been made in order to have satellite meetings, such that each province (and their representatives) could call-in. This should help the participants, as they don't have to travel to Ottawa. Please plan on attending.
 - xii. Women's Athlete Rep: Lindsay B has offered to be nominated; we need more nominations
- d. National Team Coach – Florin Marinache
- i. Thank you everybody for the support and great communication throughout the year from WCs and training venues
 - ii. Lots of work has been done by Susan N. and me to complete the coaching curriculum (trap and double trap) for Instructor Beginner and Comp Dev. The Coaching Program will enable coaches across provinces to get certified, and start building local and provincial programs.

- iii. Looking forward to continuing to work with both junior and senior athletes as well as provincial coaches in the future.
- 3. Old Business – Tony Di Salvatore – covered
- 4. New Business
 - a. ISSF Update
 - i. IOC Sport/Event Assessment
 - 1. After the 2016 Olympics, the IOC is doing an analysis of all sports and events and they determine who stays and who goes
 - 2. Male / Female: IOC will go 50/50 for 2020.
 - 3. There is a possibility that Double Trap will stay as a mixed event
 - ii. 2017 ISSF Schedule:
 - 1. Feb 22-Mar 4, World Cup – New Delhi, IND
 - 2. Mar 17-24, World Cup – Acapulco, MEX
 - 3. April 28-May 8, World Cup – Larnaca, CYP
 - 4. Aug 15-20, Junior World Cup – Porpetto, ITA
 - 5. Aug 30-Sep 11, World Championships – Moscow, RUS

Always check the dates on the ISSF Website (they might change)

- b. SFC Cut Scores
 - i. 2017 Cut Score Explanation
 - (Patrick H, SFC VP HP): We made changes to the High Performance program for 2017; any National Team or National Dev Team member needs to shoot two cut scores at two different places to make the travel team. This has resulted in some anxieties from the shooters
 - (Susan N): We are an outdoor sport, there are not as many opportunities to compete. This year only AB had a (provincial) cut score shoot, and due to these changes some shooters pulled out of the Canadian Championships.
 - (Patrick H): Our goal is to identify, support, and develop athletes that can compete internationally. Sports Canada foots the bill: they are not interested in anything below top 12-20.
 - (Curtis W): Does Sport Canada prefer to have *no* Canadian representation at these events?
 - (Patrick H): Yes!
 - (Susan N): That's the opposite what the ISSF wants; ISSF needs people to compete for the IOC numbers
 - (Amanda O): We are being rated against athletes that are basically *pro*
 - (Lloyd L): Sports Canada is ignorant about our sport
 - (Anton S): Is there anybody to represent our views at Sport Canada?
 - (Patrick H): Communication must be improved

Motion by Curtis W, seconded by Geoff L – on behalf of CIT: go back to one cut score only to choose the 2017 team. Motion carried unanimously

- (Patrick H): There will be no changes for 2017, as the documents have been already approved and published. However, there is another way to travel: the coach can select an athlete on the team to travel to one match. The purpose for the coaches' match is mainly to develop new athletes.
 - (Susan N): It was moved at a SFC Board of Directors meeting that there be a review of the 2017-2020 High Performance Criteria in the Fall 2016. So there could be some changes made.
- ii. 2018 Cut Scores – Recommendations for HPC
- (Susan N): In order to start developing the new generation within our own country, we need to get our Provincial Championships going.
 - (Curtis W): The current cut-scores are too high for both men and women especially considering the conditions on Canadian ranges, which are usually tougher than other ranges. Have a certain score that if you shot, then you can go; eg: shoot 119 and you can go (no need to shoot the 2nd). MQS should be used to being allowed to travel
 - (Amanda O): Start at the beginning of the quadrennial; post the scores and keep them throughout the quadrennial. Do analysis and decide.
 - (Dale C): Should we consider the same [formula] across the board (skeet/ pistol/etc)?
 - (Amanda O): When doing analysis and considering the new cut-scores, make sure we make re-evaluation of the scores, based on the past 4-8 years, and consider all the international ISSF competitions.
 - (Patrick H): We have the ISSF database; we can analyze it and see where we are currently, check top athletes, rollback 8 years and check where they were and develop a long-term plan
 - (Dave M): Men's cut score are too high. Are we going to re-formulate for the next quadrennial
 - (Curtis W): The Canadian ranges are very, very tough. When re-evaluating, include scores from tough ranges, not only easy ones!
- c. Canadian Championships & National Team Trials
- i. SFC Executive decision: -
- Canadian Championships are to be held every other year at Toronto International Trap & Skeet Club.
 - Toronto is viewed as a National Centre. The recommendation was that all Nationals be there – The Executive compromised to every other year
 - Time consistency: have them at the same time every year (exception: Olympic Years or other major events)
 - Have officials, coaches be there at the same time in order to build the team, the sport
 - Some cons: (Lloyd L): How are we going to deal with the fact that targets are not all legal?
 - o (Sandy H): It's hard to find someone to host the Nationals as much as we want to have them East / West coast.

- (Dale C): Will this hinder our sport? Will athletes stop traveling?
- (Susan N): Vancouver has a number of active local athletes and none of them are here. This might be because the change in how the National Team is being chosen; for many this was the only cut-score competition, as such they didn't see a point in participating since we now need two cut-scores.
- ii. Awards List
 - The list must be revised; we don't have enough athletes to cover all the awards
- **Motion by Curtis W, 2nd by Amanda O. Mandatory Awards: Men & Women – Open and Closed; Jr. Closed. The club can decide to add others (based on participation). Motion carried unanimously**
 - Value of awards: not discussed, hosting club to decide
- d. SFC Annual Meeting September 17, 2016 - it is very important to get more shotgun shooters to participate in this year's annual meeting and express their concerns and vote on issues. Please check the SFC Website for details concerning if it will be a phone-in meeting or not.
- e. Communications
 - i. Start a list with all members
 - ii. Drop-box for pictures for CIT
 - iii. Communicate Provincial Shoots to all CIT members to ensure the referees are available for Cut Score matches
 - iv. Calendar on SFC Website
- v. **Motion by Curtis W, 2nd by Amanda O to create a Facebook page for easier communication between CIT members. Motion Carried unanimously.** Amanda & Susan will look into creating the page.

5. Election of Officers

- a. President: Brett N nominated Susan N, Anton S seconded. No other nominations – Susan Natrass is the CIT President for the next two years.
- b. Provincial Reps
 - vi. BC – Jonathan Fenton
 - vii. Alberta – Lindsay Boddez
 - viii. SK – Geoff Litwin
 - ix. MB – Dave Mossdrop
 - x. Ontario – Alicia Marinache
 - xi. QC – Primo Scapin
 - xii. Ref Rep – Dale Caswell

* Submitted to SFC September 7, 2016 by Susan M. Natrass, OC, PhD